

# Wood Elements Wall Base Installation

## Approved Adhesives

Flexco 106 Wall Base Adhesive

### 1. General Preparation and Conditioning

Read all literature concerning the product description, product limitations, wall surface inspection, adhesive information, adhesive application and product installation procedures, and warranty before installation. Deliver all materials to the installation location in its original packaging with labels intact. Maintain the installation area, wall base, and adhesive between 65° F and 85° F for at least 48 hours before, during and after the installation. Maintain room temperatures between 55° F and 95° F thereafter. Proceed with the installation only when the conditions are proper and correct. Inspect all material for proper type and color. Use Flexco 106 Wall Base Adhesive for the installation of Flexco Wood Elements Wall Base. Perform a bond test at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled installation to ensure the surface is suitable. There should be extreme difficulty in removing the wall base from the surface. If the back of the wall base becomes soiled prior to installation, clean with a soft cloth dampened with a mild soap and water solution, rinse, let dry.

### 2. Wall Surface Inspection

Inspect all surfaces prior to installation. Use only on structurally sound interior wall surfaces such as dry plaster, cured drywall, exterior grade plywood (Group 1, CC type), concrete and masonry that is clean, smooth, dry and structurally sound. All surfaces must be free from moisture, alkali, old adhesive, dust dirt, wax, oil, grease, loose paint or plaster, nonporous wall coverings or paints and other extraneous coatings or materials that could prevent a successful bond. Plaster and cement must be thoroughly dry and cured. Any rough or uneven surfaces may telegraph through the wall base. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for any patching materials. **Warning:** When removing old wall base or adhesives, unless they can be positively identified not to contain hazardous materials, you must presume the materials may contain hazardous materials. Follow the recommended practices for the proper removal and disposal of the materials.

### 3. Adhesive Application and Product Installation

Spread adhesive with a 1/8" saw-tooth spreader evenly on the back of the base or wall surface. **DO NOT** spread adhesive within 1 inch from the top of the wall base. **Caution: DO NOT STRETCH** the wall base. If you stretch while rolling, it will later return to its original length causing gaps at the seams. **Note:** It is important to roll the base in the direction of the last installed piece. This practice will ensure a tight fit at the seams. Bond the base to the wall within 15 minutes after adhesive application and lightly roll with a hand roller. Periodically check the back of the wall base to make sure good adhesive transfer occurs. Ensure coverage of at least 80% with adhesive. Adhesive open time will vary upon the type of surface, temperature of the surface, ambient temperature, humidity and proper conditioning of the adhesive. When using an adhesive cartridge with the existing cartridge nozzle in a standard caulking gun, cut the plastic tip diagonally to produce a bead of adhesive 1 inch in diameter. When using the cartridge in an applicator with custom spreader heads, cut the plastic tip to a length of 3/4 inch or less. Puncture the tab at the bottom of the nozzle with a screwdriver or other appropriate tool. Apply even pressure to the trigger to produce an even flow of adhesive. Whether using the existing nozzle or custom spreader heads, use 2 beads for 2 1/2", 3 beads for 4", and 5 beads for 6" wall base.

Install preformed inside and outside corners prior to the wall base using a 1/8 inch saw-tooth spreader. If not using preformed corners, form the wall base around outside corners and miter for inside corners by forming on the job. To form an outside corner, use a hand-groover to remove approximately 1/2 of the material and roughly 1/4" wide from the back of the wall base at the point where the wall base will meet the corner. Remove material at 45° angles on backside of the cove to improve fold, apply adhesive, fold it at a 90° angle then fit it firmly into place in the corner. Do not disturb the installed wall base and corner for 48 hours after installation to allow the proper curing of the adhesive.

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