

# Cove Caps, Adapters, Transitions, Reducers, Edge Guards, & Thresholds

**INSTALLATION** 

This document is intended for professional use to provide minimum requirements for substrate preparation, adhesive application, and special installation requirements for a successful installation of these products, each unique application may require additional or further steps to ensure complete satisfaction. We rely on the expertise and professionals that are installing the products to adjust based on site conditions. Refer to product website to confirm that you have the most current revision of this document as the requirements contained within are essential to maintaining the full system warranty for the product installed. Documentation available at time of installation will be referenced regarding warranty.

## **RECOMMENDED ADHESIVES**

The adhesives below are the recommended adhesives for the installation of this product. The first one listed is the primary installation method recommended for applications when the conditions are met as listed. Select the appropriate application method based on the conditions of the substrate. Refer to the adhesive technical data sheet for additional information and when to utilize a different adhesive.

Due to the nature of this product, it is recommended to utilize the same adhesive that is being utilized to install the flooring that will be installed with the accessories. It is recommended that accessories be installed with hard setting acrylic adhesive.

We do not recommend and/or warrant the use of Pressure Sensitive Tapes for the installation of accessories.

### STORAGE & HANDLING, INSTALLATION & SERVICE ENVIRONMENT, & ACCLIMATION

- All products must be stored in an indoor, climate-controlled (60° 85° F) space and protected from the elements.
- All products must be stored on a dry, flat, level surface. Carefully stacked aligned neatly and not on edge. Do not stack pallets and protect products from damage.

The reported technical data information for these products is based on a formulation that is designed, manufactured, and evaluated to perform at constant temperatures, not fluctuating more than  $10^{\circ}$  from normal selected service temperatures from the allowable  $60^{\circ}$  F ( $15^{\circ}$  C) -  $85^{\circ}$  F ( $26^{\circ}$  C) range. These products are designed for service on substrate temperatures ranging from  $60^{\circ}$  F ( $15^{\circ}$  C) -  $85^{\circ}$  F ( $26^{\circ}$  C) unless otherwise noted in the specific installation section. These products are designed for service within ambient relative humidity between  $40^{\circ}$  and  $60^{\circ}$ .

Acclimation of the material is achieved when the following conditions are met within the installation area.

- Service environment is defined as the environment in which the materials will be utilized.
- Service temperature is defined as the normal setting of the HVAC in the environment in which the material is installed, i.e., typically 70° 72° F in most commercial applications.
- Temperature must be maintained between 60° F (15° C) 85° (26° C), preferably at the desired service temperature.
- **Relative Humidity** must be maintained between 35% 65%, understand that Relative Humidity does not affect the installation of the material, but it can affect the functionality of the adhesives. Outside of the ranges, the stated information regarding open times, flash times, & dry times will vary.
- · Facility must be fully enclosed, sealed and weather tight.
- Building HVAC must be up and running in permanent operation prior to installation (if temporary systems or systems other than the permanent HVAC systems are utilized it must be capable of maintaining the same conditions as the permanent HVAC and/or service conditions).
- Maintain all products and adhesives in installation area at the desired service temperatures for a period of 48 hours prior to
  installation, during the installation and for the service life of the installation.
- It is recommended to utilize a cloud-based or similar data logging system during installation to provide temperature & humidity
  data in the event of a warranty issue.

While we do our best to provide quality products and workmanship in our manufacturing facilities, quality installation is the responsibility of the installer. Inspect all material for proper type, color, and matching lot numbers if appropriate. We ask that we are notified of any inaccuracies or defects prior to installation as **we do not pay labor for or material costs on installed materials with visual defects.** 

Users are advised to confirm suitability of these products by their own tests and ensure that all adhesives intended for installation meet the requirements of the end user.



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By covering a substrate, underlayment, or existing surface, you have indicated acceptance of substrate and installation environment.

If there are concerns regarding this information or the service temperature, substrate temperature or installation environment will not meet these requirements, please contact Technical Services for recommendations prior to installation at solutions@rhctechnical.com, we will be happy to discuss and provide direction or confirmation of the project at that time.

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

Substrates should be prepared to receive resilient flooring based on the flooring product that is being installed.

#### **NON-APPROVED SUBSTRATES**

Concrete substrates that have been abated or prepared with chemical adhesive removers, solvents, or chemical cleaners.

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Ensure substrate is clean, dry, flat, and sound prior to installation.

- Determine if there are special cuts or layout needed for the subleveling system.
- When installing accessory, cut accessory to desired length.
  - If installed against a permanent fixture, such as a doorway, slight compression is recommended.
  - When installing multiple lengths of accessories end to end or for corners, it is important not to stretch material, and again slight compression at the seams is recommended. Also, use Loctite Liquid Professional Super Glue (or an equivalent, liquid super glue) to glue pieces together at the joint.
  - Stretching material will cause the accessory to shrink back to its original length causing end seam gapping.
- Apply adhesive according to the label directions, observe the proper trowel and Flash and Working times on label. These times
  will vary based on the conditions of the installation environment and installer is responsible to adjust based on the observations
  and conditions.
- Periodically lift material to ensure proper adhesive transfer and ensure adhesive has not surpassed the open time, there should be transfer of adhesive to the subfloor leveling system.
- Roll material with a 3 section, 100 lb. roller within 30 minutes of installation, crossing in a perpendicular direction after initial roll. Use a hand roller in areas that cannot be reached with larger roller.
- Visually inspect installation to ensure that material has not shifted, and that adhesive has not been squeezed out of joints or compressed onto surface.
- Clean excessive adhesive or adhesive residue from the surface of the material per adhesive recommendations.
- To prevent movement and help hold material in place until adhesive is cured the use of a multi-purpose releasable painters' tape is recommended.

## POST INSTALLATION ACCESSORY PROTECTION

We recommend that the installation of new flooring material be performed after all other trades have completed their work. If this is not possible, properly protecting the new flooring material is essential to prevent damage. So, the following should be considered immediately following the installation process.

- Sweep or vacuum flooring to remove loose dirt, debris, and grit so that it does not become trapped under flooring protection.
- Protect newly installed flooring with construction grade undyed kraft paper or protective boards, such as Ram Board, ThermoPLY, 1/8" Masonite panels, or other materials to prevent damage by other trades.
- Restrict traffic for a minimum of 24 hours unless utilizing a dry-set application method that allows immediate foot traffic.
- Restrict heavy traffic, rolling loads, pallet jacks, furniture, and appliance placement for a minimum of 72 hours.
- After 72 hours heavy rolling loads, pallet jacks, furniture and appliance placement can take place with proper protection with 1/4"
   Masonite panels or similar protective measures. Do not slide or drag pallets or heavy equipment across the installed flooring.



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 Post Installation, Prior to Service Maintenance requirements can take place after a minimum of 72 hours after the installation is completed.

### **SUPPORT & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Product Support Phone & Email	(800) 633 – 3151 / <u>info@flexcofloors.com</u>
Technical Support Phone & Email	(844) 393 – 4044 / solutions@rhctechnical.com
Product Technical Documentation	www.flexcofloors.com
Associated or Related Documentation	Referenced Standards within Technical Documents Technical Bulletin
	Wall Base & Accessories Care & Maintenance

The contents contained within this Installation Sheet may be utilized or copied into another projected related document, but this original document will remain in effect at the time of product installation, this TDS shall not be supplemented or replaced by the resulting project documentation. Any alterations to the wording or requirements contained in or derived from this document shall void all related warranties.

Prior to acceptance of this document refer to the product website to confirm that you have the most current revision.

These products are intended for installation by professionals, prior to use the user must determine the suitability of our products for the intended use, and the user alone assumes all risks and liability.