Installation Instructions

700 SERIES WALL BASE

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NOTE: Roppe's Acrylic Cove Base Adhesive must be used with this product.

1. Required materials: Sharp utility knife, a hand roller, a 1/8" (3.175mm) notched trowel or wall base cartridge gun, and the wall base adhesive.

2. The adhesive, base, and room temperature should be at least 65 degrees F during application and for at least 24 hours before and after the application. If you are installing vinyl roll base, it should lie flat for 24 hours before application.

3. IMPORTANT: Wall base CANNOT be used over vinyl wall covering. If needed to install on a wall with vinyl wall covering, you must cut the wall covering and expose the wall surface. Cut the wall covering leaving a 1/4" margin below where the top of the base will be.

4. Make sure that the wall surface is clean, dry, and free of dust, dirt, and loose paint. Watch for dusty plaster walls or old adhesives. Plaster walls must be structurally sound and smooth. Drywall seaming compound must be smooth.

5. The gap between the floor and the wall should be no more than 1/4".

6. Spread the adhesive onto the back of the base with an 1/8" notched trowel. Leave a 1/4" space at the top of the base when spreading the adhesive. A wall base cartridge gun with the proper tip can be used.

7. Press the base into place immediately after applying the adhesive. The adhesive MUST NOT "skin over." Use a hand roller to press the base and adhesive to the wall. Roll the base toward the last installed piece. This will avoid "shrinkage" problems and gaps between sections.

8. Butt ends firmly together, so that the top of the base fits tightly against the wall.

REMEMBER: NEVER, NEVER stretch the wall base during installation.

INSIDE CORNER INSTALLATION

1. We recommend that you wrap outside corners. We do NOT recommend wrapping inside corners. Roppe sells outside preformed corners. They are manufactured separately from the base so the possibility of shade variance between the corners and the base could occur.

2. Do not bend the base when you come to an inside corner. Cut the base leaving enough margin for exact trimming. Make sure you cut the base to the contour of the wall fitting it tightly to the corner.

3. Take your utility knife and cut the toe with a back cut. This will give you a tight fit with no gaps between the wall and the base and eliminates the problems with double cutting on inside corners.

OUTSIDE CORNER INSTALLATION

1. Make sure to mark a line on the back of the base using the contour of the wall. DO NOT cut directly on the center of the line.

2. Using a top-set gouge, cut along the right side of the line where the base will bend around the corner. Place your top-set gouge right below the top seal of the base under the lip. Starting at that point, run the gouge to just below the bottom. Be careful not to cut through the base at the top and bottom edges.

3. Wrapping corners: A great deal of stress is put at the bottom of the base when wrapping. To relieve this stress, make two relief cuts, one on each side of the bend. Starting your fit at the toe, wrap the base around the corner.

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INSTALLING ROLL BASE

1. Measure your wall. Roll the base out being sure to leave 3 to 4 extra inches for fitting. Lay the base face down and move it close to the wall. Cut the base being sure to leave enough margin.

2. Using a cartridge, be sure to apply at least 2 lines of adhesive onto the base. Press and place the base onto the wall. Roll the base with a hand roller.

3. After base is installed, excess adhesive must be removed immediately. Roppe's Cove Base cleans up easily with clear water and a clean rag. If the base adhesive is set, mineral spirits can be used sparingly if any additional adhesive has appeared through the joints.

4. To maintain the base, use soap and water when cleaning.