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VPI Accessories/Trim Profiles and Contact Cement Compatibility

Vinyl transition profiles from different suppliers use different formulations, and contact cements from different suppliers use many different solvent systems. Because of this, compatibility issues can arise between specific supplier accessories and specific contact cements. This situation arises because certain solvent systems can extract plasticizer from the trim profile. The extracted plasticizer gums the contact cement, resulting in poor adhesion and/or long-term shrinkage of the profile.

For this reason VPI recommends VPI #180 Contact Cement for VPI accessory profile. VPI # 180 has been tested for compatibility with VPI accessories, and found to result in good adhesion and low long-term shrinkage.

However, if an installer wishes to use contact cement to which he is accustomed, the following simple test should be conducted to confirm compatibility with VPI profiles. The cement should be applied to a small sample section of the accessory. After 10 to 25 minutes (depending on the specific cement and the ambient conditions), compatible cement should be only slightly tacky or almost dry to the touch, with no transfer at all to the fingertips. If the adhesive is even slightly soft and/or gummy after 30 minutes, it is not compatible and should not be used.

A list of cements that have been tested with VPI accessories is shown below.

With any contact cement, the cement must be applied to both the underside of the profile and the sub floor. Read and follow the label directions.



Contact Cement Compatibility With VPI Transitions			
Contact Cement	Supplier	Compatible?	California Rule 102 Compliant?
VPI # 180	VPI	Yes	Yes
Parabond M250	Para-Chem	Yes	Yes
Touchdown NC1	W. F. Taylor	Yes	Yes
Roberts 1167	Roberts	Yes	No
Scotch-Grip Contact Adhesive 10	3M	Yes	Yes
Scotch-Grip 4475 Plastic Adhesive	3M	Yes	Yes
PL	HCA	No	N/A
Weldwood Original	DAP	No	N/A
Capitol 028	Capitol	No	N/A
AS Tape	D-TACK	No	N/A

