



## **Installation and Maintenance Instructions Rubber Stringer**

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### **GENERAL**

**IMPORTANT:** Before proceeding with installation, ensure that proper floor preparation is completed and that installer is familiar with VPI's installation procedures.

VPI Rubber or Vinyl Stringer should be stored on the job site 48 hours prior to the start of the installation. Make sure the stringer is acclimated to the ambient temperature. Ambient temperature and product temperature should be maintained at 70 degrees F for 48 hours prior to, during, and 48 hours after the installation.

### **INSTALLATION**

#### **VPI NO. 600 COVE BASE ADHESIVE**

- **Use VPI No. 600 Adhesive on porous wall surfaces.**
- Stringers are applied to vertical surfaces next to the stairs and are **installed prior to the stair treads and risers.**
- Dry fit all treads and risers per acceptable procedures as outlined in VPI installation instructions.
- Make a template in cardboard or material appropriate for making a template.
- Measure the height and depth of each step and transfer the measurements to the template.
- Rough cut this template followed by trimming to obtain a snug fit to the staircase.
- Cut and dry fit stringer material and make any necessary adjustments.
- If the wall is porous, install the stringer using VPI No. 600 Adhesive. Spread adhesive using a triangular notched trowel with notches that are 3/32" deep by 3/32" flats.
- Position and install stringer followed by hand rolling to ensure adhesive transfer.
- Clean up any excess adhesive prior to it setting up.
- Install treads and risers as required.

#### **VPI NO. AS-L ADHESIVE TAPE**

- Dry fit, trim and prepare stringer as above.
- Apply VPI No. AS-L Adhesive Tape (9.5" width) to the wall where stringer will be applied. Leave the top protective layer on the tape.
- Make sure the tape is within 1/2" of the top of the stringer.
- Hand-roll this tape to the wall ensuring proper adhesion.
- Allow a portion of the tape to hang over the installation area.

- Remove the protective release surface on the face of the tape just prior to the stringer being applied.
- Install stringer and hand roll ensuring a tight fit and adhesion. Cut adhesive tape to fit stringer length.
- Install stair treads and risers as required.

## MAINTENANCE

### VPI RUBBER STRINGER

Allow the adhesive on the stringer to thoroughly dry before completing initial maintenance. Initial maintenance and normal maintenance procedures are as follows:

- Stringers are maintained by hand.
- Wet mop or dust mop to remove dust and debris.
- A rubber neutral cleaner can be used on the stringer for heavily soiled conditions. Scrub with a cloth. Follow by drying with a clean cloth.
- If desired, apply a rubber floor conditioner with a waxing mop. Wipe the stringer completely, covering all surfaces.
- Clean the stringer as conditions and soiling dictate.
- Generally, stringer requires minimal maintenance.



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