

Nelplas Wall Protection Systems

Nelplas® Rub Strip

Installation Instructions

1. **NELPLAS** Rub Strips must be stored at a constant minimum temperature of 65°F for a minimum of 48 hours before and during installation. Do not install if relative humidity is greater than 80%. Remove dust, dirt, grease, oil, loose paint, scale, and existing wallcovering. Resurface uneven wall surfaces and damaged walls. Wall surface should be well sealed.
2. Locate and install **NELPLAS** Rub Strips in accordance with architectural drawings and specifications. When required, **NELPLAS**® shop drawings should be used in conjunction with these documents.
3. Lay out work to be completed, including all component work, along base of substrate (wall). Check material for any damage that may have occurred during shipment and/or handling at job site.
4. Edge, seam, and corner moldings may be used as part of the installation. When using any of these components, cut each piece to the required length and assemble appropriately with regard to type of adhesive used.
5. **Fastbond 30-NF Contact Cement:** Apply contact cement with brush or roller to both Rub Strip and substrate. (See manufacturer's instructions and precautions on side of container.) Additional contact cement may be required if substrate is not properly sealed. Allow the contact cement to dry completely. Application of Rub Strip to the substrate must occur and be completed within four hours. Once contact cement has dried, use a slip-sheet to properly position Rub Strip on substrate and remove slip-sheet carefully until entire surface has contacted the substrate. When a butt joint is used for rub strips .040" thick or greater, leave a 1/16" gap between Rub Strips to allow for expansion. A level should be used in conjunction with application of Rub Strip to substrate to ensure proper installation.
6. **XT-2000 Mastic Adhesive:** Apply adhesive to substrate with 1/16" x 1/16" x 1/16" square-notched trowel. (See manufacturer's instructions and precautions on side of container.) Allow 20-30 minutes for adhesive to "set up." Properly position end of Rub Strip to substrate, aligning Rub Strip until entire surface has contacted the substrate. When a butt joint is used, leave a 1/16" gap between Rub Strips to allow for expansion. A level should be used in conjunction with application of Rub Strip to substrate to ensure proper installation.
7. With either bonding method, after Rub Strip is attached to substrate, apply heavy pressure to Rub Strip with a high-pressure roller, rolling from center out.
8. If there are any questions, please call your local **NELPLAS** representative.

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