

WALL BASE INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

This Installation Instruction covers all Alumafloor Products manufactured by Alumafloor & More, Inc. All glue down installations require the use of APAC U989 One Part Urethane Adhesive.

STORAGE PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

Wall base must be stored indoors. Never store outdoors. The storage area within the building should be clean and dry. Temperature range: Same as floor usage. Alumafloor & More, Inc. cannot be responsible for damage to wall base caused by improper storage.

ACCLIMATION

Temperature of material and adhesives should be acclimated to usage temperature 48 hours prior to installation. Material inspection, carefully remove product from packaging, handle carefully as not to drag pieces or edges against one another to prevent scratching.

TOOLS

- 10" to 12" electric miter saw with carbide tipped TCG non-ferrous saw blade for cutting aluminum (Such as Amana #575601 7" / 58T 5/8" bore non-ferrous circular saw blade or equal,
- Full face safety shield,
- Safety glasses, Dust mask, Work gloves and a long sleeve shirt. (to protect installer from hot shavings generated from the cutting process)

DIRECT GLUE BUTT JOINT INSTALLATION METHOD

Note: Install finished wall base from mixed panels throughout a skid of material. This will insure that a random distribution of the natural color variation that is an inherent characteristic of metal products. To prevent damage, the wall base should be installed as the last step of the construction project.

INSTALLATION GLUE DOWN

Note: Prior to applying adhesive, it is mandatory to dry lay a portion of the initial run to verify proper layout and to visually inspect the wall base to ensure the best overall appearance. Verify that the wall base is the correct color, width, finish and quality (fit) prior to installation, usage constitutes acceptance. If there is any doubt do not install the product. Contact Alumafloor & More, Inc. immediately. Alumafloor & More, Inc. cannot be responsible for installation of the wrong type of product or for installing obvious defects. In the production of Alumafloor some shading variations will appear.

Measure and mark your starting position. Dry lay area and make your cuts. Cut aluminum in area located away from installation. This helps prevent metal shavings created when cutting from being tracked onto aluminum panels. Field cut for inside corners with basic miter cuts 45 degrees, etc.

Use APAC # CX948 adhesive cartridges to install wall base. Cartridges can be purchased from Southland Supply (800) 729-4777. Caulking may be required for uneven walls and corners, use aluminum colored caulk.

Spread adhesive, coverage will vary depending on substrate condition (smoothness, porosity, etc.) and job site temperature, and install aluminum base immediately. Do not allow adhesive to remain open to air more than 20 minutes. Do not let adhesive dry to the touch. Spread adhesive only over surface that can be finished within open time of adhesive. Complete a couple panels at a time by placing all pieces into fresh adhesive. Roll wall base using a rubber roller or wet rag applying pressure to wall base. Remove burs, sharp edges using a metal file.

To keep Alumafloor wall base in place during installation, we suggest using 3M #2080 Blue Adhesive Tape.

WARNING!!! Do not allow the 3M #2080 Blue Adhesive Tape to make contact with the wall base surface for any longer than 24 hours. Tape may leave a residue on the finish upon removal.

It is extremely important to immediately remove excess adhesive while it is still fresh. Use mineral spirits and a clean, white, cotton cloth as the wall base is being installed. If solvents are used to facilitate partially cured mastic removal (under 24 hours), they must be wiped off surface promptly when mastic softens. Use approved solvents to remove partially cured adhesive.

DO NOT use acetone, ketones, ethyl acetate, methylene chloride, or lacquer thinners to remove mastic.

A stiff plastic putty knife may be helpful to remove large globs of glue. Cured adhesive (over 24 hours) is almost impossible to remove.

Finished wall base must be protected from abuse by other trades. Use heavy kraft paper, cardboard, or equivalent. Some wall base material (attic stock) should be set aside in case future repairs are needed.



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CLEAN-UP & MAINTENANCE

Guidelines

Remove protective covering following completion of work by other trades. It is important to follow good housekeeping policies.

CAUTION!!!

- Always refer to MSDS for use of PPE(Proper Protective Equipment)
- Finishes and Finish Strippers are **NOT** recommended on this product.
- **DO NOT** use High Alkaline products on Alumafloor Products
- **DO NOT** use Blue, Black or Brown Pads on Alumafloor Products

Daily Maintenance

Dust to remove surface dirt and unwanted particles from scratching the surface.

Damp wipe using Johnson Wax Professional Stride Neutral Cleaner. Dilute products as recommended on label.

Note: If Disinfectant is needed, use Virex II 256 at recommended dilution rates.