

# FLUSHMOUNT STAIR NOSE MOLDING FOR LAMINATE FLOORING INSTALLATION GUIDE

#### **General Information**

When installing on stairs, there is no need to have an expansion gap between treads and risers. As per building code, the floor will not be floated, it will be glued down.

#### Use of adhesive

The proper adhesive for gluing down a flushmount stair nose is a premium, PL-type, construction grade adhesive for wood. Follow the manufacturer's recommended procedure for the adhesive. Care must be taken not to apply this adhesive onto the surface of the flooring, as it is very difficult to remove.

### Preparation of the surface

- 1. Treads and landings should be structurally sound, flat, dry, clean, smooth, and free from paint, varnish, wax, oils, solvents, and other foreign matter.
- 2. Cut off any existing stair nose flush with the riser of the stair.
- 3. It is possible that if the stair nose protrudes, trimming it off may make the stair tread too narrow and unsafe. Check local building codes for any stair requirements before modifying the dimensions of the treads.

# Installation of flushmount stair nose molding on stairs

- 1. Measure and cut the stair nose to the proper length.
- 2. Starting your installation at the landing will allow you the opportunity to install full planks into the stair nose.
- 3. Starting on the stair treads, first measure the length of the tread and cut the stair nose to size (no expansion space required). Next, dry lay the cut piece on the tread, measure the distance from the edge to the riser, and cut the plank accordingly. Select planks that better match the color and shade of the stair nose.
- 4. Enter the tongue of the cut plank into the groove of the stair nose and dry-fit to make sure it fits correctly prior to gluing it into place.
- 5. Apply a bead of construction adhesive in a 3" (7.6 cm) serpentine pattern to the back of the cut piece of stair nose and affix to the stair. Refer to adhesive label for all recommendations, warnings and safety precautions.
- 6. Do not walk on the stairs for a minimum of 24 hours after installation.



# Installation of flushmount stair nose molding on superior step

The first 12 to 16" of flooring installed against the top flushmount stair nose should be glued in place using premium, PL-type, construction grade wood adhesive. Review the <u>above</u> instructions for floor preparation and molding installation.

# Installation perpendicular to floor covering

Installing the flooring perpendicular to the flushmount stair nose is not ideal, but it is possible. Please follow the below instruction to achieve proper installation:

- 1. Measure and cut the stair nose to the proper length.
- 2. Starting your installation at the landing will allow you the opportunity to install full planks into the stair nose.
- 3. Cut the groove part of the stair nose molding as well as the tongue of the adjoining flooring planks.



- 4. Dry lay the cut molding piece and adjoining flooring planks on the step to make sure it fits correctly prior to gluing it into place. Select planks that better match the color and shade of the stair nose.
- 5. Apply a bead of construction adhesive in a 3" (7.6 cm) serpentine pattern to the back of the cut piece of stair nose and affix to the staircase. Refer to adhesive label for all recommendations, warnings and safety precautions.
- 6. Do not walk on the molding and glued part of the flooring for a minimum of 24 hours after installation.

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