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Installation Instructions and Guidelines For: Exceliner FRP Panels

Read all instructions before installation. Exceliner panels should only be installed over solid wall surfaces (wood, plasterboard, etc.). Wall surfaces should be clean, flat, dry and smooth. Uneven wall surfaces should be corrected for best results. Liner panels will form to the contour of the wall surface when attached. Drop in ceiling panels are available. Clips or caulking are recommended to hold ceiling panels in place.

NOTE: All Exceliner™ Panels are U.S.D.A. and Agriculture Canada approved.

Inspection, Storage and Preparation

Panels should be inspected promptly upon receipt in a well lit area to insure customer satisfaction with the liner panels before installation. Panels should only be stored in a dry area. Do not store panels outdoors. Panels should be unwrapped and removed from skid and stacked on a flat, dry surface. Normal fire-safety precautions should be taken when storing and using panels.

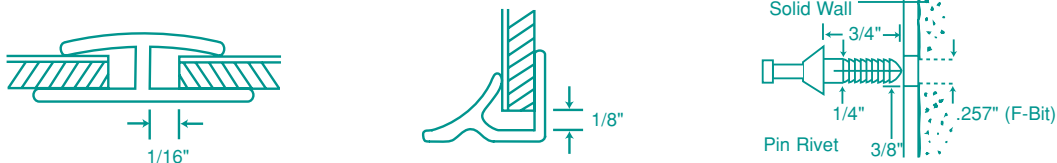
Tools

Panels can be cut using power saws with carbide tip blades. Liner panels may also be cut with masonry blade. Panels may be drilled for fastening with a metal drill bit. A masonry bit should be used when drilling in concrete, if required. If drill bit becomes worn during installation, replace with a new one.

Caution: Protect eyes with goggles and cover mouth with a filter mask when cutting Exceliner panels.

Expansion & Contraction

Exceliner panels will expand and contract due to changes in temperature. Allow a 1/8" gap at ceiling and base. Allow 1/16" gap between panels and division bars. If face mounted moldings (T-Bar, Batten, two piece division bar, etc.) are used, allow a 1/8" gap between panels. See diagrams below.



Allow more space for expansion and contraction of panels longer than 8' and in areas with high fluctuations in temperature. Pre-drilled holes for Exceliner panels should be slightly larger than the diameter of fastener shank to allow for normal expansion and contraction. See diagram.

NOTE: Allow for expansion of panels when installing around pipes, conduits, electrical outlets, etc.

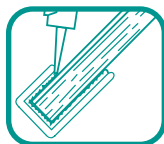
Moldings & Sealants

Use of moldings and silicone sealant with panels is recommended to achieve a moisture resistant installation. Moldings also give the installation a "finished" appearance.

Cut moldings to size and place silicone sealant into channel of moldings during installation. Place moldings on panels before fastening, if required. See diagrams below.



DIVISION BAR



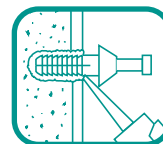
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INSIDE CORNER



OUTSIDE CORNER



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In high moisture and frequent washdown areas, silicone should be placed between moldings and floor to prevent moisture from penetrating the back of the panel substrates. On cement floors, use a self-priming sealant.

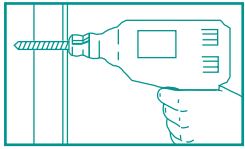
If no moldings are used, silicone sealant should be placed in gaps at floor, ceiling and between panels for moisture resistant installation. Remove excess silicone during installation or trim off after silicone has cured.

CAUTION: Failure to use moldings and sealant may cause panel deterioration. In high moisture areas or in standing water, edge swelling and moisture absorption by substrate will occur if appropriate moldings and sealant are not used.

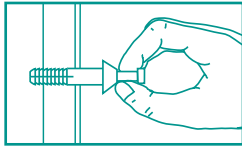
Fasteners

Exceliner panels should be installed with non-corroding fasteners. Plastic pin rivets, chrome pin rivets, one piece nylon rivets, stainless nails or screws are recommended. See below. Fasteners should be installed to fit snug but should not be overtightened. Always select proper size fasteners for installation.

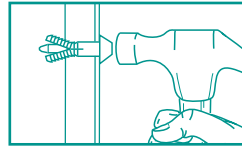
 Plastic pin rivet fastens panels to wood, metal, drywall, concrete, insulation material, etc. See diagrams below.



Easy to use. Drill a hole. (.275"-F Bit).



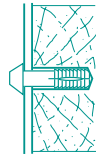
Remove dust and filings from the hole. Insert rivet.



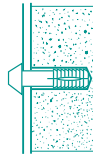
Hit the pin. The shank expands into or behind material for a tight, secure grip.



Rivet expands behind metal angles, posts, sheets or metal studs



Rivet expands into solid furring strips, studs, substrates or brick, block concrete and drywall.



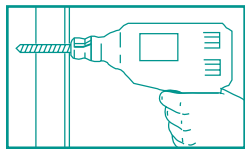
NOTE: If pin in rivet does not drive flush when fastening into solid materials and applications where expansion may be restricted, use .261"-G bit.



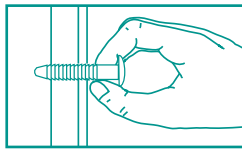
Chrome pin rivet has high shear strength but should be used in low moisture area. Installation is the same as plastic pin rivet above.



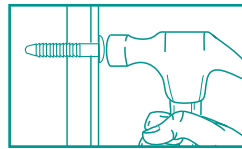
One piece nylon rivet fastens panel to any wood substrate or wood stud. See diagrams below.



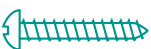
Easy to use. Drill a hole. (.281"-K Bit).



Remove dust and filings from the hole. Insert rivet.



Drive rivet flush.



Stainless nails or screws can be used to install panels.

Adhesives

The use of general purpose construction adhesive when installing panels is recommended, along with fasteners. Whenever adhesive is used, follow manufacturer's instructions carefully. Many adhesives are flammable and some may not be compatible with paneling.

Exceliner Panels may be successfully installed over plaster board (drywall or gypsum) using only adhesive. However, it is recommended to use fasteners along with adhesive for best results. Adhesive failure is not panel failure.

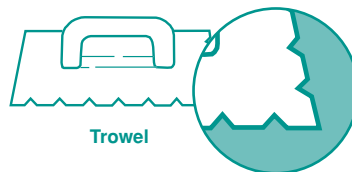
Adhesive should be applied to the entire back side of the panel about 1/4" (6.4 mm) thick, using a notched trowel. Follow adhesive manufacturer's recommendations for detailed installation guidelines. Typical application is shown below.



Trowel Application



Adhesive



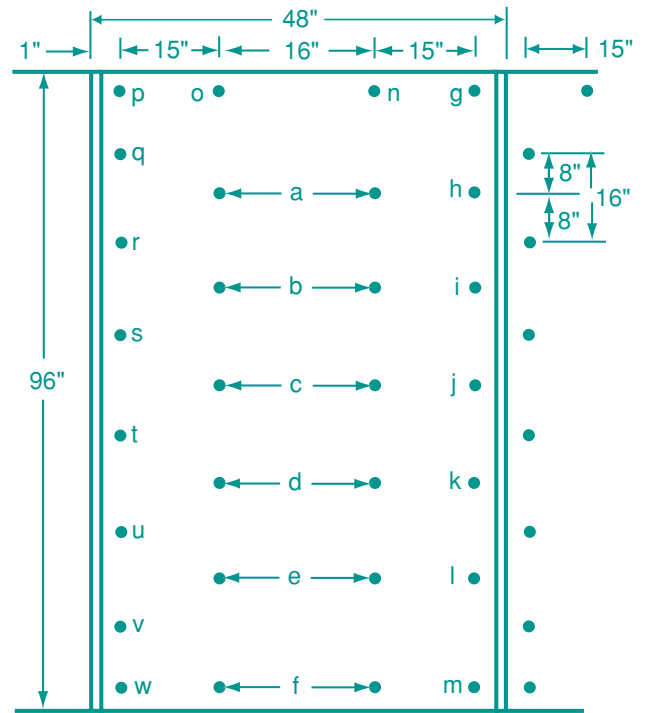
Trowel

Notches in trowel are 1/4" deep x 3/16" wide and 1/2" on center.

After applying adhesive, tap surfaces of panel with a rubber mallet or block of wood to aid bonding of adhesive to wall and panel.

Fastening/Fastener Layout

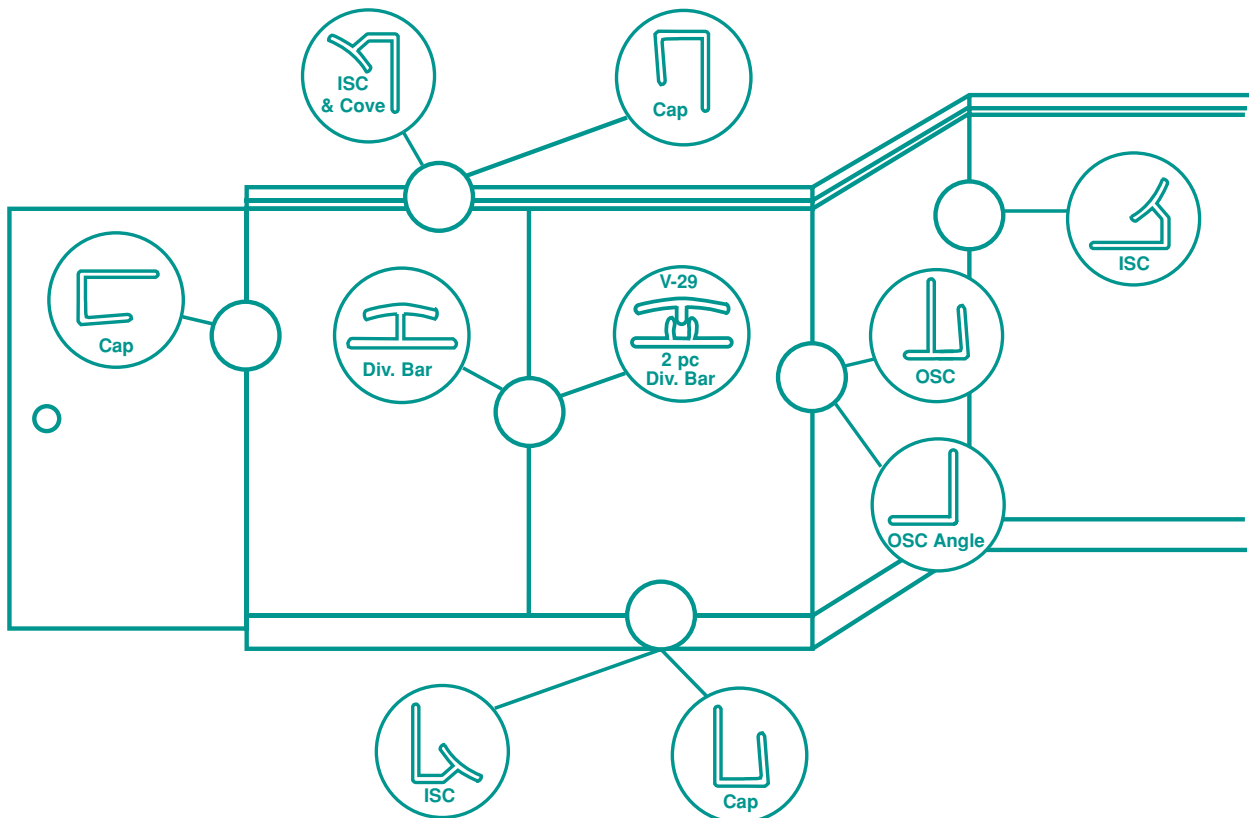
- First panel installed should be set true with a plumb line.
- Check plumb line during installation.
- Do not fasten edges of panels until moldings are in place. (Except when using face mounted moldings).
- Exceliner panel / fastener layout / solid wall:
 1. Fasten panel at center and work outward.
 2. Fasteners based upon 16" on center.
 3. Fasteners should be staggered on opposite panel edges and next to division bar for flat seam. See diagram at right.
 4. Liner panels should be pre-drilled for fastener installation using a guide panel.



Solid wall, (fasten as indicated, in alphabetical order).

Molding Installations

The diagram below shows the various moldings that can be used with the Exceliner Panels.



- Vinyl or aluminum moldings can be used in the above diagram.
- Vinyl moldings should not be used for exterior applications.
- Vinyl moldings are Agriculture Canada and USDA accepted. Aluminum moldings should not be used where Agriculture Canada and USDA acceptance is required.
- Cut moldings as needed for proper fit. The divider, ISC & OSC moldings may need to be cut to accommodate ceiling and base moldings.
- Place moldings on panels before fastening edges, if required.
- Always use moldings in high moisture areas.

