

TRIM SMARTER.

## Installation Guidelines for VERSAWRAP One-Piece Column Wrap

### Column Wrap

VERSAWRAP column wraps are individually packaged in a cardboard sleeve and folded to protect the exterior faces of the wrap. Care should be taken in handling the individual wraps to prevent tearing of tape or excessive cracking at the miter lock joints. If possible, keep the wraps in a warm place before use.

**Step 1:** Ensure the structural post is sound straight and true. If necessary, install thin furring strips or shims to the structural column approximately 4" down from the top, middle and approximately 4" up from the bottom so that the wrap fits tightly around the structural column/post. Shim all four (4) sides evenly to maintain an equal spacing around the column/post. Be sure the furred/shimmed strips outside dimensions are no wider than the inside dimension of the VERSAWRAP column wrap.

**Step 2:** Use an adhesive that offers enough cure/working time so it can be applied in the four joints and wrapped around the structural column/post before curing. PVC glues with solvent work well provided you apply them quickly. Apply PVC glue by squirting it into the four joints using a plastic squeeze bottle with a thin, tapered nozzle applicator, like a ketchup bottle or a 5 ounce tube of Weld-On 705. PVC adhesives such as Weld-On 705, Christy's Red Hot or Trim Tight are a few recommended solvent based PVC adhesives. Do not use thick 2-component adhesives. They will fracture the miter corners. PVC glue softens the joint of the VERSAWRAP reducing cracking of the cellular PVC at the outside corners of the wrap. Remember to apply the adhesive to only one surface of the miter lock joints. **NOTE:** Four VERSAWRAPs can be glued using one 5 oz tube of Weld-On 705 independent of column length (no matter if you are gluing up 8' 6" or 10' column wraps).

**Step 3:** Once the glue is placed in the VERSAWRAP joints, immediately place it around the structural column or post pushing the lockmiter joint together. Use a soft rubber mallet or dead blow hammer to close the lockmiter joint. If necessary, take a sanding block with 320 grit or a more abrasive sand paper and lightly sand the lockmiter joint to smooth out any rough spots.

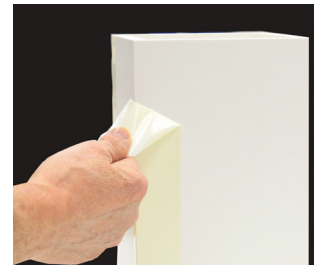


**Step 4:** Secure the VERSAWRAP column wrap to the structural column using stainless steel nails that penetrate through the furring strips.

**Remove the tape from the corners 4 hours after installation.**

**Step 5:** To remove the tape, lift it across the entire top before you start to pull it down the column. If you try to pull the tape down by starting at only one corner, the tape will split into thin slivers. When the tape is started evenly across its entire width and slowly pulled down the column wrap, it will pull off in one piece. Most PVC adhesives set in minutes, not hours, allowing you to remove the tape soon after the column has been installed. **NOTE:** Leaving the tape on the column wrap and exposed to the UV rays of the sun for more than 24 hours will make it difficult to remove and may leave adhesive residue on the column wrap.

**Step 6:** Mild cleaners or a solvent can be used to remove any residual adhesive resulting from leaving the tape on the column wrap for an extended period of time. Use a hair dryer to help remove the tape at temperatures below 40°F.



**NOTE:** There are two things to watch when removing the tape on a VERSAWRAP. First it is critical that you start by pulling the ENTIRE piece of tape away from the top or bottom of the corner. Don't try to pull it off from only one side, or at an angle or with one hand. Secondly, pull the piece of tape straight down and don't try to pull it off too quickly. Again use both hands. If the end of the board has been cut and the tape is embedded in the PVC wrap be sure the entire width of tape has been started across the top before pulling down on it.

