

# Aluminum Baseboard with Wood Retainer

## Installation Instructions

- Set a laser or chalk line at the desired height.
- Begin installation at an inside corner or termination. Measure and cut the retainer and cover sections to length for each wall. Dry fit the cut lengths on the wall to ensure proper installation. Clean field-cut edges as necessary.
- Fasten continuous wood retainer to the wall, hitting studs or continuous backing if possible. Fasteners should be spaced no more than 32 inches on center and within 3 inches from each end.
- For floors that are not level, you will need to scribe the bottom of the wood retainer and stainless steel cover for an accurate fit.
- At butt seams, utilize factory edges and make sure to offset the retainer seams from the cover seams to ensure a cleaner installation. Use pre-fabricated outside corners to wrap corners. Baseboards are mitered in the field and butt together at inside corners. End plates for open ends available if necessary.
- Caulk any gaps as necessary.
- Adhesive installation - apply the adhesive to the back of the stainless steel covers. Place beads of adhesive 2 inches away from the perimeter edges and across the width of the material every 8-12 inches. Press the covers in place by hand, and then run a heavy pressure roller back and forth across the baseboard to make sure there is strong adhesion between the wood retainer and the stainless steel cover. Allow 24-48 hours for the adhesive to cure. Additional bracing can be used to prevent movement once the baseboards are in place.
- Screw-On installation - Consult factory for hole spacing. Pre-drilled holes are available, but only recommended for walls with continuous backing.

## Important

1. Acclimate materials to the installation environment for 24 hours prior to installation. Maintain a temperature controlled environment during and after installation.
2. To cut the material, use fine tooth aluminum cutting blades. Use a circular saw with straight edge as a guide to make straight cuts. Jigsaws can be used for smaller cut-outs. Make sure that material is secure and that cuts are made on flat surfaces to ensure a clean cut.
3. To drill the material, any high-speed steel, titanium or cobalt twist bit will work. Clamp the item securely. Use a punch and hammer to make a dimple where the hole is to be drilled. This will keep the drill bit from wandering.

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