

Flat Trim Installation Steps

1. Ensure the trim is the correct size. It is recommended that a minimum of 3/4" of the adhesive comes in contact with the window frame. If the gap between the frame and the drywall is 1", the appropriate trim would be 1-3/4". If the gap between the frame and the drywall is 1-3/4", the appropriate trim would be 2-1/2" and so on.



2. Ensure the trim has not been compromised by being coiled for extended periods of time and that the adhesive hasn't been exposed to direct sunlight. These types of circumstances can cause the trim to fail. If the trim has been coiled, lay it in the sun, adhesive-side down, allowing the trim to become pliable and retake its' original form.



3. Ensure the trim has been properly stored. Colder temperatures can affect the adhesive. In colder weather, bring the trim into the house, allowing it to warm to room temperature prior to installation. Additionally, vinyl trim should not be stored in a facility that exceeds 120 degrees Fahrenheit.



4. Clean the window frame with Vinyl Cleaner. Lacquer thinner, acetone, paint thinner, mineral spirits and Goof Off are not recommended as they may compromise the integrity of the adhesive.



5. We recommend leaving a small gap between the pieces of trim in the corners. 1/16" of an inch is enough. This gap is recommended because all vinyl expands and contracts with temperature changes. If the pieces are butted up against each other too tightly, during expansion and contraction, the pieces could buckle, causing the trim to fail. A flexible caulking can be used to fill the gap.



6. A final bead of caulking is recommended to achieve a permanent seal between the trim and the drywall.

