

# 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.

**Step 1:** If necessary, install thin furring strips or shims to the structural column at the top, middle and 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 outside dimensions are no wider than the inside dimension of the VERSAWRAP column wrap.

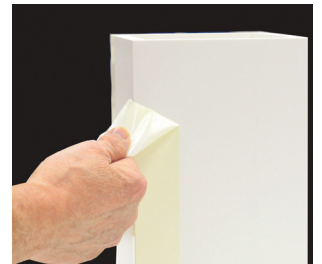
**Step 2:** Use an adhesive that offers enough cure/working time so it can be applied in the four joints and wrapped around the structural column/post before curing. PVC glues with solvent work well provided you apply them quickly. Apply PVC glue by squirting it into the four joints using a plastic squeeze bottle with a thin, tapered nozzle applicator, like a ketchup bottle. PVC adhesives such as Weld – On 705, Christy's Red Hot or Trim Tight are a few recommended solvent based PVC adhesives. 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 locks. If you prefer to use a two component structural adhesive like PVC TrimWelder, use the laminating grade. It's less viscous and flows better than the fast or slow cure products, while also giving you ample working time before curing.



**Step 3:** Once the glue is placed in the VERSAWRAP joints immediately, place it around the structural column or post pushing the miter tongue and groove joint together. Use a soft rubber mallet or dead blow hammer to close the miter tongue and groove joint. If necessary, take a sanding block with 220 grit or higher sand paper and lightly sand the miter tongue and groove joint to smooth out any rough spots.

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

**Step 5:** Remove the tape as soon as the glue has cured in the joints and no more than four (4) hours after the glue has been applied. 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 will make it difficult to remove and may leave adhesive residue on the column wrap.



**Step 6:** Mild cleaners 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 drier to help remove the tape at temperatures below 400°F.

**Step 7:** If specified, install the base/cap wraps and moulding trims to complete the VERSAWRAP column wrap.

**NOTE:** There are two things to be 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.

