

WP4 Canvas Series Installation Guidelines

Nail/Crown Staple Fastening

Always reference local building codes, use materials that comply with local building codes and meet VERSATEX Installation Recommendations.

Please refer to the VERSATEX Contractor Handbook, Installation guides, and other resources on our website.

CONTACT WITH SOLVENT-BASED ADHESIVES AND ACETONE WILL DAMAGE THE APPEARANCE OF CANVAS SERIES PRODUCTS! DO NOT USE IT FOR INSTALLATION.

1. All VERSATEX Canvas Series products must be handled like you would a stained piece of mahogany, walnut, or any other premium wood and not like dimensional lumber. Keep the product on a skid and covered until the time of installation. The laminate pieces should never be stored on the ground, asphalt, or any rough surface face down or in standing water. Boards should be removed from skids by lifting at both ends when possible. Friction between the laminate and the bare board may cause minor markings. See cleaning tips for removal methods.
2. Calculate how many boards it will take to cover the ceiling. Divide the width of the porch ceiling by the finished width of the WP4 to get the number of whole boards needed to cover the ceiling. If the last board is less than 2", trim the first and last board to create equally spaced "V" groove boards. VERSATEX recommends ordering 5% extra to cover waste or accidents.
3. Cut the WP4 to length and measure the depth of the porch front to back at the end where you will start installing the WP4. Subtract 1/2" from this measurement to account for the 1/4" gap you want to leave around the perimeter of the ceiling to allow for any expansion and contraction. A 4" Crown or Bed Moulding will eventually cover this slight gap.

NOTE: If necessary, trim the first board to width, cutting off the groove side of the WP4 and leaving the tongue edge for nailing.

TIP: To avoid chipping, position the laminate wood texture face down for cutting and avoid high-speed settings.
4. Face nail the first board positioning it on the ceiling, cut or groove side 1/4" away from the wall/beam or fascia. (Using a pneumatic gun and two 2"- 8d Nails with annular threads, face nail the WP4 to the ceiling joists every 16" on center). Position the nails 1/2" to 3/4" from the outer edge of the WP4. For extra holding power and to minimize expansion and contraction, use a recommended adhesive on the backside of the canvas series where the boards cross a framing member. *(Found in our Contractor Handbook on our website)*
5. All WP4 boards, including the first one, should be nailed every 16" on center through the tongue with a 2" finish nail or crown staple (1/4" - 1/2" wide, narrow back, stainless steel staple 1 1/4" - 1 1/2" long). Position the pneumatic

gun at the back edge of the board's tongue and angle it away from the tongue and to one side. This will keep the nail from pulling out and blocking the tongue when you fit the groove of the next board over it. Slide the groove of the next board into the tongue of the previous board. If necessary, tap it tightly in place with a hammer and woodblock.

6. For runs longer than 18', cut a bevel or shiplap joint into the end of the WP4. Leave a 1/8" gap when installing WP4 at temperatures below 40°F. Consider a T-Mould, faux beam, or coffered ceiling to hide the butt ends of the WP4. Use a VERSATEX recommended PVC glue to join 2 pieces where a bevel or shiplap joint was created. This allows the boards to expand/contract as on one unit and not individual boards.
7. Finish installing WP4 over the ceiling. If necessary, trim the final board from the tongue side. Face nail the last board using a pneumatic gun and two 2"- 8d nails with annular threads, face nail the WP4 to the ceiling joists every 16" on center. Install 4" Crown or bed moulding around the perimeter of the ceiling, making sure the moulding covers the 1/4" perimeter gap.
8. Use VERSATEX matching end cut coating applicator for cut board edges or another option is wood gel stains that are a close color match and a wax stick (nail hole filler) to cover exposed fastener holes. Be sure to keep glue surfaces clear from color matched stains, this will inhibit glue adhesion.

CLEANING CANVAS SERIES

Wipe the material with a mild cleaning agent or the recommended cleaner, Cosmofen 20 (CL-300.140 by Weiss), and a soft cloth.

RECOMMENDED SEALANTS

Bostik PRO-MS 50

One component, low modulus, solvent free Silyl Modified Polyether Sealant. It demonstrates hybrid sealant properties such as color stability and long-lasting elastomeric qualities. (Bostik Inc, 11320 W Watertown Plank Rd, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. Phone: 847-712-2209) [BOSTIK PRO MS 50](#)

WARNING: DO NOT use abrasive scrub pads like Scotch Brite pads, pumiced-based cleaners, or any solvent like acetone and toluene! They will break down the laminates and dull the surface.

As with any ceiling application, ensure any space above the ceiling is adequately ventilated to prevent heat buildup.

VERSATEX Canvas Series can be used both vertically and horizontally for accent walls in the right application. Please consult VERSATEX Engineering before installation at: 724.857.1111

VERSATEX Trim and VERSATEX Mouldings may not be suitable for every application, and it is the sole responsibility of the installer to

be sure that VERSATEX Trim and Mouldings are fit for the intended use. Since all installations are unique, it is also the installer's responsibility to determine specific requirements regarding each trim and moulding application.

Install Diagram for nail/crown staple fastening

