



# SPECTRIM®

building products

## **Patching, Cleaning, and Repairing SpecTrim Pre-finished Products**

### **STORAGE AND HANDLING**

A. Deliver, handle, and store in manner to protect products from damage. Product is to be delivered on pallets, corner guarded and cardboard protected, shrink-wrapped, and adequately affixed to a pallet to avoid separation during shipping.

B. Store products indoors. Product shall be stored in a dry, temperature controlled area. Storage area shall maintain temperatures between 65 - 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and a relative humidity between 25-55%. Products are to be placed in the installation area no less than 48 hours prior to installation to adjust to environmental conditions. Do not store SpecTrim products outdoors or in an area that is open to the outside air. If SpecTrim products are stored in a non-airconditioned environment, allow an extended time for product to acclimate in the climate controlled area of installation. There is no finite time, but generally an additional 48 hours will go a long way to minimize movement after installation.

### **CLEANING**

The use of abrasive cleaners will damage SpecTrim products. Only use solvent base cleaners or soap and water.

Remove excess adhesives and caulks before they set-up using the manufacturers recommended solvent. If you are using SpecTrim M-35 PUR Silicone adhesive, be sure to remove excess adhesive within 45 minutes of application using de-natured alcohol.

To remove excess wax fill stick material, wipe off wax putty with a clean rag dampened with Naptha solvent. This will instantly remove the wax and smooth the fill to conform to the surface shape.

SpecTrim® molding has proven to be extremely resistant to staining and is very easy to clean once it has been installed. When staining does occur, it is generally recommended to start with as mild a cleaning agent as possible. In many cases, warm soapy water or dishwashing detergent is adequate in removing stains. Alternatively, standard household cleaners such as Windex, Pine-sol, and rubbing alcohol will remove most stains without affecting the texture or appearance of the surface.

It is not recommended using highly concentrated solvent based chemicals such as gasoline, acetone, M.E.K., ethyl acetate or toluene. However, if applied with a cloth in very small quantities and quickly wiped away, these solvents have proven safe and effective in removing the most difficult stains such as permanent ink. It is strongly recommended that a test area be cleaned prior to using such strong solvents in highly visible areas.

## **PATCHING and REPAIRING**

SpecTrim is shipped with color matched **Wax Putty Fill Sticks**. Use the wax stick to fill nail holes, screw holes, minor scratches, dents, and small gaps. Rub stick vigorously across the gap to be filled until it is overflowing. Do not worry about the excess wax on the finished film surface. Dampen a clean cloth with Naptha solvent (available at most home center paint departments) and wipe across the excess wax in the direction of the grain. Repeat this process until all the excess wax is dissolved or blended to your satisfaction. If too much wax is removed, simply repeat the process. The wax will never dry out or crumble.

**Vinyl Adhesive Caulk** is available from SpecTrim (10 OZ. Cartridge and 5.5 OZ. Tube) for purchase in all of our finishes. This caulk is water soluble for easy clean up. It is also Stain Resistant and will not mildew. It dries firm, but will remain flexible. Coverage is approximately 55 linear feet using a 1/8" bead. Areas for application should be clean and dry. Apply only when surface is above 45 degrees Fahrenheit. For best results use masking tape to protect the finished film from any gloss residue that might remain from caulking. Mask both sides of a joint as well as adjacent wall surfaces. Apply enough caulk bead to fill the void while minimizing excess. Finger smooth caulk to a flush appearance. Carefully remove masking tape. Clean unwanted residue with water immediately. Allow 2 hours to set and 24 hours to fully cure.