

INSTALLATION

instructions

Installation of the product is best done by a trim carpenter or individual familiar with inside, outside and compound miters. Tools needed are simple woodworking tools and standard compound miter saws - no special stone-cutting tools. Installation is clean and nearly dust-free.

It is recommended that interior and exterior applications be done using a high quality sub-floor construction adhesive such as the OSI SF-450 Sub Floor Adhesive or the PL Premium Construction Adhesive. Both of which can be supplied by Safari Stone. Joints on the block products may be flush, or in the case of some, spaced to replicate a mortar joint in stone work. Whereas joint on the mouldings can be joined together with either a mitre cut or straight cut. All joints are then filled using our color matched grout which is also supplied by Safari Stone.

When installing on an interior surface, after applying the above mentioned adhesive, it is easiest to place the product and secure with air driven 1-1/2" 18-ga. brads into the wood or drywall substrate. When finishing the ends of profiles such as crown molding when making, say a mantel, the miter is cut at each end and a squared off mitered return is attached to the end of the material and fixed in place with not only the adhesive, but normally with good aggressive corrosion-resistant drywall screws which are then driven in deep enough to leave enough of a hole which can be totally covered by a dab of grout, and creating a very strong connection.

When installing on an exterior surface, after applying the above mentioned adhesive, to assure additional permanence it is best to pre-drill a pilot through the material and into the concrete wall, followed by a corrosion-resistant Tap-con screw, with the head driven deeply enough into the material to allow room to be able to fill with a dab of our color matched grout. Finishing the ends such as those discussed above, will also need an aggressive screw drilled through the return into the main portion of the material, but this time, since it is an exterior installation, we would suggest using a stainless screw if at all possible and cover the opening with a dab of grout, smoothed in with a finger.

