

INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR COMPOSITE JAMBS

Installation Recommendations

The following guidelines are intended to help contractors and installers obtain the most professional and long lasting results when working with Westeck Composite products.

Drilling

You can drill Westeck Composite Products with standard woodworking drill bits. Do not use bits made for rigid PVC. Avoid heat buildup from excessive friction and remove the shavings from the drill hole frequently. Use pre-drilled install holes where possible.

Fastening

For longer lengths of product, begin at one end and work to other end or at middle and fasten outwards. **NEVER** fasten from both ends toward the middle, which can create stress and expansion problems. Fasten at 16" intervals in **(THE PREDRILLED HOLES LOCATED UNDER THE BULB SEAL)** along the length. Fastener heads should be flush with the surface of the substrate. **Screws:** Use standard, flat-head, stainless steel wood screws, at least #8, long enough to penetrate substrate by at least 1". Use drill bits designed for wood or metal. Slightly countersink screws and finish holes.

Finishing and Painting

Westeck Composite Products come with factory applied VI-GUARD® coating in natural white and do not require painting for protection. If you want to paint it a custom colour, follow these important guidelines:

- As with any surface to be painted, the jamb/trim must be clean, dry, and free of chalk, grease, oil, dirt and mold or mildew.
- Apply a 100% acrylic latex paint with an LRV (light reflecting value) of 55 units or higher. (Generally, the higher the LRV, the lighter the colour. The LRV of a colour should be listed next to the colour on your paint dealer's colour chart). You must use a paint that has been specifically developed for application on PVC.
- In every case, follow the paint manufacturer's recommendations for use and application of the paint.



Tips on Painting

- To obtain adequate paint adhesion be sure the surface of the Westeck Composite Products is clean, dry, and free of dirt, loose or peeling paint, mildew, chalk, grease, and any other surface contaminants before applying paint. Use a mild detergent (Spic and Span®) and water or denatured alcohol for cleaning.
- Paint can take up to 30 days to fully cure depending on outside temperatures and humidity conditions.
- Follow the paint manufacturer's surface preparation and application recommendations.



If dark paints are used, use a paint that has been specifically developed for application on PVC. AVOID stains, oils/alkyd paints and primers or vinyl-based paints.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Westeck Composite Products can usually be cleaned with a hose, brush and an ordinary detergent, household cleaner or glass cleaner such as Windex or Fantastic All-Purpose. For scratches, gently sand out with very fine sandpaper (at least 220 grit), then fill with caulking or filler.

AVOID using acetone, paint remover or lacquer thinner; as well as harsh cleaners containing glycol ethers or ethanol-type solvents, which will damage the PVC surface if left on for several minutes.