

# JOHNSONITE rePLACE® RESILIENT WALL BASE



## Installation and Maintenance Instructions

### INTRODUCTION

These instructions are written as a guide to be used by professional installers when installing Tarkett products. These instructions, combined with our adhesives and flooring products, create a system. Utilizing this system will ease the installation process and provide the customer with a completed product that will perform to its intended purpose. Always visit [www.tarkettna.com](http://www.tarkettna.com) for the most current installation and maintenance instructions. Technical videos and tip sheets are also available. Contact Tarkett Technical Services at (800)-899-8916 ext. 9297 with any questions.

### HANDLING AND STORAGE

1. All Tarkett products must be stored in an indoor, climate controlled space and be protected from the elements. Temperature must be maintained between 65°F (18.3°C) and 85°F (29.4°C) with a relative humidity between 40% and 60%.
2. All cartons must be stored on a dry, flat, level surface. Cartons must be carefully stacked squarely on top of one another and never be stored on edge. Take caution not to over stack the cartons and never double stack pallets. Always protect carton corners from damage by tow-motors and other traffic.
3. Care must be taken not to pull the wall base excessively when removing it from the carton. **The wall base will not shrink, but it will relax to its original length, if stretched.**
4. Tarkett flooring and adhesives must be site conditioned at room temperature for 48 hours prior to, during, and after installation. Room temperature must be maintained between 65°F (18.3°C) and 85°F (29.4°C) and the ambient relative humidity must be between 40% and 60%. We strongly recommend the permanent HVAC system be fully operating. **NOTE:** If a system other than the permanent HVAC source is utilized, it must provide proper control of both temperature and humidity to recommended or specific levels for the appropriate time duration as stated above.
5. Once the installation is completed, the service temperature of the space must never fall below 55°F (12.8°C).
6. In areas that are exposed to intense or direct sunlight, the product must be protected during the conditioning, installation, and adhesive curing periods, by covering the light source.
7. Tarkett products are not recommended for exterior use. Exposure to excessive UV rays can result in fading, degradation, and/or color variation.
8. The highest quality of materials and workmanship is employed in the manufacture of Tarkett Flooring and careful inspection is made before shipment. A quality installation is the responsibility of the installer. It is the installer's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the order and to ensure the materials are checked for damage, defects, and satisfactory color match. An authorized Tarkett distributor or Tarkett representative must be notified of any defects before installation proceeds. **Tarkett will not pay for labor or material costs claimed on installed materials with visual defects.**
9. Tarkett cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage that may result due to processing or working conditions and/or workmanship outside our control.
10. Users are advised to confirm the suitability of this product by their own tests.

### GENERAL SURFACE PREPERATION

1. **All walls** must be permanently dry, clean, smooth, and structurally sound. Fill all depressions, cracks, and other surface irregularities with a good quality patching compound appropriate for this purpose.
2. Never install Johnsonite Millwork Resilient Wall Base on surfaces that will be exposed to drastic temperature changes or moisture.

### INSTALLATION

#### 1. Equipment Requirements:

- ◆ Standard or Sliding Compound Miter Saw equipped with a Carbide or Diamond tip blade with 80 teeth or greater
- ◆ Variable speed drill
- ◆ Mounting screws as required for the specific wall surface material
- ◆ Utility knife
- ◆ Straight edge
- ◆ Tape measure
- ◆ Dividers (Crain 380 or equivalent)
- ◆ 1/4" diameter shaft philips head screw driver

#### 2. Installation Procedures:

- a. Cut the rePLACE Track to the required lengths using a Standard or Sliding Compound Miter Saw, Radial Arm Saw, or Table Saw equipped with a Carbide or Diamond tip blade with 60 teeth or greater.
- b. Position the track with the channels facing upward on top of the finished flooring material. Note: If the finished flooring has not been installed, place a piece of material the same thickness as the finished flooring under the track to act as a spacer to ensure proper height and placement of the track.
- c. Use flathead coarse thread sheetrock screws to attach the track to sheetrock, plywood, and similar surfaces. Self-taping flathead metal or concrete screws should be used for metal and concrete wall surfaces. (Drilling of pilot holes into the wall surface may be required.)
- d. To start the installation, abut the track against an inside corner, doorjamb, or other suitable starting point. On outside and inside corners keep the track back from each side of the corner by approximately one inch.
- e. Secure each 4 ft. length of track with 5 screws. One screw on each end of the length approximately one inch in from each end, one in the middle of the section, and one screw approximately 12 inches in from each end of the length.
- f. Install the entire track first, then the factory made outside corners and finally the wall base. Cut the rePLACE Wall Base to the required lengths using a Standard or Sliding Compound Miter Saw, Radial Arm Saw, or Table Saw equipped with a Carbide or Diamond tip blade with 80 teeth or greater.



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- g. To install the wall base, angle the wall base back from the track and partially engage the wall base bottom channel leg into the track bottom channel. **(Fig. 1)** Once the bottom channel leg is partially engaged, flex the base forward until the top clips are engaged. **(Fig. 2)** Press the wall base down until completely engaged into the track channels and the bottom of the wall base is making contact to the flooring material surface. **(Fig. 3)**



**(Fig. 1)**

**(Fig. 2)**

**(Fig. 3)**

**Note: Due to shipping and handling, the clips may become pressed closed. It may be necessary to open the clips on the base and on the track to ease the installation. Accomplish this by inserting a ¼ diameter phillips screwdriver, for example, into the clip and drag it down the length of the clip. The clips will return to their original position within minutes.**

**Note: The use of adhesives during installation defeats the purpose of the rePLACE Wall Base “re-placable and re-cyclable” system and therefore are not recommended.**

## rePLACE WALL BASE CORNER INSTALLATION

### Outside Corners:

1. Factory made outside corners are available and must be used for a quality installation and for ease of installation.

### Inside Corners:

1. Install the wall base on one of the walls and terminate it into the corner.
2. Position a piece of wall base on the opposing wall approximately 1" from the adjacent installed piece.

3. Utilizing the dividers, place the hooked end at the top of the installed piece and the pointer end on the top of the uninstalled piece. Carefully, move the dividers downward in a straight vertical motion, allowing the hooked end of the dividers to follow the profile of the installed piece. At the same time, place adequate pressure on the pointer end to transfer and/or scribe the profile onto the surface of the uninstalled piece.
4. Use a utility knife to cut the pattern on the uninstalled wall base and position the trimmed section into place.

## MAINTENANCE

1. A regular maintenance program must be started after the initial cleaning.
2. Johnsonite rePLACE Wall Base is maintained with regular wiping using a wet, clean, soft, white cloth.

3. A mild detergent may be added to the water.
4. Coarse scrubbing media or harsh cleaning chemicals may damage the surface of the wall base.



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