

# TRIMAC CERAMICA TILEBOARD – Installation Instructions

## PREPARATION

Inspect and report any damages or defects before applying. Damage liability limited to exchange of non-installed materials only.

### **BEFORE APPLICATION OF PANELS, ALL WALL SURFACES MUST BE PROPERLY SEALED AND DRY.**

Walls must be thoroughly dry, clean, firm and level. Remove all loose and flaking paint or plaster. Large holes or depressions should be patched level with surrounding surfaces and sealed. Allow panels to stand separately with finish side facing away from wall 24-48 hours prior to application.

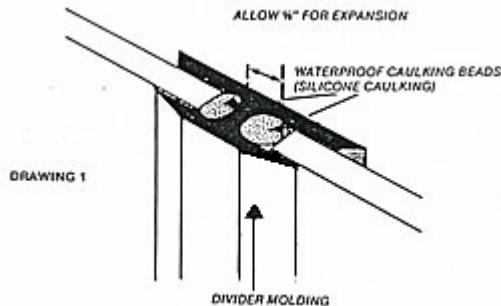
When cutting panels use a fine tooth plywood blade and place panels face up to avoid marring the surface.

All panels and moldings must be cut and fitted before application of adhesive and caulking. Use Ceramica moldings which match perfectly.

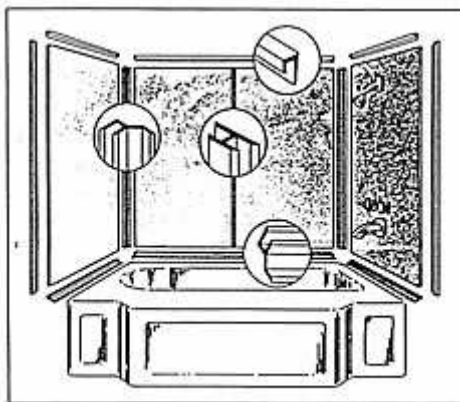
**THE KEY TO LONG LASTING WATERPROOF INSTALLTION IS PROPER FIT OF PANELS, THE COMPLETE USE OF THE CORRECT MOLDINGS, A HIGH QUALITY WATERPROOF FAST SETTING ADHESIVE, AND A PURE SILICONE BATHTUB CAULK IN MOLDINGS, AT PANEL EDGES, AND AT ALL SEAMS. DO NOT USE NAILS THROUGH PANEL FACES.**

## CUTTING & FITTING

Panels must not be forced into place. Expansion space (approx. 1/8" must be allowed when fitting panels to moldings – *drawing 1*). Without proper allowance for expansion, buckling and adhesion problems may occur later.



Apply the panels and moldings as shown in Drawing 2. Establish a plumb line on each wall from which all measurements for cutting and fitting should be taken.



DRAWING 2: Note Molding Shapes

## APPLICATION

1. Start application by nailing a piece of Inside Corner Molding in an inside corner of the tub, shower, or room. Do not nail through the tileboard panel.
2. Do not forget caulking behind the molding.
3. Trowel a thin skin coat of waterproof adhesive over the wall. Avoid skips. Apply adhesive to entire back of panel. See instructions below and Drawing 3.

4. Caulk in groove of molding before installing the panel.
5. Fit Divider Molding over exposed end of the first panel after caulking in groove of molding.
6. Nail molding in place, being careful not to nail through the tile board panel.
7. Apply adhesive to second panel.
8. Follow instructions for first panel. (Repeat application for each additional panel.)

## ADHESIVE APPLICATION

1. Cover the entire back of panel with a waterproof fast setting adhesive using a trowel with 3/16"-1/4" notches. Use long continuous strokes. (Drawing 3).
2. To ensure complete contact between panels and wall, press panels firmly over entire surface. (Tamp panels with padded block and rubber mallet.)



**BE SURE TO CAULK MOLDINGS AS INSTRUCTED ABOVE AND LEAVE 1/8" SPACING FOR EXPANSION.**

Remove excess adhesive with Mineral Spirits on a soft cloth. Do not use lacquer or acetone.

The installation should be allowed to set for 24 hours before the caulking is checked (See Below).

## CAULKING

**IMPORTANT: TO INSURE A WATER TIGHT INSTALLATION AND A PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE, USE A HIGH QUALITY SILICONE BATHTUB CAULK IN ALL MOLDINGS, AT ALL JOINTS AND PANELS EDGES AND AROUND PLUMBING FIXTURE OUTLETS. AFTER ADHESIVE IS DRY, CHECK ALL AREAS AND CAULK WHERE NECESSARY. IF IN DOUBT CAULK AGAIN.**

## CARE & MAINTENANCE

For cleaning panels use a mild detergent or soap and water. Do not use abrasive cleaners



**Note:** The user is responsible for proper installation of this product. The product must be installed in strict conformity with Trimac's instructions and all applicable building code requirements and other regulations. In addition, if not specifically covered by Trimac's installation instructions, the product must be installed in accordance with generally accepted construction practices. When installing this product, the user also should consider the effects of local climate and geography. Trimac does not warrant and is not responsible for any finished structure or system that this product may be incorporated into or other building components that may be used in the product.  
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