



Installation Instructions For

# Major Projects with On Site Cutting

F-Series Step Nosings (Includes cutting and installing of G6-001 Step Edge Returns)

Ecoglo markers are to be installed only where there will be sufficient natural or artificial light to keep them charged whenever the building is occupied.

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# **Materials Required**

- Work benches up to 2.0m long
- Input/output benching or racks
- Tape measure/ruler/pencil
- Drop saw with high speed tungsten carbide tip blade (eg Sash Pro 250mm diameter, 80 tooth) mounted on bench with support arms/guides for extrusions, and adjustable end stops
- Guillotine Hand Operated Plate Shears (Model: Opti PS150, seen over page, or similar)
- · Brush and pan
- · Methylated spirits and cloth
- String
- · Battery drill
- 5mm drill bit

- Drill suitable for concrete substrate
- 6mm masonry drill bits
- Anchors (plugs) 6mm x 30mm
- Würth KD Bond and Seal or Bostik Seal'n'Flex FC adhesive (expected usage 11 metres per 600 ml sausage) or similar quality polyurethane adhesive
- Caulking (adhesive) gun
- · Nozzles for caulking gun
- Fixers 8G x 32mm (and 6G x 25mm for G6-011)
- · Hand press-roller
- · Alcohol wipes

# **Cutting**

# 1. Measuring the Nosing and Insert

- Measure the required length of the nosing and the insert.
- Mark the position on both pieces where you will cut.



# 2. Cutting the Nosing to Length

- Use the drop saw with a suitable tungsten carbide tip blade.
- Cut the nosing at the length measured.

**NOTE:** The maximum recommended length for installation in outdoor situations is 1.5 metres, with a minimum 3mm gap between lengths. This allows for thermal expansion in extreme weather conditions and also aids in water drainage off the step tread.





# 3. Cutting the Insert to Length

- Step edge contrast inserts contain silicon carbide grit that rapidly blunt high-speed saw blades, so a manual guillotine (as pictured below) is needed to cut the insert.
- Lay the insert strip, upside down, into the pre-cut nosing. Mark the insert strip for cutting.
- Remove the insert strip from the nosing and place into the guillotine. Use the guillotine to cut the insert - it is recommended that the inserts are always cut while upside down to eliminate potential bruising of the contrast strip.





# Installation

# 1. Preparation of Surface

- Brush the surface clean of dust and debris. If necessary, clean with an industrial cleaner.
- · Remove any paint or sealant and then allow the surface to dry.
- It is better for adhesion if timber surfaces are dry.



#### Steps with exposed sides:

Ensure the nosing is set back from exposed side by at least 20mm to ensure the outer edge of the nosing does not present a sharp hazard.

#### Built-in steps, Installed outdoors:

Leave a 3mm gap between the nosing and the built-in sides, to allow for thermal expansion, and water drainage.

**NOTE:** The maximum recommended length for installation in outdoor situations is 1.5 metres. A 3mm expansion / drainage gap must be left between lengths.

# 2. Alignment (for installation onto more than one step)

- Place one piece of step nosing on the top step and one on the bottom step.
- Run a string line from the left edge of the top nosing to the left edge of the bottom nosing.
- This will give you a straight, true line.

NOTE: If Step Edge Returns are to be fitted ensure enough space is left either side of the nosing



### 3. Locating Holes for Fixers (for Timber skip to step 5)

- Place the nosing firmly against the riser of the step.
- Line it up with your string line.
- · Mark the location of the drill holes with the drill.
- · Remove the nosing.

**NOTE:** F15, F14 and F9 nosings come pre-drilled with holes every 100mm. You only require 4 fixers per metre. Where appropriate, fixers should be zigzagged across the pre-drilled holes to give maximum support to both sides of the nosing.

### 4. Drilling holes for fixers (for Timber skip to step 5)

- Using a 6mm masonry bit, and a concrete drill, drill the hole that will house the plastic anchor.
- Wipe away any dust or debris.
- Place the plastic anchor fully in to the holes.



# 5. Applying Adhesive

- Lay a 3mm bead of polyurethane adhesive (such as Wurth KD Bond and Seal or Bostik Seal n Flex FC) in a wave pattern over the full length of the underside of the nosing.
- · Keep the adhesive clear of the outside edge and the drill holes.



# 6. Securing the nosing profile

- Place the nosing firmly back onto the step, lining up the drill holes
- Tighten the screws firmly using a battery hand drill- this will create a strong, even bond.
- For fixing on to wooden substrate follow the previous instructions but the plugs are not required.



#### Adhesive Usage:

11 metres per 600ml sausage

Ecoglo supply screw fixers with all orders and can also supply Wurth KD Bond and Seal in 600ml Sausage form with Applicator Gun.

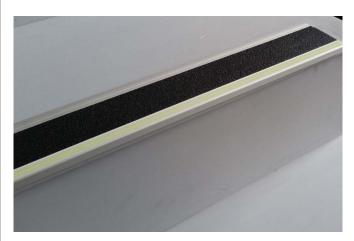
# 7. Fixing Insert Strip

- Check nosing extrusion channel is free from dust, dirt, grease and moisture.
- Dust or wipe with methylated spirits or damp cloth if required.
- Lay a zigag of adhesive, 1mm deep, 3mm wide on to the strip.
- Ensure that you don't over apply adhesive as it will spill out once the insert is placed into the nosing.



# 8. Insert strip into the nosing

- Line up the strip insert then place firmly onto the nosing.
- Press in place to ensure even contact between the adhesive and the surface of the channel.
- Use a roller or your foot to apply firm downward pressure.
- Use an alcohol wipe to remove any spill over of adhesive.





# 9. Curing of Adhesive

• Allow approximately 24 hours for adhesive to cure.



# Major Projects with On Site Cutting G6-001 Step Edge Returns

# 1. Measuring the Return

- · Measure the required length of the returns.
- Mark the position on the strip where you will cut.

# 2. Cutting the Return to Length

- The Step Edge Return contains aluminium oxide that can blunt high-speed saw blades, so a manual guillotine is needed to cut the strip.
- It is recommended that the returns are always cut while upside down to eliminate potential bruising of the strip and to preserve blade life.

# 3. Drilling Holes for Fixers

A minimum of 2 fixers are required for each return

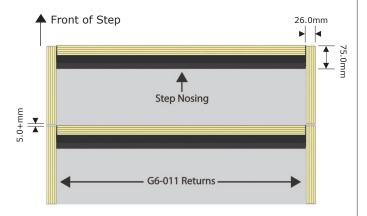
- Using a hand drill with a 5mm drill bit, drill a hole 10-25mm in from each end of each strip.
- In most cases 2 holes will be sufficient, however lengths longer than 350mm will also require a fixer in the middle of the strip.

# **Installation**

Installation is a two-step process using adhesive and fixers.

# 1. Locating Holes for Fixers

- Place each piece at a right angle to the step nosing as in the diagram below.
- The outside edge of the return should be between 5-10mm from the outside edge of the step.
- Allow an expansion gap of at least 5mm with the riser of the step above.
- Mark the location of the drill holes.
- Remove the strip.
- Using a 6mm masonry bit and a concrete drill, drill the hole that will house the plastic anchor.
- Wipe away any dust or debris.
- · Place the anchor fully into the holes.



The Step Edge Returns should be placed as above

# 2. Preparation of Return

- Clean back of strip with a soft cloth and if necessary use methylated spirits (or similar solvent) to remove oil or grease
- Allow to dry for approximately 1 minute.

# 3. Applying the Adhesive

- Apply a 3mm zigzag bead of polyurethane adhesive (such as Wurth KD Bond and Seal or Bostik Seal n Flex FC) to the back of the strip.
- · Continue along the length of the strip.
- Keep the adhesive clear of the outside edge and the drill holes.

#### 4. Placement of the Returns

 Place each piece as in the diagram at 1. ensuring the holes in the strip line up with the drill holes.

### 5. Apply Pressure to the Return

- Apply even pressure to spread the adhesive beneath the strip using a hand roller.
- If necessary stand on each strip to ensure good contact between the strip and the step.

### 5. Allow the Adhesive to Cure

- Immediately following installation close off the area for a period of 8 hours to avoid the Ecoglo strip being moved whilst the adhesive is in the early stages of "cure".
- Wait until adhesive has fully cured (allow at least 24 hours) before trimming any excess from each strip with a sharp blade.

### 6. Securing the Return

- Place a screw fixer into each hole and drill in securely using a battery drill.
- Do not fully tighten the fixers to avoid compressing the adhesive.