

### Vinyl Stair Cap Installation Instructions

Do not butt two caps together in order to complete one stair nose

CAUTION: Depending on the floor type, the stair cap may come with padding. If pad is securely attached, leave pad attached to product and/or plank when installing to stair.\*\*Pad removal on stair cap and plank is up to the discretion of the installer

#### Measure from top of Cap to Stair Riser to cut your planks to



Clean the staircase from all dust and debris. All wood or concrete stair surfaces must be properly prepared, stable, flat, and free of adhesive residue or anything that may be an adhesive bond breaker. **IMPORTANT: Installing over existing flooring on stairs is not permitted. Existing flooring must be removed**.

Once staircase is clean, measure each stair and cut your planks and caps. If creating returns, use a miter saw set at 45° angles to make the cuts

NOTE: Start at the top of the Stair Case and work your way down. The strategy is to finish one stair then to move to the next.



# **STEP 2**

Apply enough adhesive to the broad flat area to make the Caps and Returns level with the floor plank. Turn the first Stair Cap over and apply adhesive on the rounded end and a generous amount of adhesive on the broad flat area. (See illustration on the left).



# **STEP 3**

Place the Stair cap on the stair. Position it where you want it. Clean up any excess adhesive with a damp rag.



# **STEP 4**

Make sure the underlayment is firmly and completely attached to the floor plank. If it is not, either remove it or reattach it with PUR adhesive. The floor plank that will be installed next, will be locked into place by the Uniclic technology and PUR adhesive. Next, take the plank and/or return(s) that go with the Stair cap you just fixed on the Stair. Turn them over and apply a generous amount of adhesive to them. If installing returns, apply glue to the round end of the return and then apply adhesive to the broad flat area of the return like you did to the Cap in **Step 2**. (See illustrations to the left).



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#### **STEP 5**

Next, place the plank and/or return(s) in place. **Clean up any excess** adhesive with a damp rag before applying the painters tape.

#### **STEP 6**

Use painter's tape to tape the Stair cap to the flooring plank and returns. Place a heavy weight across the seams. Let the adhesive cure for 48 hours before heavy traffic. Once dry, you can remove painter's tape from stairs.

Next, move on to the next stair and repeat Steps 2 to 6.

#### **STEP 7**

**The riser is optional. The riser will be adhesively attached.** Once the Stair Cap and Tread are firmly in place, measure the area for the riser. Cut the material to size, on the back of the piece apply enough PUR adhesive, pressing the riser into place. Using a roller, apply pressure to seat the piece

# When we machine the planks, we change the symmetry of tension and some bowing is to be expected. Here is how you install a slightly bowed Stair cap:

- After you cut your planks and Stair caps to size, dry fit them to see which caps are bowing. You may see a slight 1 to 2 mm gap either towards the ends of the plank or towards the middle caused by the bowing.
- Glue your Stair cap in place on the step. Then apply glue to the back of the plank. We also advise to put a thin swipe of construction glue into the click system of the floor plank.
- Line up the plank to the Stair cap so that both ends meet.
- Start at one end and snap the plank into place by lining it up with the Stair caps groove and lowering it down.
- Take a strip of painter's tape and start towards the very top of the flooring plank and end under the lip of the Stair cap, or even on the stair riser below the cap, pulling tightly so that the Stair cap and plank are held snug in place by the tape.
- Work your way down to the other end, pressing firmly and using your body weight to push the flooring groove into the Stair cap until it snaps into place.
- Then add strips of painter's tape to the other end and to the center of the tread to hold the Stair cap in place until the glue dries. Apply weights.