

## VERSAWRAP 4 - Piece Column Wrap [Canvas]

### Installation Guidelines

Always reference local building codes, be sure to use materials that comply with local building codes and meet VERSATEX Installation Recommendations.

Please refer to the VERSATEX Contractor Handbook, Installation guides, and other resources on our website.

**CONTACT WITH SOLVENT-BASED ADHESIVES AND ACETONE WILL DAMAGE THE APPEARANCE OF CANVAS SERIES PRODUCTS! DO NOT USE IT FOR INSTALLATION.**

VERSAWRAP column wraps are individually packaged in a cardboard sleeve and canvas surfaces are folded inward to protect the exterior faces of the wrap. Care should be taken in handling the individual wraps to prevent damage to the canvas face. Keep wraps in their original packaging, on a covered skid until installation.

1. All VERSATEX Canvas Series products must be handled like a stained piece of mahogany, walnut, or any other premium wood and not like dimensional lumber. Keep the product on a skid and covered until the time of installation. The laminate boards should never be stored on the ground, asphalt, or any rough surface face down or in standing water. Boards should be removed from skids by lifting at both ends. Friction between the laminate and the backside of the board may cause minor markings. See cleaning tips for removal methods.
2. Ensure the post to be wrapped is structurally sound and straight. If necessary, install thin furring strips, shims or window and door spray foam insulation by Great Stuff™ (or equal). Be sure the furred/shimmed strips outside dimensions are no wider than the inside dimension of the VERSAWRAP column wrap.

*For Spray foam insulation, spray four 1" beads leaving 12 inches at the top and bottom without foam, this foam will expand and fill in the gaps between the column and the wrap.) If using shims, attach them evenly on all four (4) sides to maintain equal spacing around the column/post.*

**NOTE:** The use of spray foam vs. shims can help manage post twisting as it dries.

**TIP:** Test fit the column before installation; if the lock miter joint is tight, consider wrapping a piece of 320 grit sandpaper around a paint stick, ruler or shim and run it through the groove to slightly open the joint.

3. Use a thin bodied VERSATEX recommended PVC glue that offers enough cure/working time to be applied in the four joints and wrapped around the structural column/post before curing. PVC glues with solvent work well, provided you apply them quickly.

**CAUTION:** Keep solvent based PVC glue from contacting canvas surface as it may damage the laminate. If PVC glue contacts laminate surface, be sure to wipe it off immediately and clean it with a Versatex recommended cleaner.

4. Apply a thin bodied, solvent based VERSATEX recommended PVC glue into the four joints using a plastic squeeze bottle with a thin, tapered nozzle applicator, like a ketchup bottle or a 5-ounce tube of PVC adhesive. Do not use thick 2-component or single component adhesives. They will keep the lock-miter corners from fitting tightly together. Remember to apply the adhesive to only one surface of the miter lock joints.

**TIP:** For ease of installation, glue the two corners opposite male & female panels, forming a "U". Wrap the "U" around your post, apply window and door spray foam (if used) and glue the remaining 2 corners of the wrap. The column panels may need to be temporarily held tightly together by using tape or a strap until the PVC glue cures. Be sure to use low-tack tape (painters' tape) if used and clean any residue using a recommended cleaner.

**NOTE:** Four VERSAWRAPs can be glued using one 5-ounce tube of adhesive regardless of column length.

5. Secure the VERSAWRAP column wrap to the structural column using stainless steel nails that penetrate through the furring strips (if used) to the structural post.

**CAUTION:** If the post is new, allow the post to dry, wait to fasten to the post until the post is dry, which may take several months.

### CLEANING CANVAS SERIES

Wipe the material with recommended cleaner, Cosmofen 20 (CL-300.140 by Weiss) and a soft cloth.

**WARNING: DO NOT use abrasive scrub pads like Scotch Brite pads, pumiced-based cleaners, or any solvent like acetone and toluene! They will break down the laminates and dull the surface.**

For installation questions, please consult VERSATEX Engineering before installation at: 724.857.1111

VERSATEX may not be suitable for every application, and it is the sole responsibility of the installer to be sure that VERSATEX is a fit for the intended use. Since all installations are unique, it is also the installer's responsibility to determine specific requirements regarding each VERSATEX application.