

FOUNDATION TAPE

PVC Fiber Composite Tape

Technical Data & Application Instructions

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Carrara **Foundation Tape** is a proprietary 2" wide PVC fiber composite tape that includes holes to promote encapsulation of Carrara **AcraCream** binder, for quick drying and easier detection of voids. Carrara **Foundation Tape** has high tensile and tear strength, wets out well with **AcraCream** acrylic-rubber joint sealant emulsion, is rot and mildew resistant, lightweight, good sunlight resistance and possesses high crack resistant properties when properly installed with Carrara **Finish Tape**.

SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces must be clean, dry and free from dust, curing agents, scale or other foreign contaminants.

APPLICATION

All surfaces must be clean and dry, and free of dirt, dust, oil, efflorescence, form or release agents, and other contaminants, which may interfere with optimum adhesion. Using a 6-inch mud knife, apply a bead of CARRARA **ACRACREAM** as per application guidelines. Immediately imbed the **Foundation Tape** into the wet AcraCream and use the mud knife to encapsulate the tape. Care should be taken to lay the fabric tight to the surface without air pockets or wrinkles. Allow to dry a minimum of 2 - 4 hours. An additional coat of **AcraCream** is then applied so as to totally encapsulate the Foundation Tape and provide the base for application of Carrara **Finish Tape**. Together, the **Foundation and Finish Tape** form the basis of Carrara's proprietary **Dual-Tape-Core®** joint treatment system. Additional guidelines and installation requirements may be found in the Master Guide Specifications.

CLEAN-UP

Clean tools with water before material dries.

LIMITATIONS & PRECAUTIONS

These are general guidelines for application of the Carrara **Foundation Tape** with Carrara **AcraCream** acrylic-rubber joint sealant. The material requirements may vary depending on the specific job requirements. Under proper conditions dry times for coatings will be from 2 to 4 hours, but under adverse conditions dry times can range to 12 hours or more. Application should not be done when temperatures are below 45°F or expected to drop below freezing before coating is dry. Special attention should be given to the dew point temperature because when this temperature is reached and dew forms the drying process of the coatings will cease.

Carrara Tape & Float Stucco products must be applied to structurally sound substrates and properly prepared surfaces. All surfaces must be clean and dry before application of coatings. The suitability of Carrara coatings & products shall be solely up to the user. Drying time and coverage are not guaranteed. Failure of the substrate does not constitute failure of the Carrara coating or system. Carrara Coatings should not be applied when rain or freezing temperatures are expected before coating is dry.



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Our data and suggestions are based on information from laboratory and field testing which we believe to be reliable. Because methods of application vary with each situation, we cannot guarantee or accept any liability resulting from the use of our products. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. For additional information on Carrara Coatings safety requirements, refer to OSHA guidelines and Material Data Safety Sheet.