# **CS-Series**

### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### **Material Application**

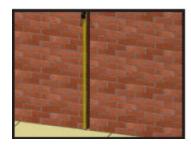
For use in vertical joints.

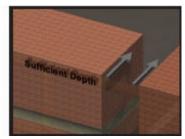
#### **Recommended Tools**

- Tape Measure
- Sharp Knife
- Miter Saw
- Duct Tape
- Clean Cloth
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- Caulking Tool
- Jiffy Mixer
- Mineral Spirits
- 2 Empty, Clean Containers
- Margin Trowel

# **Material Sizing**

1. Joints must be sized every 5-7 feet (1.524-2.137 meters) to ensure gap opening is uniform and depth is sufficient for the supplied material.





**NOTE:** Allow sufficient depth for the material to be recessed 1/8"–1/4" in the joint.

# **Material Preparation**

1. Store material at a minimum of 68°F (20°C) for a minimum of 24 hours prior to installation, regardless of temperature at location of installation.

TIP: Material will expand faster when hot and slower when cold. In cold temperatures, store material in a heated area 24 hours prior to installation. In hot temperatures, store material out of direct sunlight and not in an enclosed storage container where temperatures may exceed 100°F.

- 2. Store materials in a dry, enclosed area. Make sure materials are off the ground and out of direct sunlight.
- 3. Use a sharp knife to cut the material square. All starting and ending pieces must be square to the termination point.



**TIP:** Apply mineral spirits to the knife for a smoother cut.



### **Joint Preparation**

- 1. Verify that the joint is clean, sound, and will provide an appropriate surface for installation of the joint sealant.
  - a. Use compressed air to clean any loose debris from the joint.
  - b. Apply water or alcohol to a clean cloth and wipe the joint walls to the depth of the seal-ant materials plus 1".
- 2. Verify that the joint is uniform and repair any spalls prior to installation.
- 3. Apply duct tape to both edges of the substrate face to prevent the epoxy from contacting the deck surface.
- 4. Check the material for appropriate length, width, and depth.
  - a. Supplied material should be approximately 25% larger but never less than 12% larger than the intended joint opening.
  - b. Joint depth must allow for the material to be recessed ¼" from the substrate surface.

# **Epoxy Preparation**

- 1. Mix Part A and Part B separately.
- 2. Transfer the entire contents of Part A (resin) and then Part B (hardener) into a clean, empty container. Mix the material thoroughly with a low speed (approx. 300 rpm) drill or jiffy mixer.

**WARNING:** Part B must always be added Part A, and mixed in a 1:1 ratio.

- 3. Mix until the black and white is evenly blended leaving no streaks of either color.
- 4. Transfer the mixture to another clean container to avoid any leftover residue from streaking the final mixture.

**TIP:** Mix only the required amount of epoxy that will be used within a 30 minute timeframe to prevent the epoxy from curing prematurely.

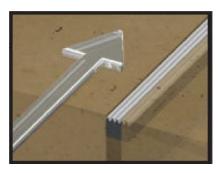
#### **EPOXY TIPS:**

- 1. The epoxy will not cure when the temperature is below 40°F.
- 2. For every +17°F the epoxy cures twice as fast.
- 3. For every -17°F the epoxy cures twice as slow.
- 4. Greater volume = less time to cure.
- 5. Smaller volume = more time to cure.
- 6. A technique to increase the pot life of the epoxy is to split up the mixed material into smaller units.



#### **Sealant Installation**

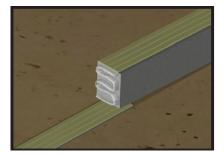
1. Begin installation at one end of the joint and work to the opposite end using butt seams.



- 2. When fully prepared to install, apply a 1/16" 1/8" coating of the epoxy mixture to both joint walls using a 1" margin trowel to a depth of the sealant material plus  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
  - a. The epoxy must still be wet upon installation of the seal. The working time for the epoxy is approximately 30 minutes depending on the temperature.
  - b. If the epoxy hardens on the surface of the substrate before installation, another coat of epoxy can be applied within 8 hours. After 8 hours, the substrate surface must be abraded to eliminate the amine blush that occurs during final cure.
- 3. Use a blunt puddy knife or a margin trowel to compress the opposite side of the material and slide it into the joint.
  - **WARNING:** Use of sharp tools could cause damage to the joint sealant material. Be careful not to tear the material in the process of compressing it into the joint.
- 4. Continue to compress and work the material into the joint until the sides are approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" back from the substrate surface.

#### Seams

- 1. Verify that the new piece of material is cut square and not at an angle to the previous installed piece.
- 2. Overlap extra material (approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ " 1") at seams and splices to ensure that the seam is in compression after installation.





### **Seams**

- 3. Apply silicone to the butt end of the new piece of material as well as a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bead on both joint walls, inset  $\frac{1}{2}$ "  $\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- 4. Butt seam all 'T' and '+' intersections.
- 5. Tool the silicone over all seams and transitions using a small caulking tool.

**NOTE:** After installation, if there are any mitered joints with a hole or void, use the supplied flexible seal to fill and seal the joint.

#### **Finish**

1. Use the supplied silicone to run a bead along each edge of the joint to fill any irregularities in the substrate.

**WARNING:** Do not allow the silicone or epoxy to cure before removal.

2. Evenly spread the silicone on exposed seams to allow for a clean, aesthetic finish. Verify that the silicone adhesive matches the color on the face of the joint sealant material.

**NOTE:** The seal does not rely on the fillet bead to be watertight.

- 3. Remove any excess silicone left on the surface of the material or substrate.
- 4. Remove the duct tape from the joint surface.

