

Tanza™ PVC Trim Questions & Answers

Q: What is Tanza™ trim?

A: Tanza trim is an expanded polyvinyl chloride (PVC) foam product with the appearance and workability of wood. It features a small cell structure with a density and weight similar to wood. These unique physical properties make it a material of choice for builders, remodelers and homeowners that want superior performance on a trim product.

Q: Does Tanza PVC trim perform better than wood?

A: Yes. It has better resistance to moisture and the weather. It resists rot, moisture, mildew, and it doesn't cup, split, warp, or delaminate. Tanza trim is impervious to insect infestation, including termites and carpenter ants.

Q: Can Tanza trim be used in load bearing applications?

A: Tanza trim products cannot be used in load bearing applications, but may be used in span application such as soffits and ceilings. For proper installation, follow installation guidelines.

Q. How can I use Tanza trim?

A. Tanza trim is perfect for non-structural exterior trim and decorative applications, including trim, fascia and soffits, window and door surrounds, deck and porch trim, rake board, frieze board, wanes coating, post and column covers, millwork and industrial applications in which durability and aesthetics are of primary importance.

Q. How should Tanza trim be stored?

A. Be sure to store Tanza trim on a flat, level surface. Like some soft woods, the product tends to conform to the surface on which it is stored for long periods of time at mid to high ambient temperatures.

Q. How can Tanza trim be cleaned?

A. Tanza trim will become dirty just like any other product exposed to atmospheric conditions. Generally, your Tanza trim product can be cleaned using an ordinary garden hose. If deeper cleaning is required, the product may be cleaned with a factory-approved cleaner after installation. Semi abrasive products, such as Soft Scrub® cleanser may be applied with a stiff but pliant nylon brush. Denatured alcohol also works fairly well on the flat non-exposed surface.

Q. Can Tanza trim be drilled?

A. Yes. Use standard woodworking drills; do not use drills made for normal rigid PVC. Take precautions to avoid frictional heat build up, and remove shavings from the drill hole frequently.

Q: How do I cut Tanza trim?

A: Use the same tools you would to cut wood. Circular saws, jig saws, and band saws work well. Carbide tipped blades are recommended. Excessive friction, poor board support, or worn or improper tooling may cause rough edges.

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Q. Is it possible to mill and route Tanza™ trim to achieve a custom look?

A. Yes. Simply use the standard milling machinery or standard routing equipment that you would use with wood. Carbide bits are recommended. As with wood, tooling sharpness and operating speeds will determine the quality of machined work. Usually, sanding will not be required to achieve a smooth finish.

Q: Can I glue Tanza trim?

A: Yes. Tanza trim adheres beautifully to wood, masonry, and a variety of substrates using standard construction adhesives and to itself and other PVC products using PVC cement. Consult glue manufacturers' guidelines to determine adhesive workability.

Q: How do I nail Tanza trim?

A: Tanza trim nails just like wood. Hand or power nailing is acceptable. Any weatherproof wire nail suitable for wood will work. Like wood, use two fasteners per every framing member for trim applications. Fasteners must be installed no more than 2" from the end of each board.

Q: Do I have to paint Tanza trim?

A: No. It does not need to be painted to retain its color or resistance to weather. Its semi-matte white color complements most home exteriors.

Q: Can I paint Tanza trim?

A: Yes. You may choose to paint Tanza trim to complement the exterior color scheme of the home. It accepts paint better than wood, and lasts for years without repainting! No special treatment is required before painting; check to be sure the surface is clean and dry.

Q: What type of paint should I use?

A: For best results, use 100% acrylic latex paint. Consult your manufacturer's recommendations for application and preparation information.

Q. Is Tanza trim resistant to fire?

A. Yes. Tanza trim, a cellular PVC product, has an oxygen index value of 35%. Materials with a value greater than 28% are considered self extinguishing. Removal of an active flame will stop burning.

Q. Is Tanza trim backed by a warranty?

A. Yes. Tanza trim features a lifetime warranty.*