

## M. FLUSH STAIRNOSE INSTALLATION FOR STAIR TREADS AND RISERS

The installation of laminate flooring on stairs is a fully adhered system. Under no circumstances should foam underlayment be placed on stair steps or risers. This will result in an unsafe condition. Do not use over-the-top step nosing on individual stair treads.

### Tool List

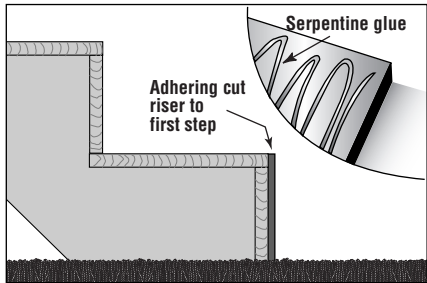
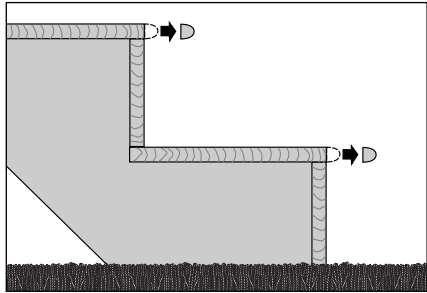
- Table Saw or Miter Saw
- 10" 60- or 80-tooth carbide-tipped ATB or triple chip saw blade
- Power Drill
- Hammer
- 6d Finish Nails
- Construction adhesive

### Preparation of Stair Treads

Treads and risers should be structurally sound, **flat**, dry, clean, smooth, and free from paint, varnish, wax, oils, solvents, and other foreign matter. Cut off any existing bullnose flush with the riser of the stair.

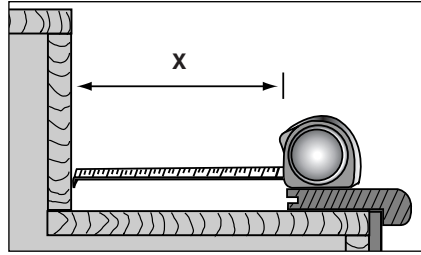
### Installation

1. Beginning at the bottom riser, measure and cut a piece of laminate to fit flush with the top of the existing stair tread. If the laminate has an attached fabric, it must be removed.
2. Glue in place by applying a 3" serpentine bead of construction adhesive to the back of the flooring.
3. Press in place.
4. Measure and cut stairnose to length.
5. Dry fit the stairnose to the edge of the first tread with the moulding nose overlapping the laminate piece on the riser below, and measure the width from the edge of the stairnose to the next riser.



6. Measure and cut to width and length another piece of laminate for the stair tread. If the laminate has an attached fabric, it must be removed.

7. Apply construction adhesive to the tread of the existing stair and spread evenly using a 1/16" x 1/16" x 1/6" square-notch trowel.

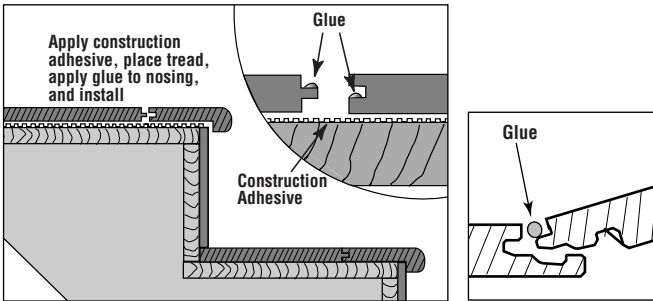


8. Place the cut piece of flooring into the adhesive with the cut edge to the riser of the next step.

9. Leave the factory tongue exposed.

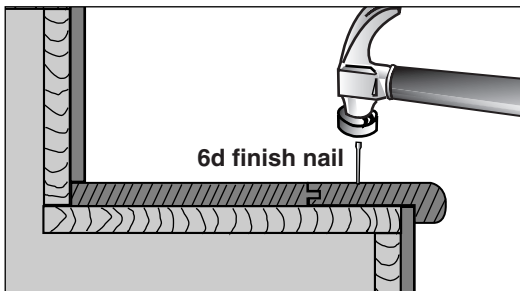
10. Apply a bead of construction adhesive in a 3" serpentine pattern to the back of the cut piece of stairnose.

11. Apply a bead of laminate glue to the edge of the tongue of the installed flooring and to the bottom lip of the groove of the stairnose. (**Locking laminate requires bead of glue on top of tongue only.**)



12. Push pieces together until joint is tight and remove excess glue.

13. On wood subfloors, drill holes in the installed stairnose and anchor with 6d finish nails.



14. Set nails using a nail punch. Fill holes with a repair stick.

15. Repeat steps 1-14 until installation is complete.

16. Allow 24 hours curing time before exposing stairs to traffic.

