

# Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive

## Installation Recommendations

### SYSTEM OVERVIEW

#### General Information

Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive\* is a heavy-duty adhesive specially formulated to bond subfloors, drywall, paneling, foam panels and most construction materials. Different from traditional adhesives because of its excellent bonding power on dry, damp and even frozen lumber, Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive provides a fast-grab tack and long-term high-strength bond.

Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive bonds to lumber, plywood, particle board, masonry, drywall, concrete, foam panels and more. It is an ideal choice for anchoring, joining and stabilizing insulated concrete forms and structural insulated panels. In addition, Great Stuff Pro™ Gaps & Cracks Polyurethane Foam Sealant can be used to seal gaps in the forms and prevent concrete leakage during the pouring stage.

#### Materials Checklist

- Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive
- PRO Series foam dispensing guns (Figure 1)
- Protective wear, including goggles, gloves and proper clothing
- Dry cloth, putty knife or paint scraper
- Great Stuff Pro™ Foam Cleaner, acetone, or other adhesive remover

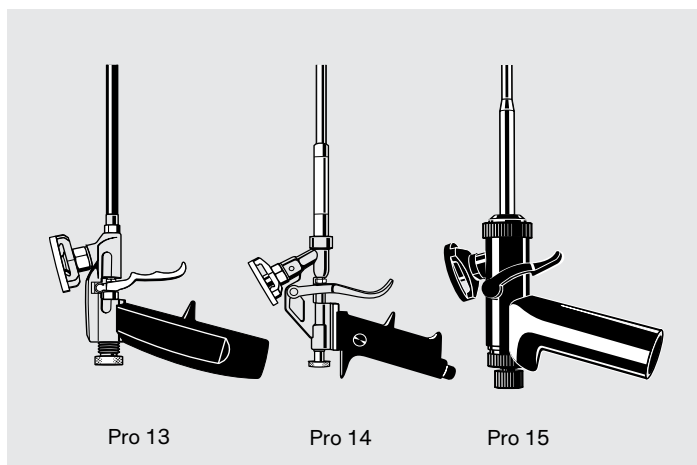


Figure 1

#### Safety and Conditions of Use

##### Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive

- Read the label and Material Safety Data Sheet carefully before use.
- Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive contains isocyanate and a flammable blowing agent. Vapor may travel to other rooms. Ensure adequate ventilation. Shut off all pilot lights and extinguish open flames; eliminate all sources of ignition before use. Do not smoke or use lighters or matches while dispensing foam.
- Do not breathe vapor or mist. Use in well-ventilated areas or wear proper respiratory protection. Isocyanate is irritating to the eyes, skin and respiratory system, and may cause sensitization by inhalation or skin contact.
- Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive is very sticky and will adhere to most surfaces and skin. Do not get foam on skin. Wear gloves, and goggles or safety glasses. Cured foam must be mechanically removed or allowed to wear off in time.
- The contents are under pressure. The can may burst if left in areas susceptible to high temperatures, such as motor vehicles, or near radiators, stoves or other sources of heat. Do not place can in hot water. Do not puncture, incinerate or store at temperatures above 120°F (149°C).
- Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive should not be used around heaters, furnaces, fireplaces, recessed lighting fixtures or other applications where the foam may come in contact with heat-conducting surfaces. Great Stuff Pro™ foam will burn if exposed to open flame or sparks from high energy sources, and it will start to thermally degrade if exposed to temperatures above 240°F (116°C) for long periods of time.

##### Great Stuff Pro™ Foam Cleaner

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## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Preparation

1. Remove all contaminants (water, oil, dust, dirt, debris or other loose materials or release agents) that may affect the adhesion between the substrates. If in doubt, conduct an adhesion test, waiting at least one hour to assess the bond.
2. If the surface area has been previously painted, scrape away all loose or poorly adhered paint and sand or thoroughly roughen the surface. Conduct an adhesion test if any previously painted surfaces are to be bonded.
3. Whenever possible, allow any concrete or masonry substrates to completely cure before bonding.
4. Shake can vigorously for one minute before dispensing or between uses.
5. Invert can and screw foam dispensing gun firmly onto valve as shown in Figure 2. Screw until finger-tight; do not overtighten (Figure 3).



Figure 2



Figure 3

6. When changing cans, tighten the flow control knob before removing the empty can (Figure 4). Use **Great Stuff Pro™ Foam Cleaner** to remove any residual foam from the attachment area before attaching fresh can. Always replace can immediately. Press the trigger to fill the foam dispensing gun with adhesive. *Tip: Using grease or petroleum jelly in the adapter of the gun can reduce possibility of foam gluing the can on the gun.*



Figure 4

7. Dispense adhesive for 3–6 seconds to purge air from gun.
8. To control size of adhesive bead, squeeze trigger on the foam dispensing gun or adjust the flow control knob on the back of the gun (Figure 5).



Figure 5

## Application

1. Keeping can inverted, apply a 1/2" (13 mm) bead of adhesive the full length of each stud or joist (Figures 6 and 7).

*Tip: Apply adhesive in a continuous bead, with no voids or breaks, to achieve an effective bond.*

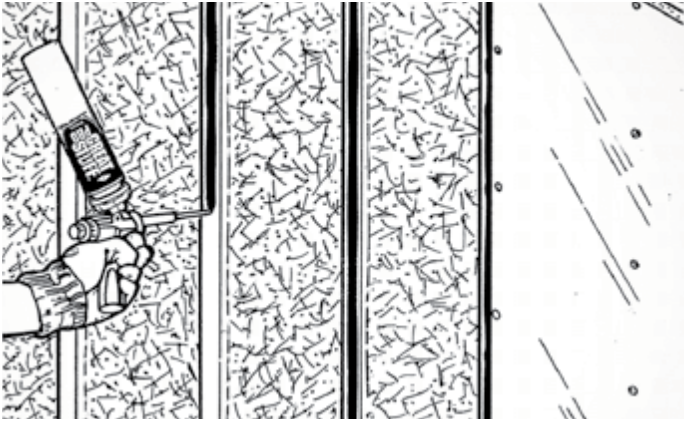


Figure 6

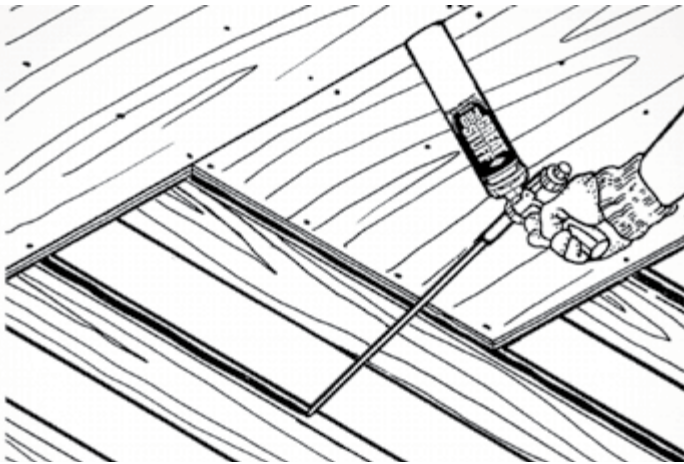


Figure 7

2. Wherever sheet materials butt together along sistered studs or joists, dispense two 1/2" (13 mm) beads side by side or one 1/2" (13 mm) bead in a zigzag pattern the full length of the sistered studs or joists (Figures 8 and 9).

Clean foam dispensing gun periodically by rubbing the nozzle on soft wood to free it from adhesive. Do not use a sharp object to clean foam dispensing gun. Use a solvent cleaner such as **Great Stuff Pro™ Foam Cleaner** between extended periods of non-use. *Tip: Never leave a foam dispensing gun without a can of adhesive attached unless it has been thoroughly cleaned with **Great Stuff Pro™ Foam Cleaner**.*

3. Adhere substrates within 10 minutes of dispensing adhesive. If the applied bead has skinned over, scrape it off and apply a new bead.
4. Mechanical fasteners must be installed soon after adhesive application in all cases. Assemblies must be compressed to enable **Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive** to aggressively bond to the materials. Mechanical fasteners should be installed within 15 minutes after applying for best bond. *Note: **Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive** reaches initial bond within two hours, and is fully cured in about seven days. Cure times will be shorter at higher temperature and humidity, and longer at lower temperature and humidity.*

## Cleanup

- Excess adhesive can be cleaned from the substrate while still uncured using a dry cloth, putty knife or paint scraper. Uncured adhesive can be removed with **Great Stuff Pro™ Foam Cleaner**. Cured adhesive must be mechanically removed or allowed to wear off in time.
- For short-term storage, tighten the flow control knob until fully closed. Use can within 30 days of initial use. Store upright with foam dispensing gun attached. To reuse, shake vigorously for one minute before dispensing. Adjust flow control knob to the open position.
- For long-term storage, unscrew can and use **Great Stuff Pro™ Foam Cleaner** to clean uncured adhesive from the exterior assembly. Wear gloves and safety goggles while cleaning the gun. To clean the foam dispensing gun's interior assembly, invert can of cleaner and screw onto adapter, being careful not to overtighten. Spray until all adhesive is blown out of the foam dispensing gun and only cleaner is visible (approximately half the can of cleaner will be used). Allow the gun containing the solvent to sit for several minutes and repeat with a second flush.
- Do not leave a can of cleaner mounted on the foam dispensing gun. This will dissolve the lip seals inside the gun and render it useless. Foam escaping at the handle or trigger indicates a faulty seal. *Note: If this happens, the gun should be replaced. If the foam dispensing gun has not been cleaned, add a new can of **Great Stuff Pro™ Construction Adhesive** immediately. If left without a can attached, exposure to air and moisture will cause the foam in the gun to cure. A fresh can of adhesive may be left attached to a foam dispensing gun that has been cleaned for up to 30 days.*



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