

Application Instructions

Reflexite® Flexible SOLAS Grade Material FD1403/FD1404

For Maritime Applications

Bulletin #APP-03

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reflexite® IMO FD1403 / FD1404 reflective trims are a tough weather and solvent resistant product designed for rugged outdoor maritime use. These are used for the application to rigid and non-rigid maritime substrates i.e. life rafts, life bouys, life vests and life boats.

For more information on **Reflexite® IMO FD1403 / FD1404**, please reference Technical Product Bulletins, which are available from local Reflexite Sales Offices.

ADHESIVE APPLICATION

Reflexite® IMO FD1403 / FD1404 reflective trims are supplied with a pressure sensitive adhesive. The adhesive is protected by a release liner, which shall be removed by peeling, without soaking in water or solvents

- The surface should be cleaned and allowed to dry (please ensure that all silicone or mould release agents on moulded polymer materials have being thoroughly cleaned before adhesive application).
- Reflexite recommends isopropyl alcohol or a similar cleaner.
- The adhesive liner should be partially removed and the tape aligned to its final position.
- Uniform pressure should be applied to produce full contact with the substrate but not impart wrinkles.
- After the tape has been applied it should be passed over with a squeegee to assure 100% contact.
- Cover the squeegee with a soft cloth to prevent scratching the surface of the tape.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

Reflexite® IMO FD1403 reflective trim is also supplied with sewable fabric backing.

Reflexite® IMO FD1403 reflective trim is a single layer product, and can be stitched in any area of the surface.

Reflexite recommends that the products are sewn at a minimum of 3mm in from the edge and the number of stitches not exceed 8 per 25.4mm.

The following guidelines can be helpful in reducing drag that is sometimes encountered when sewing Reflexite® reflective trims:

- Use one of the following presser feet: Teflon coated, Roller, or a Walking presser foot.
- Reduce the pressure on a standard pressure foot.
- Occasionally use a small amount of silicon* applied with spray or sponge.
- Double needle sewing machine with puller.

***NOTE:** Some spray lubricants may contain oil /solvents that can lead to fabric dye migration /bleeding into reflective trims.

The following precautions are recommended:

Pretest any lubricant prior to use. Apply a small amount of lubricant onto the surface of the reflective trim, then cover with fabric swatch for 24 hours. Inspect trim for staining after fabric removal.

Always wipe away excess lubricants after application

If you have any questions regarding lubricant compatibility, please contact Reflexite's customer service team.

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