

## **HAPPY-STEP** INFORMATION SHEET **HS3**

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### **Design and Installation Notes (Carpet on Stairs)**

- 1** HAPPY-STEP boards must be left to acclimatise in the room where they are intended to be installed for at least 48 hours prior to their installation. It is not necessary to remove the boards from their sealed packaging at this stage.  
The Substrate should be reasonably level, clean, dry, and free of dust. Any loose floorboards should be nailed down and any protruding nails hammered down.  
HAPPY-STEP boards must be kept dry at all times.
  
- 2** Cut stair gripper to fit across the width of the stairs and fix to the tread and riser with the pins pointing towards the crotch of the stairs. The gripper should be set back from the crotch by a distance equal to twice the thickness of the carpet (minimum 15mm).  
Cut HAPPY-STEP boards to size using a suitable cutting knife.  
Locate HAPPY-STEP across the width of the stairs from the front edge of the gripper on the tread to the front edge of the tread leaving a 6mm gap between the HAPPY-STEP and the stingers / flanking walls. HAPPY-STEP should be glued in place using either double sided tape or a PVA / Unibond type adhesive.
  
- 3** Trim the carpet to size starting at the bottom of the riser, gently stretching the carpet over the lowest gripper. Press the carpet into the gully. Once the carpet is sufficiently fixed in place, the installer can then tension the carpet onto the gripper tape using a knee kicker. Roll the carpet over the nosing to the next gripper and repeat the procedure for the remaining steps.