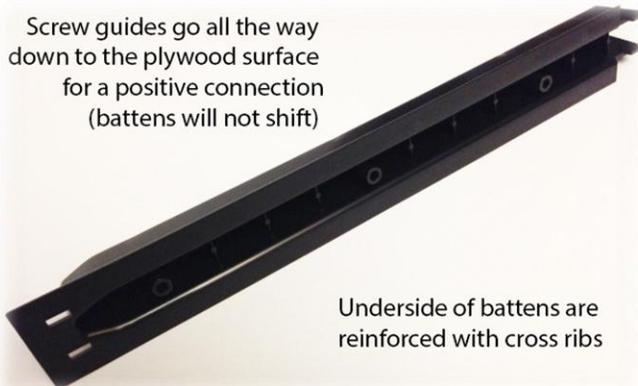


INSTALLATION GUIDE

The material

Our battens are made of a HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) plastic, the same plastic that five-gallon plastic work buckets are made of. It's a strong durable plastic. The plastic has a UV inhibitor added to it to extend the life of the battens. The plastic is a recyclable product making it a more environmentally friendly product. The material is easy to machine, so that if you want to trim some material off the batten to better fit it into your crate it can easily be cut using a band saw, cutoff saw, or table saw.

Screw guides go all the way down to the plywood surface for a positive connection (battens will not shift)



Underside of battens are reinforced with cross ribs

Image # 1 – showing the underside of the batten.

Installation process lay down your first row of battens to see how they fit, working from the back going forward. Once you've worked out the layout for each row you can trim to size and install the battens. If you're using a screw gun with a clutch, adjust it so that the screws go down all the way drawing the batten down tightly to the wood. Using a spacer strip between each row will make the process go faster and will provide a precise fit for your exhibit properties (i.e. panels, returns, pedestals etc....). Add a 1/16th to an 1/8th

to the width of the spacer to provide some play for insertion and removal of properties from the crate.

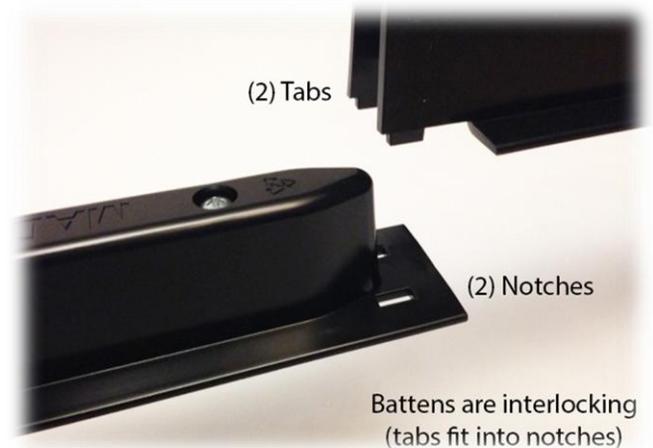


Image # 2 – showing how the battens interlock.

If a batten has been screwed into a spot in a crate several times the screw hole in the wood will become loose so that it will not hold the screw as well. You can shift the batten slightly forward or back to accommodate a new screw hole in the plywood providing a new positive connection to the crate.



Image # 3 – Shows the battens in a crate being installed.

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