

# Instructions: How To Apply Adhesive-Backed Rules

Polyester and vinyl rules tightly coiled for shipping may appear out of tolerance when first removed from their package. This is apparent when the release liner has slipped and exposes excess material at the rule ends. For proper installation we recommend the following procedure:

## REMEMBER

Clean surface completely of oil and dirt, preferably with an alcohol-based product. Wait for surface to dry completely.

## STEP 1

Use a master steel rule to create datum marks at start and end points of rule. Unfortunately, not all rules are created equal. ORC has (2) different rules that we recommend for using as a datum because of their general overall accuracy. These are: (A) #1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> EM-SS48L (4' long @ ± .005), and (B) #<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> EY192D less the adhesive-backing (16' long @ ± .020). See our catalog or check our web site at [www.oregonruleco.com](http://www.oregonruleco.com) for more information.



## STEP 2

Remove only enough liner at each end of the rule (or segments thereof) applying 2-3 inches. If you are mounting to an open flat surface using a long straight edge or a chalk line). Carefully align with your datum marks and press down moderately.



## STEP 3A

Remove the liner while slightly holding the rule up at the center to avoid adhesive contact. Slowly lower the rule into place. Do not squeegee from each end. Apply finger point pressure to several spots along the rule, then gently rub down to make full adhesive contact. Use of a soft rubber roller is helpful. When mounting, rules can be repositioned without any detrimental loss of adhesion however after several days the adhesive will set and become permanent.



## STEP 3B

If the rule needs to be tensioned when positioning, apply one end of the rule (2-3") at a datum point. Pull, then place opposite side down (2-3"). Remove liner and apply pressure as per Step 3A.