



# EXTRUTECH PLASTICS, INC.

*“Custom Extruder of Close Tolerance Profiles”*

## Panel Replacement

To replace a panel please follow these steps. You will need a utility knife, 2- 3” putty knives, and a saw.

- 1) Cut the panel to be removed down the middle the long way. Use a reciprocating saw or skill saw set at 9/16” of an inch depth.
- 2) One half of the panel will pull out easily. Pull it out and discard. This will be the half with the tongue.
- 3) The section remaining will be the side with the nailing fin. To remove this piece take a sharp utility knife and score the nailing fin right at the splice. You may have to score the fin several times, to free the bad panel.
- 4) Pull on the remaining half and it should release from the fin. If not, score the fin again with a little more pressure.
- 5) Once the second half is removed you are ready to prepare the new panel.
- 6) Take the new panel and remove the nailing fin. You may accomplish this by scoring it with a utility knife or cutting it off on a table saw.
- 7) Next, slit the back of the panel down the middle, from one end to the other. Do not cut through, to the front face. This will allow you to cup the panel.
- 8) Once the fin is removed, and the panel is slit, take the new panel and start at one end (top) and place groove side into the tongue of the existing panel. Cup the panel slightly and place tongue of new panel into groove of the opposite existing panel on the wall.
- 9) Work the tongue and groove of new panel in as you go down to floor. You may wish to use wide putty knives on each side to help snap the panels into place.

This should complete the process.

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