

Procedure for Patching Your Cover-All Building December, 2005

Order and receive a non-structural patching material for your building from a Cover-All dealer. The key to the patch working is the preparation of the fabric before the patch is applied. The area must be washed in a mild degreasing detergent, rinsed with 91% isopropyl alcohol (lesser concentration will not work) and dried thoroughly.

Application procedure:

- Ensure fabric around the torn area is clean and dry. Use a mild detergent and 91% isopropyl alcohol, taking care to rinse all residue and dry thoroughly.
- Trim any frayed fabric.
- Close any large gaps by stitching with heavy thread or fishing line.
- Cut a patch to fit, with rounded corners.
- Apply patch to the inside of the cover, using as much pressure as possible. (If possible, hold plywood backing on the opposite side of the fabric as a surface to press against.) Ensure the edges of the patch are pressed down well, to avoid peeling.
- The adhesive works best when warm. If it is a cold day use a hot air welder or hair dryer to warm the fabric and patch.

The adhesive patch has lower peel strength than a heat-welded patch. In cold weather the peel strength declines dramatically. If the patch fails at some point in the future, either apply a fresh patch, or contact your local Cover-All dealer to perform a permanent heat-welded repair.

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