

Treadman[®] Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q. Can Treadman[®] only be used on rubber stair treads?

A. Treadman[®] can be used to both mark and cut rubber stair treads, however, it can also be used to mark other types of materials like Hardwoods, Tile, Ceramics or any hard surface material being installed on stairs.

2. Q. Should I purchase the Treadman[®] Tool Box/Cutting Block? What are the benefits of having it?

A. We highly recommend that you purchase the Tool Box/Cutting Block. The box is not only a safe storage container, it also makes it easier to transport the Treadman[®] tool and can be used as a cutting surface to cut rubber stair treads. However, you can use the Treadman[®] tool without it.

3. Q. Can you use the Treadman[®] to complete One Piece Step/Riser installations?

A. Yes, but you will need to purchase the One Piece Step/Riser Template Kit which is sold separately.

4. Q. Does the Treadman[®] come with instructions so I will know how to use it?

A. There are no written instructions, however, we have videos on our website that give demonstrations on both how to use the Treadman[®] tool and also how to complete One Piece Step/Riser installations. These same videos are included on a DVD that is enclosed with all Treadman[®] tools purchased.

5. Q. Can I return the Treadman[®] if I don't like it or decide it is not for me?

A. We offer a 30 Day Money Back Guarantee if the Treadman[®] is returned in **NEW AND UN-USED CONDITION**. We recommend that you look over the tool, and view the instructional videos on our website or on the included DVD **BEFORE** using the tool on a job. If you do need to return your Treadman[®], call us at 800 549-5018 to obtain a Return Authorization Number. We will issue a refund of the product cost once the Treadman[®] is received by our Return Department.

6. Q: What kind of warranty does ProKnee[®] offer on the Treadman[®]?

A. We warranty the Treadman[®] for ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF PURCHASE on all parts. If you feel you have a warranty issue, contact us at 800 549-5018 to receive a Return Authorization Number. You will need to send the Treadman[®] into our Repair Facility for evaluation. We will either fix or replace any parts that we determine are covered under the warranty and ship the Treadman[®] back to you

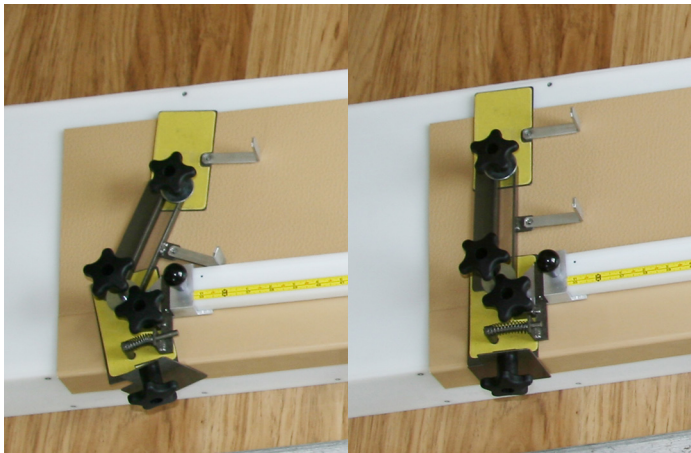
7. Q. What size stair treads can the Treadman[®] be used for?

A. The Standard Treadman[®] tool can do stair treads from 35 1/4" to 61 1/2" in length. If you have stairs that are shorter or longer, we also have 3 Extension Kits that can be purchased separately - allowing you to complete installations on treads from 22 1/2" to 9' 1/2"!

Not All Steps Are Created Equal

Installing stairtreads has never been an easy part of the flooring industry. It can be quite challenging and time consuming for the professional, requiring a more focused approach toward attention to detail. In a perfect world every stair constructed would be an exact copy of the one above and below; making measuring and cutting rubber stairtreads and other stairway materials a measure once and cut all the same size a simple process. Unfortunately, that's not the case. Each stair has its own slightly different angles and discrepancies due to many common factors, such as materials used, and construction conditions. A professional installer knows this and will never measure once and cut all to the same size.

Instead, professionals know to approach each step individually, which is a time consuming process. With the high cost of each tread, the professional must pay close attention in order to not make a mistake. One process is done by creating a cardboard template and skillfully marking the edges of each individual step. This process can be time consuming and requires a certain level of skill to become professionally accurate!



Treadman®'s Multi -Angle Adjustable Plates

Homemade wooden jigs are sometimes made with left and right, independently adjustable, edges. Still, this technique is also time consuming and not perfect: either due to jig play or most step sides not being perfectly straight and square. With each rubber floor tread needing to be perfectly matched to each step, there is little to no room for error. Any unacceptable gaps, over time can collect dirt and water from the cleaning process and subject the tread to loosening and hasten the treads to fail with the need to be re-adhered or even replaced.



Perfectly cut treads every time with Treadman®

Treadman® - A tool designed and engineered for the stairtread installation profession



With several stairtread challenges in mind ProKnee® Corporation has developed a tool specially designed for the stairtread installer. Treadman®, is a tool that will cut your installation time in half or more, and give you quick and accurate measurements, thus eliminating the chance of costly mistakes.

What makes Treadman® unique and an invaluable tool for the stairtread installer is its design and function. It gives the novice, as well the seasoned professional, quick and accurate settings and perfectly cut stairtreads that conform to the most difficult of steps you may come up against.

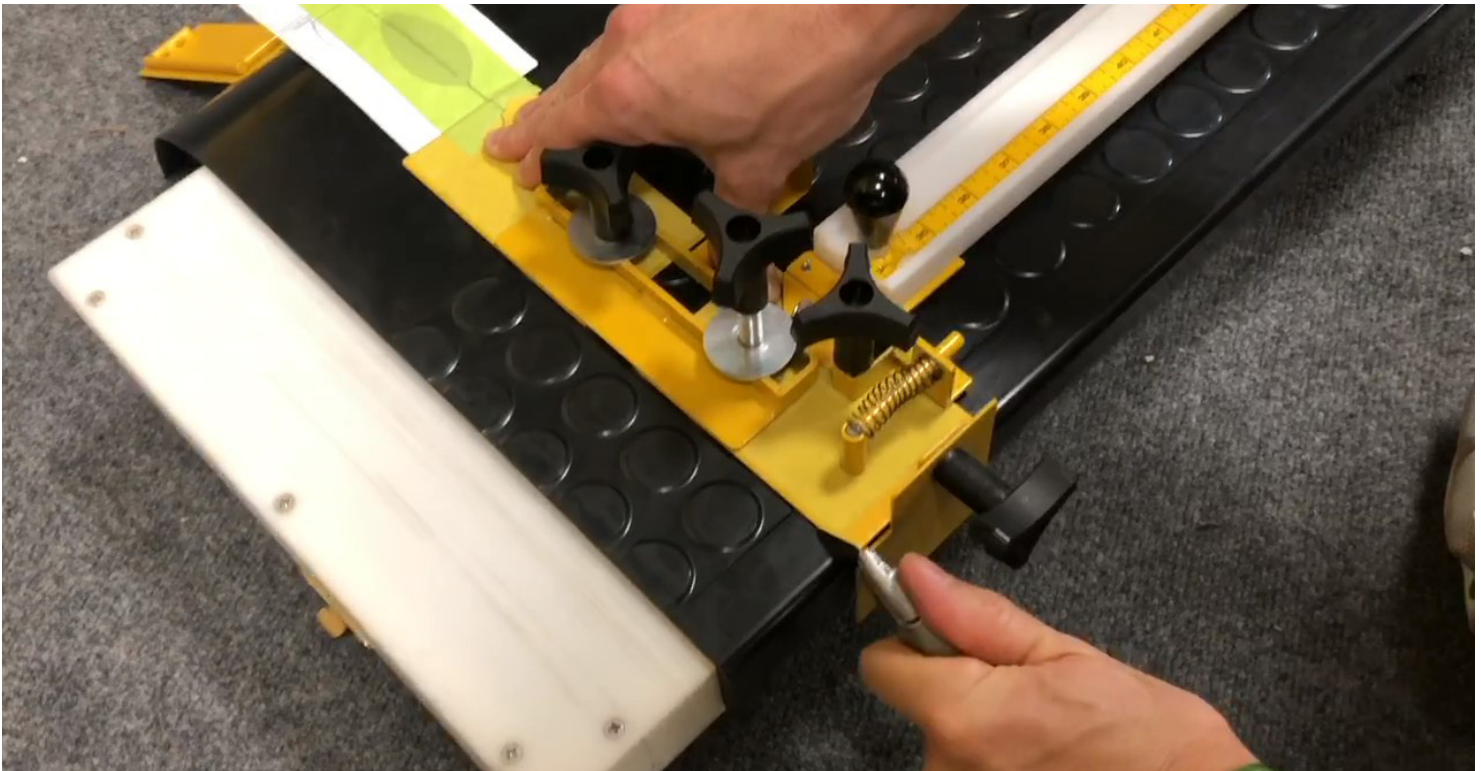


Treadman®'s adjusted edges, ready for cutting

Treadman® is a portable, lightweight tool weighing 6 1/2 lbs. Our standard unit won't leave you fatigued by the end of the day by carrying it back and forth to the stair way.



Portable , lightweight & stored in its own cutting block



Large knobs for quick adjustments and a tight, locking, self-lubricating adjustment bar for easy accurate measurements

Treadman® quickly adjusts and conforms precisely to each individual step. It then securely locks in your step's and tread's specific size and identical dimensions that you will be cutting your tread to. Treadman® acts as your template and your cutting guide. Made up of 1/16" steel plates and built to withstand a lifetime of cutting. With large easy to adjust knobs and spring loaded edge plates, Treadman® makes your next measurement as quick and easy as your last. Treadman®'s standard unit has the ability to expand in depths from 10" to 13 1/4" and in widths from 35 1/4" to 61 1/2". With three other optional extension kits the width ranges will expand from 22 1/2" up to 9' 1/2"! Treadman®'s rubber stairtread thickness gauge automatically adjusts from 1/32" to 1/4". The optional self storage tool box is constructed from blade friendly high density polyethylene. It expands and doubles as a sturdy heavy-duty cutting surface, specifically designed to cut and handle rubber stairtreads. An overall cutting surface of 13 1/2" x 6' 3 3/4" with a 1 7/8" vertical surface is provided for cutting nosings.

With very little practice and time, you will have mastered this tool which in turn rewards you with time savings and results of perfection.

For a more in-depth look and detailed instruction you can see Treadman® in action at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFVCMIJVW1Y> or by searching for "Mr. ProKnee" channel on YouTube.



The Evolution Of Stair Tread Installation

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The first rubber stair treads, as we know them today, came out in the 1960's and covered the complete tread including the front edge called the nosing. True time-tested methods of cutting and fitting included 3 wall and pattern scribing. These methods were time consuming to learn and required the highest degree of technique & craftsmanship that had to be mastered in order to produce consistently pleasing results.

Fast forward a few years and much more challenging profiles began to emerge. Included are the "One piece step up riser" treads and newest to the market an LVT product branded as "Six Degrees" and manufactured by Roppe Holding Company, which features a preformed "one piece step down riser" profile.

What the industry needed now was a standardized tool that could be set up fast and accurately by tradesmen of all skill levels. In 2011, ProKnee Corporation combined the mechanical features of a stair tread jig with pattern scribing templates and called it Treadman® Multi-Angle Stair Tread Cutting System.



Photo #1

Fitting a one piece step up riser tread requires a 1 Piece Step/Riser Template Kit, shown in Photo #1. Complete video instructions can be viewed on YouTube – search Treadman.



Photo #2

Fitting of preformed LVT "Six Degrees" step down riser treads, shown in Photo #2 and manufactured by Roppe Holding Company, leave you a few options.

The preferred method, using Treadman 1 Piece Step/Riser Template Kit, is best described in Roppe's "LVT Six Degrees Tread Instructions" available at email:solutions@rhttechnical.com.



Photo #3

Option 2, shown in Photo #3 & #4, uses the Step Down Riser Plate Kit (latest addition to Treadman Lineup) which allow users to capture angles of the riser using adjustable steel plates.



Photo #4



Photo #5

Photo #5 shows LVT preformed treads on a cutting block being heated from below so cutting becomes quicker, using less effort.

One thing you can be sure of, as stair tread products evolve, installation methods and techniques will too!



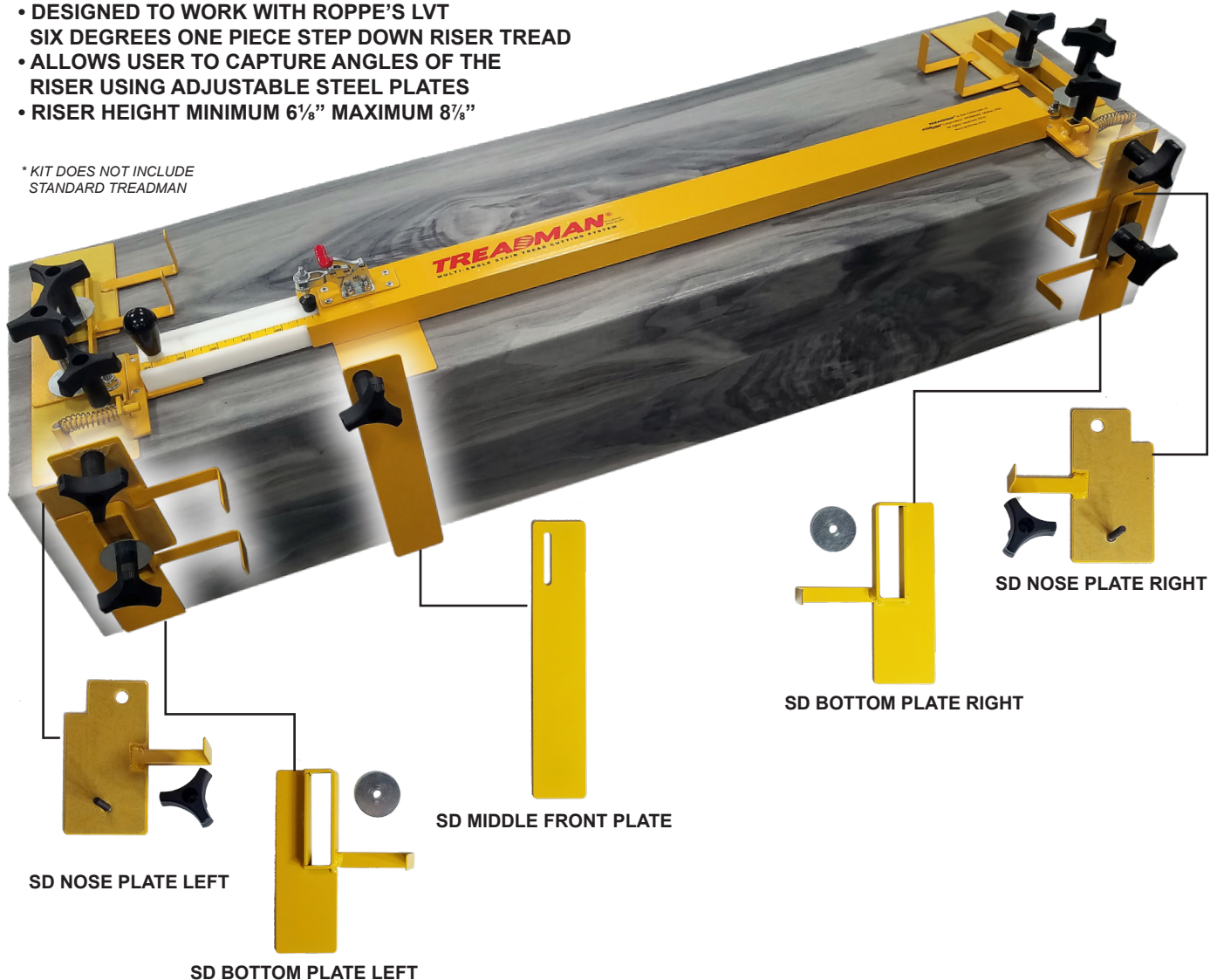
INTRODUCING THE
TREADMAN®

STEP DOWN RISER PLATE KIT

SKU: TRD-SDRPK

- WORKS WITH THE STANDARD TREADMAN MULTI-ANGLE STAIR TREAD CUTTING SYSTEM
- DESIGNED TO WORK WITH ROPPE'S LVT SIX DEGREES ONE PIECE STEP DOWN RISER TREAD
- ALLOWS USER TO CAPTURE ANGLES OF THE RISER USING ADJUSTABLE STEEL PLATES
- RISER HEIGHT MINIMUM 6 1/8" MAXIMUM 8 7/8"

* KIT DOES NOT INCLUDE STANDARD TREADMAN



SD NOSE PLATE LEFT

SD BOTTOM PLATE LEFT

SD MIDDLE FRONT PLATE

SD BOTTOM PLATE RIGHT

SD NOSE PLATE RIGHT