

## Fitting TFS Graphics

TFS Graphics are also known as Tension Fabric System Graphics or SEG (Silicone Edge Graphics). A flexible silicone 'keder' or 'gasket' is sewn to four sides of a fabric graphic. This silicone edge is then stretched and tucked into a channel in the frame or display to create a taut, clean and seamless graphic.

Getting the sizing right is really easy, you simply measure the outside-to-outside dimension of the F-section frame and we do the rest. We have stretch formulas for each fabric that ensure we can get just the right amount of tension for the display to be taut.

### HOW TO INSTALL TFS

Follow these tips for the best results everytime...

#### 1 FOLD IN THE STITCHED EDGE



A classic mistake people make is that they try to tuck in just the silicone without any fabric. If you do this, the silicone won't fit properly into the channel and the graphic will almost certainly fall out, plus your graphics will be too loose.

#### 2 DON'T STRETCH THE SILICONE



Avoid graphic bunching, especially in the corners which is a problem caused by stretching or pulling the silicone. This occurs most commonly when installation is started at one corner and the edging is 'slid in' along the frame to the other corner, where any excess will gather and look untidy or distorted. For the correct way to get started, check out Tip #3.

### 3 TUCK IN THE CORNERS, THEN THE CENTRE



The best way to get started with your Silicone Edge Graphic is to tuck in all the corners first and then the centre of each side. This not only prevents the issue described in Tip #2, but it also helps make sure that the graphic is stretched evenly across the display. As a bonus, if you are installing the graphic with the frame standing up, doing this will help prevent the graphic from falling out of the frame.



### 4 PUSH IN, WORK YOUR WAY OUT



Even if you follow Tip #3, it's actually still possible to end up with excess graphic if you're not careful. The easiest way to do this is to tuck in a section and then work your way out from its centre point tucking as you go. This is a great way to prevent the graphic from bunching up and is our preferred method for installing a graphic.

## 5 DON'T INSTALL TFS ONE SIDE AT A TIME

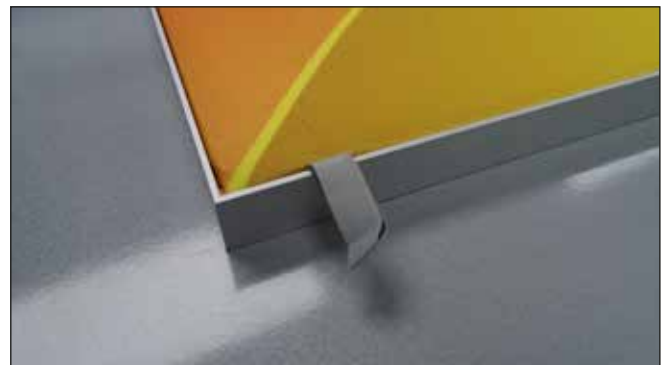
Don't be tempted to install your graphic one side at a time, it might seem like it's going to be faster, but in the long run, it's going to make life a lot harder for you. When you do this, the tension of the fabric is not easily distributed, making the graphic more difficult to install.

Even though it might sound more time consuming, we recommend installing the graphic a little bit at a time on each side, as doing this distributes the tension more evenly and ensures your graphics look great.



## HOW TO REMOVE THE GRAPHIC

To remove a graphic from its frame, pull the grey 'pull tag' located in the bottom left hand corner, then work your way around the frame until the graphic is fully removed.



## HOW TO MEASURE TFS FRAMES

Measure the width and height of the frame, from the outside edge to the other outside edge from top to bottom and left to right. DO NOT measure from inside the silicone groove.

If possible, measure the groove width and depth in order to advise the correct silicone edging strip size. The groove gap is usually 3mm to 4mm and the depth 10mm to 14mm.

If you know the brand of the frame we will be able to assist with this information.



If you have any questions about fitting tension fabric graphics, or about graphic production in general, please contact us on **01280 707 180** or email **sales@xg-group.co.uk** and one of the team will be more than happy to help.