



## Tube End Trim Installation Tips

### Cutting and deburring end trim

The trim is made of high-density vinyl extruded over a soft metal core. It can be hand-cut with heavy cutters, sawed with a hacksaw, or cut with any fine-tooth saw.

If the metal core is pinched after cutting, use needlenose pliers to pull out the distorted section. The metal core is serrated every 1/8", so you will only pull out a short piece of metal. Doing this will restore the trim to its proper shape.

You do not need to pre-cut the length of trim with precision. It is easier to install the trim almost completely, and then mark the cutting point as you near the end. (*Note: end trim purchased for our BlackLite telescope tubes are pre-cut to the proper length.*)

### Installing end trim

Remove any burrs on the end of the tube with a sanding block or small file.

Install trim by tapping it on with a small hammer, and progressively working your way around the tube. **Glue is not needed if the trim is being installed for the first time.** The metal core inside the trim will hold the trim in place.



Tapping end trim onto a BlackLite tube.

### Removing and reinstalling end trim

The trim can be removed by prying up one end, and pulling the rest off. You can reinstall the same piece, but a glue may be necessary the second time since the metal core has been expanded. Silicone adhesives permit the trim to be removed again in the future. Epoxy adhesives are more permanent.