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INSTALLATION + CARE GUIDE

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These installation recommendations consist of common-sense practices for installing wall panels and similar products. Installers should rely upon their own professional experience and understanding of their unique requirements to be the best guide to a successful installation. It is highly recommended two people work together for this installation, using clean hands, and taking caution to preserve finish on wood faces.

TOOLS + MATERIALS NEEDED

Bar Level or Laser Level

Heavy Duty Construction Adhesive (such as Liquid Nails LN-903, LN-FRP, and Loctite Express)

Standard caulking gun or $\frac{1}{8}$ " v-notch trowel

Radial Arm Saw or Table Saw

Jig Saw

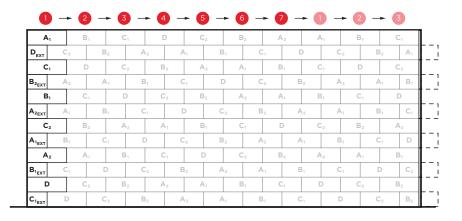
Carpenter Square

Towels + warm soapy water (to remove accidental adhesive smears)

COMPONENTS PROVIDED

PATTERN A1	EXT. A1	PATTERN B1	EXT B1	PATTERN C1	EXT C1
PATTERN A2	EXT. A2	PATTERN B2	EXT B2	PATTERN C2	EXT C2
BASEBOARD TRIM (AS ORDERED) END OF RUN TRIM (AS ORDERED)				PATTERN D1	EXT D1

STANDARD PATTERN LAYOUT



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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Handle the material keeping the finished veneer faces together and the backer veneer faces together to reduce the possibility of damage during installation. Allow components to acclimate to the installation environment. After the shipping crates have been opened, the panels should be laid out individually on the floor for at least forty-eight (48) hours.
- 2. Inspect the material. Subtle color and texture variations even within the same tile are a normal aspect of this product. It is advisable to inspect for these irregularities and plan the layout accordingly making sure to evenly disperse any minor color variation. In the case of product defect or damage in transit, Submaterial must be notified within five (5) business days. Please note that Submaterial cannot accept a return or warranty claim on any material that has been installed.
- **3.** Ensure that the wall you are installing this product on is exceptionally clean. It should be smooth, dry and dust free to allow the best possible adhesion. A Level 4 Finish wall preparation is sufficient.
- **4.** Use the bar level or laser level to determine a base level line for your first horizontal course. This line will set the level for the entire installation so it is most important to get this right. Consider whether you will be scribing to the ceiling or floor or both BEFORE setting this level line.
- 5. Tiles are applied according to the standard pattern graphic. Apply heavy-duty construction adhesive to the wall using a 1/8" v-notch trowel. The adhesive should be generously applied to the wall using a roller but not so thickly that the level line is obscured. If you are using a laser level, this will not be an issue. Apply the first four tiles in sequence edge-to-edge, ensuring that the edges are properly butted up against one another, and all are perfectly level. Ensure that tiles are installed with splines faceing UP. Finally, using clean fingers, press against the tile to ensure the best adhesion, and then check again for level.
- **6.** Repeat the above steps until the first course is completed. Use a radial arm saw or table saw to cut any custom sizes needed to finish the row. Move down to the next row and follow the above procedure, making sure that the tiles are butted firmly against one another, and that grooves are seated firmly onto splines. Continue checking level throughout installation. Repeat until complete.
- 7. If the wood wall covering will end at an outside corner or in the middle of a wall, End-of-Run Trim may be ordered to conceal the exposed cork edge. This material will match the color of the order or will be another color as specified by the designer. End-of-Run Trim should be installed first using a level in combination with a ledger board to provide the straightest installation. After End-of- Run Trim is installed, the installation can proceed as directed. To permanently apply this material, a bead of silicone adhesive is recommended. A hot-melt adhesive or heavy-duty construction adhesive may also be applied in a single bead down the center of each section. The ends of the trim are finish cut and will butt together to create a seamless look.

CLEANING + CARE INSTRUCTIONS

DUSTING: Use a dry, microfiber cloth to clean the surface of your wood wall covering. Wiping gently with the microfiber cloth will collect all dust from the surface of the wall covering. It is not recommended to use dusting or cleaning sprays on wood veneer, as the product will build up on the surface of the veneer and cause a waxy or greasy appearance. It is recommended to regularly dust your wall coverings, to keep the wall covering looking pristine and to preserve the life of the product.

LIGHT CLEANING: If your surface requires more than a light dusting, it is recommended to use a gentle microfiber cloth with warm water and a mild non scented or died soap. Note that some detergents may leave a residue on the veneer. Dampen the cloth and scrub affected areas gently until debris has lifted and surface is clean. Immediately dry the surface you cleaned to prevent any warping or delamination of veneer. Be sure to wipe in direction of veneer.

MAJOR CLEANING: If your surface has become grimy and needs a major cleaning, a diluted vinegar solution can be used. 2 caps full of vinegar to 1 cup of warm water can be mixed in a spray bottle and applied to the areas that need treatment. Then using a microfiber cloth the solution should allow the dirt and grime to lift off easily. Be sure to wipe in teh direction of the wood grain.

DO NOT use ammonia-based cleaners on veneer. This can cause the finish to become cloudy and ruin the appearance of the product.

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