

# Installation Guide

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## HANGING INSTRUCTIONS FOR VERSA TYPE II & TYPE III WALLCOVERING

### IMPORTANT

If at any time before or during installation you do not understand these Application Instructions, or if a discrepancy is discovered in pattern, color, or quality, STOP. Contact your distributor before proceeding. Any deviation from these Application Instructions will void the manufacturer's warranty.

Carefully examine all material to ensure correct pattern, color and quantity.

Vinyl Wallcoverings must be installed only under permanent lighting conditions. Temperature in the area to receive vinyl wallcovering must be maintained between 60°-80° F (15°-27° C) and relative humidity at 50% or less, for at least six days prior to and after installation.

### *Note on microvented wallcovering*

Before installing **microvented** wallcovering you should consult an experienced design professional with expertise in building design and in the conditions in the locale where the wallcovering is to be installed for information regarding permeability requirements.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

1) All surfaces to receive vinyl wallcovering must be smooth, clean, dry and structurally sound. Newly plastered walls must not have excessive quantities of lime or alkali. Walls must not contain in excess of 5-7% residual moisture content. A moisture meter should be used to determine moisture content.

2) All new walls receiving non **microvented** wallcovering should be primed to promote adhesion.

NOTE: Many primers are intended for use as a vapor barrier. Use of these primers on **microvented** wallcovering may significantly reduce the overall permeability of the installation. Use only a breathable primer for **microvented** wallcovering.

Oil based primers create a non-porous surface, which along with vinyl wallcovering tend to trap moisture, prolong drying and result in adhesion problems.

3) Existing walls present varied conditions. To ensure the soundness of an existing wall surface, we recommend the following:

a. Glossy surfaces should be sanded and irregularities repaired.

NOTE: Sanding using a medium to rough grit sandpaper is recommended on walls receiving **microvented** wallcovering to open pores in the existing finishes and enhance permeability.

b. Cut a shallow "x" in the painted surface with a razor blade. Wrap a strip of masking tape around your finger (sticky side out), and press it to the "x", checking to see whether the paint film separates from the wall surface. If the paint film separates, the wall is not sound.

c. Take a wet sponge, hold it against the painted surface for 15-20 seconds, checking for any pigment or color transfer from the wall surface to the sponge. If the pigment or color transfers, the wall is not sound.

*d. If the painted surface is found to be "unsound" by either of the above tests, the paint must be removed.*

4) Remove old wallcovering completely. DO NOT DOUBLE HANG. After wallcovering is removed, remove remaining adhesive with a good quality adhesive remover, then rinse the wall and allow to dry. See Step 1. If the old wallcovering is peelable, remove both the top and bottom layer of wallcovering.

5) Surfaces other than drywall or plaster may require special procedures and application techniques. Contact your distributor or manufacturer for recommendations prior to starting.

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## APPLICATION

1) All rolls are numbered consecutively. Rolls must be cut and installed in sequence, starting with the lowest numbered roll. All strips should be numbered and hung in sequence as they are cut from the roll.

2) When hanging non-matched textured patterns, reverse hang alternate strips. After 3 strips are hung, carefully inspect the wallcovering. If the pattern effect is not acceptable, re-hang strip No. 2 without reversing. Approval should be obtained at this point before proceeding. If there is variation in color and/or pattern effect, discontinue hanging and contact your distributor immediately. THE MANUFACTURER WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLAIMS BEYOND THREE (3) STRIPS.

3) Seams on non-matched patterns may be table trimmed, or overlapped and double-cut during installation, exercising care not to cut too deeply into the wall substrate. Geometric and matched designs may require table trimming for match perfection.

4) Apply a premium grade, full strength, heavy duty clear, strippable, mildew resistant adhesive to the back of the wallcovering using a pasting machine or directly to the wall using a paint roller. Adhesive should be maintained at temperatures between 65° and 78° F (18°- 26° C) prior to use. Follow the adhesive manufacturer's instructions on coverage and set time.

**NOTE:** For best results, *microvented* wallcovering should be DRY HUNG by applying the adhesive to the wall surface.

5) Install each sheet on the wall using a stiff, short bristle brush or flexible broadknife. Apply material in sequence above doors and above and below windows as it comes from the roll – DO NOT SKIP. Vertical joints should not occur less than six inches from inside or outside corners. A heat gun may be used to allow the vinyl to conform to irregular corners.

6) Remove excess adhesive and dirt from wallcovering surface, seams and surrounding surfaces immediately, using a sponge or damp cloth frequently rinsed in clean, warm water. A paste release chemical designed to break the static electricity generated may be added to the water. Dry with a soft, lint-free cloth. Do not use an excessive amount of water to remove adhesive from seams, as it may seep into the seam and dilute the adhesive. As dried adhesive is difficult, and in some cases impossible to remove, immediate removal is imperative. Clean all seams to avoid paste staining.

## Type III Heavy Duty Drill Backed Vinyl Wallcovering Additional Installation Instructions

The following tips are intended to provide the installer with information to be used in addition to the comprehensive application instructions printed on the bellyband found on each roll of wallcovering. It is very important that the information contained on the bellyband be read and understood before considering the following additional application instructions.

1) It is very important to select the proper primer and adhesive before attempting an installation of Type III wallcovering. A heavy-duty strippable clay adhesive at full strength and acrylic primer/sizer is recommended for optimal results.

2) Pasting the wall is *not* recommended. The adhesive should be applied to the back of the material with a roller or pasting machine and booked according to the adhesive manufacturer instructions.

3) In order to maintain high quality seam finishes it is recommended that a very sharp high quality blade is used when installing the material.

4) Inside and outside corners may require the application of heat via a heat gun in order to achieve the best result. An even layer of adhesive applied to the wall at the corners with a four inch brush may also be needed in addition to the adhesive used on the wallcovering in order achieve the optimum finish result.

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## CARE & MAINTENANCE

As with any quality product, proper care and maintenance will extend the useful life of your vinyl wallcovering and help maintain its original beauty and finish.

The following general cleaning instructions will serve as a guide to normal cleaning maintenance:

Vinyl wallcovering should be washed regularly enough to prevent dirt and grime from accumulating, and to maintain the original beauty of the vinyl. Depending on traffic (light, medium, heavy), vinyl should be washed one to three times a year.

Stains should be removed as quickly as possible to eliminate any possible reaction between the staining agent and the wallcovering. Time is especially important for removing materials containing colors or solvents such as ballpoint ink, shampoo, tints and some foodstuffs. If solvents remain on the wallcovering too long, permanent discoloration may develop.

It should be noted that vinyl wallcoverings should not be sprayed with wax or other protective coatings. Such applications would only tend to discolor the material, and, in any case, would offer little protection.

Ordinary dirt and smudges can be removed with mild soap such as Ivory liquid hand dishwashing detergent and warm water. If necessary, a nylon bristle brush can be used to remove dirt from the crevices of deeply textured patterns. Clean from bottom, upward. Using a sponge, rinse thoroughly with clean water, from the top, down. Deeply embossed wallcoverings need extra attention to prevent suds or loosened dirt from lodging in depressed surfaces. Dry wallcovering with a soft, lint-free cloth or towel.

We recommend all cleaners first be tested in an inconspicuous area to insure compatibility with the wallcovering.

Not recommended for cleaning are isopropyl alcohol, powdered abrasive cleaners, or steel wool, as they may mar the surface, causing an unsightly appearance. DO NOT use active solvent type cleaning preparations such as nail polish remover, tar and bug remover, etc., as they will remove print and/or finish from the wallcovering.

Some wallcovering products including a high luster metallic finish should ONLY be cleaned with a mild cleansing agent such as soap, detergent and water. The use of more aggressive cleansing agents such as acidic or alkaline cleaners commonly used in institutional settings may cause damage to the decorative finish.

Refer to cleaning guide for additional information on cleaning and disinfecting.

## Disclaimer / Limited Warranty

SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS HEREIN, THE WALLCOVERING IS GUARANTEED TO BE FREE OF DEFECTS IN WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIAL FOR FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF SHIPMENT OF THE PRODUCT. THE MANUFACTURER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR CLAIMS IF THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED, NOR IS THE MANUFACTURER RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR LABOR AND ASSOCIATED COSTS, OVER AND ABOVE THE COST FOR REPLACEMENT MATERIAL

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