

## Installation Guide

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### **HANGING INSTRUCTIONS FOR VERSA PVC FREE WALL PROTECTION**

#### **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.

PVC-Free wall protection materials must be installed only under permanent lighting conditions. The wall protection material and the area to receive the vinyl wallcovering must be maintained between 65°-80°F and relative humidity at 50% or less for at least six days prior to and after installation.

#### **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 received should be primed to promote adhesion.
- 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.
  - b. Cut a shallow "x" in the surface of the wall with a razor blade. Wrap a strip of masking tape around your finger (sticky side out), and press it to the "x." Pull the tape away while observing if any 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 the wall protection material 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 the 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.



## 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 the 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. A double cutting tool specifically designed to prevent cutting into the wall when cutting the seams is commonly available and is recommended. Due to the heavy duty construction of the product it is highly recommended that the razor blade be changed frequently in order to ensure clean cuts. Geometric and matched designs may require table trimming for match perfection. A seam roller tool is recommended for optimal finish of seams.
- 4) Undiluted heavy-duty strippable commercial grade wallcovering adhesive should be applied to the back of the wall protection product with a paint roller or pasting machine. Do not dilute paste. Allow the pasted material to book for a minimum of 15 minutes. In some instances, a layer of the adhesive may need to be applied via a roller to the wall and allowed to dry to the touch prior to applying the pasted and booked material to the wall. This drying step should take approximately one hour in most climate controlled installation environments. This step will provide additional “initial tack” that may be necessary to successfully install the pasted and booked material. Care should be taken to ensure that the dry pre-pasted wall is free of any debris or lumps of paste prior to applying the wall protection product. This may require a light sanding of the pre-pasted wall surface.
- 5) Inside and outside corners can be made the same as with traditional commercial wallcovering. Gentle heat applied via a hairdryer or heat gun may help with achieving good corners. Allow for a minimum of six inches on either side of the corner for proper physical and aesthetic performance of the product. Working with a less than full sheet of material on corners may facilitate ease of installation.
- 6) Care should be taken when handling the material to avoid the creation of creases in the material.
- 7) When “railroading” (installing the rolled material parallel with the floor) begin in the middle of the section and work your way out to the ends.
- 8) Install each sheet using a stiff, short bristle brush or flexible plastic broad-knife. Apply material in sequence above doors and above and below windows as it comes from the roll. - **DO NOT SKIP.**
- 9) 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 the seams, as it may seep into the seams and dilute the adhesive. As dried adhesive is difficult, and sometimes impossible to remove, immediate removal is imperative. Clean all seams to avoid paste staining.

#### **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 of the material.**

THE MANUFACTURER specifically advises all parties that mold will grow in conducive conditions where moisture and/or water is present. THE MANUFACTURER cannot control such conducive conditions and is not responsible or liable for any claims, damages or the like in any way related to or arising in connection with the occurrence or presence of mold. THE MANUFACTURER also shall not be liable for any damages arising from the misuse of the product, improper handling or storage, improper or defective building conditions, or alteration of the product by others.

The Customer understands and agrees that certain conditions within a building may cause the growth of various types of mold, organisms or other hazardous pollutants or contaminants. These conditions may be caused by a combination of moisture, warm air and an organic medium. These conditions may be created by a number of circumstances including, but not limited to, leaking roofs, walls, floors, windows, water or soil lines breaking, inadequate and poorly balanced heating and ventilation equipment, the improper use of vapor control media on exterior walls, storms, floods, vandalism, etc. Moist or wet areas may be undiscoverable without removal of ceiling, wall and floor coverings and a thorough investigation of the specific areas. These coverings include paneling, drywall or plaster materials, floor coverings, underlayment and sub-flooring, sheathing, exterior siding and possibly roofing materials and decking.

THE MANUFACTURER assumes no responsibility or liability for any reason, now or in the future, for any mold or other organisms that may grow in the covered or other areas of the building, and Customer will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless THE MANUFACTURER for any potential or realized property damage or health or safety issues because of airborne pollutants or any other type of hazardous materials or organisms found in the covered or other areas of the building.

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## Cleaning Guide

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### **CARE & MAINTENANCE FOR PVC FREE WALLCOVERINGS**

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

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

The wallcovering should be washed regularly enough to prevent dirt and grime from accumulating, and to maintain the original beauty. Depending on traffic (light, medium, heavy), the wallcovering surface should be washed from once to two or 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 soilants remain on the wallcovering too long, permanent discoloration may develop. It should be noted that 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 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.

Wallcovering products which include 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. In any case where a cleaning agent is applied the surface should be rinsed with clean water to complete the cleaning process in order to ensure there are no residual chemicals left on the surface.

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.

**With proper care and attention, Versa Designed Surfaces wallcoverings will remain beautiful and serviceable for years.**