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## **Hanging instructions fabric-backed (scrim) vinyl contract wallcoverings**

### **Patterns:**

**Diva, Ion, Mali, Ridge, Strata and Titan**

### **Preparations**

Before applying fabric-backed contract vinyl wallcoverings, the underlying surface has to be smooth, solid and dry and should have a uniform, white colour. Remove all old wallpaper, paint or whitewash and especially any traces of ink and other surface contaminations such as grease, dirt, polish and pen marks with a detergent solution. Then rinse it with clean water and allow it to fully dry. Sand finished plaster must be smoothed. On new walls, the dry wall joints must be taped, bedded and sanded. To achieve optimum smoothness of installation, all surface imperfections, such as gouges, nicks or nail heads, should be sanded and sealed. In order to have a good adhesion, we recommend that all walls that are porous and absorbing should be primed with suitable diluted adhesive. Verify that wall moisture content does not exceed 4% (using a suitable moisture meter) and that active moisture or water vapour infiltration is not present. Before installation, verify that walls are free from mold and mildew. If mold or mildew is present, or if walls show visible moisture damage or if moisture content exceeds recommendations, do not proceed with installation until the condition has been fully corrected under the direction of a qualified expert.

### **Straight Hanging ↑↑**

When there is a design repeat, reverse hanging is not possible. Before cutting check whether the design is continuous and correct. As a start calculate repeat of the design and cut several pieces to length + 5 cm. This is to allow for trimming at ceiling and skirting levels. Mark the pieces with a number in cutting sequence, using a graphite pencil.

### **Reverse Hanging ↑↓**

If reverse hanging is recommended cut several pieces to length +5 cm. This is to allow for trimming at ceiling and skirting levels. Mark the pieces with a number in cutting sequence, using a graphite pencil.

## **Installing fabric-backed contract vinyl wallcoverings**

Before hanging, ensure that you have received the right pattern, colour and number of rolls from the same batch. **Start with the highest roll number! Check if the installation has to be done in reverse or not on the outside sticker on the roll.** Use a perpendicular to mark a straight line with a graphite pencil, so the first drop can be hung straight. Paste the wall for the first piece of material and apply plenty of adhesive, using a lambs wool roller or a block-brush. Start hanging and put the first drop about 2 cm through the first corner. Cut the inside corner with a sharp knife and spatula and remove excess wallcovering, before applying the next drop. Use a plastic spatula and smooth out the piece in a vertical direction. Overlap the next drop by 3 cm, using the plastic spatula always along the length of the material. After cutting through both layers of wallcovering, remove the outer and inner edges and re-paste the wall under the joint. Use the special cutting tool to start cutting in the middle of the overlap and draw it downwards, always holding the overlapping strip in tension. Then close the joints and seal smoothly with the spatula. Remove the strip at ceiling and plinth with a spatula and a sharp knife. Keep the knife in the groove and move the spatula in cutting direction.

**Attention:** Do not cut into the underground, otherwise it is possible that the joints will stand open! While applying the wallpaper, immediately remove excess adhesives with clear warm water, using only a moistured natural sponge. Dry it with a clean cotton towel. When excess paste stays too long on the face of the vinyl it could cause a permanent damage.

Check the material after hanging three (3) lengths.

If there is any question of appearance, please stop and contact your dealer - always keep and verify the roll labels and batch numbers, as without them complaints cannot be accepted – Prime Walls does not accept any claim in excess of the first three lengths applied - labour costs will not be reimbursed by Prime Walls.

## **Maintenance**

Fabric-backed contract vinyl wallcoverings are completely washable. Soiling can be removed using a warm detergent and a damp cloth. Use only a natural sponge with;

- Clear warm water.
- Mild soapy warm water, then rinse.
- Isopropyl Alcohol (a.k.a. rubbing alcohol).

Always wash from the bottom upwards. Top-down cleaning can cause runs on a dry surface, which will stain. Rinse off with clean water and natural sponge from top to bottom, ensure the surface is dry. Use a cotton cloth or paper towel to tamp. Do not rub. When necessary to clean a deep embossed vinyl, you can use a fine bristle. Do not use manmade (polyester) sponges. Do not use solvent based cleaning agents, lacquer thinners, nail polish remover, pine oil or cleaning agents containing bleach, they may cause discoloration over a period of time. In doubt, please check the impact of your specific cleaning agent on a small sample piece of the wallcovering



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