

## Fabric Backed Vinyl Wallcoverings

### **STOP! PLEASE READ BEFORE USING**

**If you have any questions about the proper installation of this product, please call your Distributor before proceeding.**

**Preparation of Goods** - Examine goods to assure that pattern, color, quantity, and quality is as ordered. Separate goods by shade lot number and organize in roll number sequence, starting with the highest number.

**Preparation of Surface** - Surfaces to be covered must be clean, smooth, dry and structurally sound. Loose paint or other wallcovering must be removed. In order to ensure maximum smoothness of installation, nail heads, nicks, gouges, and other surface imperfections should be taped, bedded and sanded smooth.

Mold and mildew require moisture in order to grow. Therefore, it is important to check walls with a suitable moisture meter. Moisture content should not exceed 4%. Excessive moisture in the wall needs to be corrected prior to installation of the wallcovering. Remove any mildew from wall and treat surfaces to inhibit further mildew growth.

Vinyl Wallcovering can be installed over almost any surface which has been properly prepared. Do not hang vinyl over ballpoint pen writing, wax crayon, ink marker, oil-based stains or any foreign matter that may bleed through the vinyl. It is suggested that a lead pencil be used to mark vinyl or wall, as pencil marks do not bleed.

Glossy surfaces should either be sanded to dull the surface or an

application of an adhesion promoting primer should be made.

On new drywall, if future strippability is desired and no primer is specified, use a quality strippable wallcovering adhesive. If a primer is specified, use a quality pigmented acrylic primer designed for use with wallcovering along with a quality wallcovering adhesive. Some drywall joint compounds contrast with the drywall paper surface, showing strong light and dark colored areas that may allow show-through on lighter colored wallcoverings. The use of a pigmented primer will give the wall a uniform color and prevent this.

#### **Application of Wallcovering** -

Before beginning hanging, examine pattern for color uniformity and any repeat in the design. Each drop of the wallcovering should be hung by overlapping the pattern match with the previous drop and double-cutting on the wall. Be careful not to "score" the drywall when double-cutting.

All material must be installed in roll sequence (numerical) within a shade lot, starting with the highest number first and going in decreasing order, with each strip in sequence as cut from the roll. Only full widths of material should be used for the most satisfactory installation. Piecing or hanging headers with strips cut out of sequence can cause unsatisfactory shading.

Apply an even coat of adhesive to the fabric side of the material using a stiff bristle brush, a roller, or a pasting machine in accordance with manufacturer's label recommendations. The wallcovering should be applied to the wall as soon as it has become tacky. Smooth surface, working out air bubbles as you go using a stiff bristle smoothing brush or a plastic smoothing tool. As each strip is installed, immediately remove excess adhesive from the wallcovering surface using a natural sponge and a soft bristle brush frequently rinsed in clean warm water. Dry with clean toweling. A professional vinyl cleaner /wallpaper remover should be used where adhesive has dried.

Vertical joints should not occur less than 6" from outside and inside corners.

Do not install wallcoverings unless a temperature above 55° F is maintained in both areas of installation and storage. Permanent building lights should be available for installation.

If after applying three (3) strips, there is some question of appearance, stop and contact your distributor.

**We are not responsible for the appearance and performance of wallcovering not applied according to these instructions.**