



WALLCOVERING FABRICS - INSTALLATION

Overview:

All SYMMETRY RESOURCES woven wallcovering products are designed and manufactured to meet or exceed Association of Contract Textiles (ACT) quality and performance standards as published on the ACT website www.contracttextiles.org at the time of introduction.

SYMMETRY RESOURCES guarantees that its products will perform in accordance with accepted industry standards when installed correctly, used under normal conditions, and properly maintained.

All SYMMETRY RESOURCES woven wallcovering products undergo test hangs by professional installers prior to market introduction ensuring the highest quality standards.



SYMMETRY RESOURCES woven wallcovering products are intended for use in buildings designed and maintained to avoid moisture on or within walls.

Installation by a professional is recommended. The information below is a guide to help in the installation of SYMMETRY RESOURCES wallcovering. SYMMETRY RESOURCES can neither guarantee, nor take responsibility for specific results.

Acclimation:

Wallcovering and adhesives must be stored in a dry, clean environment and allowed to acclimate for a period of 48 hours at approximately 70°F prior to installation and installed at a similar temperature (but not to exceed 100°F).

Wall Preparation:

Walls must be structurally sound; dry; smooth; firm; undamaged; free of mold and grease; uniform in color; and normally absorbent. Before installation, verify that wall moisture content does not exceed 4% using a suitable moisture meter and that active moisture or water vapor infiltration is not present. If mold or mildew is present, if walls show visible moisture damage or moisture content exceeds recommendations, do not process with installation until the condition has been fully corrected under the direction of a qualified expert. Moisture in and behind the wall must be eliminated. The use of a mold inhibitor in the adhesive is highly recommended. Remove old wallcovering, layers of loose paint, pen writing, crayon marks and any foreign matter that may be on the wall. To ensure maximum smoothness of installation and to avoid the telegraphing of imperfections, nail heads, nicks, gouges, and other surface blemishes must be sanded, smoothed and sealed. Water-soluble paint must be washed down, while oil-based paint must be sanded and cleaned with ammonia. Walls must be primed using an appropriate opaque acrylic primer for wallcovering. New plaster walls and drywall should be primed with a suitable acrylic primer for wallcovering.

Cutting:

Inspect wallcovering carefully prior to cutting and examine material for any damage or defects, as cut material cannot be returned. Be certain pattern and color are as ordered. Should you have any questions, contact your SYMMETRY RESOURCES sales representative. Verify if wall height is consistent. Add 1 inch extra for length on top and bottom. All wallcovering should be trimmed 2-3 inches from each selvage on a table using a straight edge and a sharp #0.12 single edge razor blade. For best results, change the blade after each use and cut on the face of the textile over a zinc strip to minimize fraying.

Never use wallcovering from different production runs on the same wall.



Only full widths of material should be used for the most satisfactory installation.

Adhesive Application:

Store and apply adhesive at room temperature (70°F). Use a heavy-duty clear, pre-mixed, wallcovering adhesive. Do not dilute.

Apply an even coat of adhesive to the wall substrate (never to the wallcovering) using a 3/4 inch nap roller and "cutting-in" the perimeter and corners with a paint brush to provide a uniform application of the adhesive. Do not over-saturate and care should be taken not to get adhesive on the face on the material.

Allow the adhesive to tack before installation of the wallcovering. The proper tack of the adhesive will create a better initial bond. The adhesive should not be dry to the touch, but should transfer slightly when checking the tack. The amount of time to tack will vary with temperature and humidity, but should be approximately 10 minutes.



Wall Application:

Wallcovering strips should be hung in consecutive order after cutting to avoid in-filling. Install material from top to bottom between two plumb lines for absolute vertical alignment with minimal trim. Start at the top left corner with the first panel.

Using a wallcovering brush or smooth trowel, press gently to remove any bubbles or wrinkles. Smoothing should be done from top of panel down.



Trim top and bottom of panel with a very sharp razor and straight edge.

When applying the second panel to the wall, begin by butting the adjoining edge as tightly as possible to the preceding edge, being careful not to overlap or leave gaps along the seam.

Apply wallcovering at least 6 inches around outside corners. Do not stretch fabric.

Do not overwork seams. Subtle seaming is inherent to all woven wallcovering and can be minimized by experienced installers. If seams are prominent, they should be worked into the architectural treatment.

Shading tends to be optical and should be checked carefully after three panels have been installed. If shading is persistent after three panels have been installed, attempt to hang every other panel in reverse direction.

If defects in the material are noticeable after hanging three lengths, you must notify your SYMMETRY RESOURCES sales representative immediately. SYMMETRY RESOURCES cannot accept any claims on labor or material after more than three lengths have been cut and installed.

Note: Some commercial grade woven wall coverings are heavy and require push pins to hold in place while the adhesive bond sets up. Push pins will not harm the wallcovering.

Installation Adhesives:

Roman 838

Roman 880 HD Clear

Or an equivalent alternative that is suitable for commercial wallcoverings, the substrate wallcovering will be adhered to, and the environment where wallcovering will be installed.

These instructions are available on our website. Please visit www.symmetryresources.com.