

**ATTENTION:** MDC ART METALS MUST BE ACCLIMATIZED FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE INSTALLATION.

**DISCLAIMER:** PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION

The guidelines provided herein have been established in good faith to help prevent installation problems caused by common errors. The manufacturer and/or distributor of the product bears no responsibility for installation actions taken or not taken.

There are many nuances of installation that are assumed to be general construction knowledge to an experienced installer; such nuances are not included in these instructions. Rather, these installation guidelines are strictly recommendations and are not intended to serve as a step-by-step, foolproof installation checklist. Selection of an experienced installer is the sole responsibility of the project owner and architect.

### **INSPECTION**

Please inspect MDC Art Metals for any imperfections prior to installation; once installed, panels may be very difficult to remove.

**STORAGE** Panels should be stored inside in a cool, well-ventilated, dry area on the original shipping pallet. Do not place panels on a concrete floor or any other surface that emits moisture. Panels should be laid flat, not on edge. Panels should be acclimatized in the area they will be installed for a minimum of 24-48 hours.

### **TOOLS REQUIRED**

To cut MDC Art Metals most effectively, sharp multi-fluted carbide cutters are recommended. Always cut with the decorative side up. For installation with adhesive, it is recommended to utilize the trowel with the notch pattern suggested by the adhesive manufacturer, since the trowel used to apply the adhesive can have a great effect on the success or failure of the installation.

### **MATERIALS REQUIRED**

- MDC Art Metals
- Optional Trim
- Soap, Water, & Damp Cloth for Panel Clean-Up
- Mineral Spirits to Remove Excess Adhesive or Silicone Sealant

### **ADHESIVE**

For applications requiring adhesive, suggestions include (Titebond fast grab FRP) adhesive or (Titebond® Advanced Polymer) Panel Adhesive (applied with a notched trowel). Titebond® Panel Adhesive should be applied in a crosshatch pattern to the wall, enabling even distribution of substrate. Spray-on FRP adhesive (Spraylock brand) can also be used, following the manufacturer's directions for use.

**EXPANSION JOINTS**

As temperature and humidity levels fluctuate, Aluminum will expand and contract. Therefore, adequate space must be allowed around panel edges, holes drilled in panels, and around fixtures attached to the panel/wall. Refer to the expansion joint chart below for spacing at ceiling, floor and between panels.

**EXPANSION JOINT CHART**

PANEL SIZE	4 X 8
Gap at ceiling	1/8"
Gap at floor	1/8"
Gap between panels and wall fixtures	1/16"

**INSTALLATION**

**Note:** For best results, MDC Art Metals should be used in conditions which result in temperatures that are less than or exceed the allowable temperature ranges. Do not use in areas exposed to temperatures exceeding 200°F for extended periods of time, or to intense or continuous direct sunlight.

**CAUTION** MDC Art Metals will conduct electricity. To avoid electrical shock or damage please make sure all electrical tools and devices used are properly grounded.

**STEP 1 - PLANNING AND CUTTING**

- Fit each panel in advance before adhering in place.
- Perform all cutting and drilling prior to adhesive application.
- Verify that substrate surface has no bumps or uneven areas.

**STEP 2 - INSTALLING ON WALL**

- If using Titebond® Advanced Polymer Panel Adhesive, or Fast Grab FRP Adhesive, apply adhesive to wall using adhesive manufacturer’s recommended notched trowel to ensure good adhesion.
- Set first panel true to plumb line.
- Firmly roll over the panel using a laminate roller, starting at the top corner rolling down and away toward the opposite edge, eliminating air pockets.
- Repeat the process, working in one direction around the room.

**STEP 3 - COMPLETING PANEL INSTALLATION**

- Remove any residue left by adhesive as recommended by manufacturer.
- Clean panels thoroughly prior to leaving jobsite.