

Natural Cork Installation Instructions

Inspection:		Final inspection should be made to confirm the material is as ordered and is free of any noticeable defects in craftsmanship. Application of material is interpreted as acceptance of material and conditions of installation. Cork is a natural material; small differences between sample and actual delivered material cannot be avoided. No claims, including labor, will be accepted beyond the installation of 3 strips. Application of material is interpreted as
		acceptance of material and conditions of installation. Small differences in shading between different run lots or subtle differences between sample and actual delivered material cannot be avoided. Should you have any questions, contact your MDC representative or customer service (800)621–4006 before proceeding.
Surface Preparation:		Ensure surfaces are dry, firm, and uniformly colored. Do not hang over glossy or nonporous areas. Painted walls should be wiped down with Tri Sodium Phosphate to remove grease or soil. Glossy paint should be dulled by sandpaper. Never hang over new plaster or unprimed wall areas. For wallboard or drywall, fill all cracks and prepare the surface and prime with an acrylic basecoat.
Application:	1.	Store material and adhesive at normal room temperature and humidity for 24 hours prior to installation. Temperature and humidity in the installation area must be normal and consistent for a minimum of 48 hours prior to the installation of cork.
	2.	Apply the recommended cork adhesive (L910) to the surface according to the manufacturer's instructions using an appropriately sized 1/8" notched trowel. Make sure the adhesive is spread out evenly over the whole surface to insure good adhesion to the wall. Do not dilute the adhesive. Never allow the adhesive to get on the front of the material. Either face of the goods may be adhered to the surface, as there is no difference between the faces.
	3.	Install precut sheets from top of the wall down. It may be necessary to support the weight of each sheet with headless brads as a temporary measure (until the adhesive sets). Thoroughly roll the cork with a rubber roller to eliminate and air bubbles and to assure effective bonding.
	4.	When bulletin board cork is used as an underlayment beneath a wallcovering, the face of the cork should be sized after the cork has been securely adhered and the cork adhesive has cured. Use a



¹/₂" nap roller to apply a coating of wallcovering adhesive to the face of the cork prior to the installation of the wallcovering. Any seams that open as a result of the sizing should be filled with a non---shrinking compound.

5. STOP AFTER APPLYING 3 STRIPS. If there are any variations in color and/or color match, this should be immediately communicated to MDC for inspection before proceeding further with installation. Natural cork wallcoverings will tend to lightly panel on occasion.

MDC assumes no responsibility for the installation of material beyond three panels. Under no circumstances will MDC be responsible for labor. This is an industry standard.

For additional information or technical support contact MDC Customer Service at 800-621-4006