

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

CORKSRIBAS Decork – Cork Wall Tiles are intended for indoor use only.

Please, read the following instruction before installation.

Transport, Storage and Acclimatization:

- Transport and store the cartons horizontally;
- Packed tiles should be acclimatized at the job site in a dry, well-ventilated area for a minimum of 48 hours so that flooring may acclimate;
- Remove tiles from packages just before starting the installation;
- During storage and installation, maintain temperature and relative humidity to a level consistent with the conditions which will prevail when the building is occupied. In most cases, this means maintaining a temperature range from 18°C to 28°C (65°F to 82°F) and relative humidity range from 35% to 65%. In order to reach this climate, use heating or air conditioning in the appropriate duration of time before starting the installation;

Inspection:

- Prior to installation, please inspect the tiles in daylight for any visible faults or damage, and also check if the substrate and site conditions are in accordance with the specifications described within these instructions.

Substrates:

- Substrate must be level, permanently dry, firm and free of cracks, dirt and adhesion-inhibiting substances;
- Old chalk, adhesive and oil paint residues must be roughened with a steel brush in order to obtain an absorptive substrate;
- Oil residues must be removed completely;
- The surface of any type of suitable wood or cork substrate must be structurally sound and solid, securely fixed, clean and free of all oil, grease, wax, dirt, varnish, shellac, or any contaminant which might act as a bond breaker;
- Any unevenness must be levelled with an appropriate levelling compound;
- Gypsum plaster and gypsum carton tiles as well as other very absorptive substrates must be primed (WAKOL D 3074, diluted 1:2 with water);
- Observe the information about dilution and drying time of the primers.

Tools Required:

- Rubber hammer;
- Hand press or roller;
- A tape measure;
- Craft knife;
- Pencil;
- Straight edge;
- Chalk line;
- Mohair long hair roller;
- Cloth.

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Measurements:

- Find the centre of the wall using a chalk line, draw two symmetrical axes and use these as a starting point;
- Check if the intersection of the two lines forms a 90° angle;
- Make sure that the widths of the tiles that will be near corners are equal and bigger than 5cm (2"). If necessary repeat the previous step by drawing new parallel line to the first ones.
- Mark out the position of the first panel by finding the best location against these two axes, starting from the point of intersection;

Adhesive Recommendation:

- Install CORKSRIBAS D3540 adhesive. For the correct use follow the instructions of application of the products on the packaging labels, very carefully, as well as the information from technical data sheets.
- Contact adhesive should be applied to the substrate and also the tiles.

2. LAYING INSTRUCTIONS

- Stir the adhesive well, before using;
- Apply the adhesive D3540 with a mohair short hair roller to the backing of the cork tiles and on the wall. Wait until the adhesive dries (about 45-60 minutes). After the adhesive is dry and you will see the line again;
- Avoid pooling of adhesive. Coverage should be 150g/m² on the tile and 150g/m² on the wall;
- Drying Time D3540: Let the adhesive dry completely (after it has dried the adhesive becomes transparent). Drying time is about 45-60 minutes, depending on the temperature and the relative humidity on site.
- Open Time D3540:

Tiles: Pre-coated tiles may be stacked after drying and stored, protected from light, up to one (1) day.

Subfloor: Has an open assembly time of about 2-3 hours from the time on when the adhesive coat becomes transparent. If you are working with pre-coated tiles, the time will be reduced to 1 hour.

- Install Decork tiles over the wall covered with adhesive;
- Decork should be installed as "Brick-Bond" layout;
- Start the first row with full tile, the second row with half tile. For better visual effect, start installing from the middle;
- Align one corner of the tile against the two axes and then carefully place down the rest of the tile;
- Carefully align the next tile to the first and continue to stick the tiles to the wall;
- Do not apply too much pressure when placing the tiles in order to be able to remove them if necessary, because after the tile sticks, it is very difficult to remove;
- When the tile is in place, press with your hand to ensure that all parts are in contact with the wall adhesive. After use a rubber hammer to make sure all parts of the tile are well secured to the wall;
- Continue the third and subsequent rows in the same manner, each alternating with the one before;
- To insure proper bond, when whole area has been installed, press with rubber hammer. Press several times.
- To cut the tiles to the required size, proceed as shown in Picture
- Please be informed that D3540 needs more pressure on the wall than on the floor to get both adhesive films melted together to have a long lasting good bonding.

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