

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

# **WALLCOVERINGS:** ALCHEMY HELIO 3.0, BERLIN, CABALLO, GOA, GROOVE, ILLUMINA, MACAU, MANDALAY, RIDGE, SAIGON, THAI SILK

# **Important Notice About Materials**

- Do not attempt to cut or install this material until you have read the instructions below in full.
- All rolls must have the same production dye lot number. Hang in sequence as cut from roll.
- Avoid folding or creasing that may create markings on this product.
- In certain designs, seams may be obvious upon installation. This variation is the natural characteristic of these wallcoverings and it is not considered a defect. Please consult with your designer or Instyle is you have any questions regarding seams and the paneling effect of certain products.

#### **Prior to Installation**

- Examine each roll to be sure the product is what was ordered. Each roll should be rolled out so colour and shading can be examined to your satisfaction.
- If working around switch plates, please turn off electricity.

## **Wall Preparation**

- 1. Strip wall of any existing wallcoverings, and remove any loose or flaking paint. Fill any cracks with packing compound and sand any bumps for smooth finish to prevent imperfections from telegraphing through material.
- 2. Clean wall and remove any dirt, grease, or soap. Materials will not adhere if not properly cleaned.
- 3. Monitor wall moisture levels. A wall that is not properly prepared or that has too much moisture content may not be conducive to proper adhesion.
- 4. Always apply a single coat of pigmented sealer on new and unpainted walls, followed by an acrylic or latex primer / sizer that is made specifically for wallcoverings.

#### **Important Notes for Application**

- We recommend a mould inhibiting, pre-mixed, heavy-duty clay based adhesive be used. Do not dilute the adhesive.
- Apply paste with roller to ensure even application taking care not to get adhesive on surface. Do not use a pasting machine and avoid excessive soaking of material.
- Booking varies with backing and climate. Take into consideration the humidity and temperature of your workspace when hanging all materials. Booking times generally vary between 8-15 minutes depending on the material and installation climate.
- Paste and hang one strip at a time.
- Carefully inspect the installation after applying three strips before proceeding. If, at any time during the installation, a
  discrepancy occurs, stop. Contact the designer or Instyle before proceeding.

# **Hanging and Trimming of Materials**

- Materials are untrimmed. Please see Product Specific Information section for more details on trimming and hanging recommendations.
- All seams should be taped using only low adhesive tape (safe release tape), such as 3M Blue tape. This is to keep the seam surface clean when overlapping and/or butting materials.
- As each strip is installed, remove excess adhesive from the surface. Always use a clean sponge and clean water to wipe seams.
- To remove air pockets, sweep face of goods using a standard vinyl sweep (25mm bristles).
- Do not score wall when overlapping and double cutting, as this will result in seam separation.
- Most materials can be wrapped around a corner. Materials will soften once adhesive is applied to back of paper. When
  installing around corners, material must wrap by 15cm



## **Product Specific Information**

- BERLIN, GOA, GROOVE, HELIO 3.0, MACAU, MANDALAY, RIDGE, SAIGON, THAI SILK should be reverse hung, overlapped and double cut.
- HELIO 3.0 has a non-woven polyester backing. Apply adhesive generously, as this backing will absorb more than other products. Do not water down adhesive.
- Brush or roll adhesive on these products and work thoroughly. Book material for 10 minutes prior to hanging
- When wrapping around a corner, do not pull or stretch wallcovering. Always lift material and reapply to prevent opening of seams when product dries and returns to original size. A heat gun may be used to soften the product when wrapping around a corner
- CABALLO can be both table trimmed or double cut and overlapped. It may be easier with certain colours to table trim and butt seams to match pattern. Because of the pattern, this product can be both reversed and straight hung.
- ILLUMINA has deep crevasses which can trap dried paste. Be sure to wipe off excess glue.
- While it recommended ILLUMINA is straight hung due to its reflectivity, in order to prevent a panelling appearance, reverse hanging may be used.



# CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

**VINYL WALLCOVERINGS:** BERLIN, GOA, GROOVE, HELIO 3.0, ILLUMINA, MACAU, MANDALAY, RIDGE, SAIGON, THAI SILK

### Cleaning

• General maintenance can be achieved with periodic dusting or vacuuming of wallcovering. We recommend when vacuuming that you only use a soft brush attachment to avoid damaging the material.

#### **Marks and Stains**

- When cleaning marks and stains, we recommend you test on a sample or inconspicuous portion of the wallcovering before
  proceeding to be sure that there will not be an adverse effect on colour or gloss.
- Remove ordinary dirt and smudges with a mild soap and warm water solution. Avoid all solvent based cleaners.
- Only use soft or natural sponges, an abrasive sponge can damage wallcovering.
- Avoid soaking wallcovering as this may damage material. It is recommended you ring out your sponge prior to cleaning.
- More care should be taken in cleaning dark colours due to the possibility of causing 'light marks'.
- Always use a blotting action rather than a rubbing or scrubbing motion to avoid abrasion.
- Very lightly rinse material with clean water and sponge after cleaning.
- Dry immediately with soft, lint-free cloth or towel.

## Stubborn Marks and Stains (ink, tar, gum, blood, crayon, glue, etc)

All stains should be attempted to be removed as above with soap and water first. Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) may set some stains that soap and water may remove. If stain or mark persists we recommend you spray with a solution of isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol). Then wipe away in a circular motion using soap and water with a sponge

For glue stains during installation, Coca-Cola or Sprite are the recommended cleaning solution. Black coffee can also remove dried glue stains.