

**Preparation of Goods:** Examine goods to assure that pattern, color, quantity, and quality is as ordered. Separate goods by shade lot number and organize in roll number sequence, starting with the highest.

**Preparation of Substrate:** Walltalkers® can be installed over almost any properly prepared impervious surface, such as high-pressure laminates and steel. **Walltalkers adhesive-backed material is not recommended for use over drywall or similar surfaces; for installations such as these, use a walltalkers non-woven or scrim backed product. Surfaces to be covered must be clean, smooth, dry, uniform in color, and structurally sound.** Loose paint or other wallcovering must be removed. Nicks, gouges, and other surface imperfections should be filled, sanded smooth, and sealed.

**Do not hang over ballpoint pen ink, wax crayon, ink marker, oil-based stains, or any foreign matter that may bleed through.** It is suggested that pencil be used to mark vinyl or wall, as pencil marks do not bleed.

Remove any substrate mildew with a chlorine bleach solution, rinse, and allow to dry before installing. Wash greasy surfaces with an ammonia solution, rinse, and allow to dry before installing.

Some fillers contrast with the color of the substrate, showing strong light and dark colored areas. Walltalkers wallcovering may allow show-through due to the limited amount of opacity. Should this situation occur, it is recommended to use a high quality acrylic primer over the patched area, tint primer to match the substrate color.

For installation over steel, an application of a rust inhibitive primer to the substrate should be used. The rust inhibitive primer will lessen the likelihood of degradation to the metal surface. For applications over electro-galvanized, paint-lock, or galvanealed steel no primer is required.

**Application of Wallcovering:** When installing vertically use a plumb line. When installing horizontally use a level line. Horizontal installation is recommended. Although seams can be written over, it is suggested to keep them out of the primary writing and viewing areas, (30-85 inches from the floor for 60" material and 30-76 inches for 48"-50" material). Be sure to reverse every other strip regardless of vertical or horizontal installation method.

Cut strips a few inches longer than required to allow for trimming at sidewall, ceilings, and baseboards.

To remove air pockets, water pockets, and double cut waste, pre-wet the substrate with a soapy solution, consisting of 1/2 cupful of mild detergent (such as dishwashing liquid), to 2 gal. clean water. Use a natural sponge or a lint free towel to dampen the substrate. If seams are necessary, apply a more liberal amount of the soapy solution to that area.

For larger runs, two installers are recommended. Pull at least one foot of the backing away from the material prior to making contact with the substrate. One installer aligns the material to the plumb or level line and then use a flex wallcovering smoother (wrapped with a soft clean cloth) to remove air and water pockets. Use a downward and outward motion, assuring complete adhesion to the wall. The other installer will pull backing away from the vinyl slowly and evenly as the top installer works closer. NOTE: At seams, leave the solution under the material to allow for double cutting. Also, dampen the surface edge of the installed sheet approximately 2-4 inches in from the seam with the solution. This will allow the waste material from the double cut to be removed. Using a straight edge, double cut the seam. Remove the off-cut pieces, then remove all the excess solution.

Lightly roll or press the seams down. Trim material at the ceiling, baseboard, windows, and doors with a single edged razor blade (change razor blades often).

- 1) **Vertical joints should not occur less than 6" from the outside and inside corners.**
- 2) **Do not stretch the material to butt seams—slide the entire strip for proper fitting. Do not use metal or sharp objects on the surface when installing materials.**
- 3) **Be careful not to crease or bend material when handling.**
- 4) **Do not puncture air bubbles under the surface.**
- 5) **If the strip goes up unevenly, peel it off and reinstall.**
- 6) **Professional installation is recommended.**

**Extreme care should be exercised when trimming wallcovering around electrical outlets.** Cut clear around all electrical openings so adequate clearance is allowed between material and electrical wiring and boxes. Turn off electricity when working around electrical outlets.

**Clean up:** Rinse thoroughly with clean water and dry with clean toweling. Do not use abrasive cleaners.

**Important:** If you have any questions about the material, stop working and notify your supplier. We are not responsible for the appearance and performance of wallcovering not applied according to these instructions. If, after applying three strips, there is some question of appearance, contact your supplier.

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## Chalkboard Adhesive-Backed Installation Instructions

**Preparation of Goods:** Examine goods to assure that pattern, color, quantity, and quality is as ordered.

**Preparation of Chalkboard:** Walltalkers® can be installed over any properly prepared chalkboard surface. **Surfaces to be covered must be clean, smooth, dry, uniform in color, and structurally sound.**

If possible, remove the frame from the mounting clips. Removing the frame will allow for rough trimming of the wallcovering material under the frame area, thus eliminating any possible trimming flaws. Be careful when removing the frame, as the board might be loose. Wallcovering trimming techniques may be used if the frame cannot be removed.

**Do not hang over ballpoint pen ink, wax crayon, ink marker, oil-based stains, or any foreign matter that may bleed through. Surface imperfections (cracks, joints, or chips) should be filled with spackling compound or polyester body filler.** Some patching may contrast with the chalkboard surface, showing strong light and dark colored areas. Walltalkers wallcovering may allow show-through due to the limited amount of opacity. Should this occur, it is recommended to use a water barrier primer over the patched area. Tint the primer to closely match the board color. Sand smooth any surface imperfections such as brush marks, as they may telegraph through the dry erase material. Scrape any tape or glue residue from the board surface.

**Clean the surface, frames, and sills with a detergent cleaner and rinse with clean water.** Remove all particles that may come loose during installation. Small debris will telegraph through the material.

**Application of Wallcovering:** The material should be installed horizontally along the chalkboard surface. Use a run of tape above the board or the top of the frame as the level line.

Cut strips 1"- 2" longer and wider than the board dimensions to allow for finish trimming around the frame and tray.

To remove air and water pockets, pre-wet the chalkboard with a soap water solution, **1/2 capful of a mild detergent (such as dishwashing liquid), to 2 gallons of clean water.** The solution also allows for slip, or movement of the material on the board. Use a pressurized spray bottle, like those found in the garden department of hardware stores, to dampen the board.

For larger runs, two installers are recommended. Pull at least one foot of the backing away from the material prior to sheet contact with the chalkboard. One installer aligns the material to the level line and then **uses a flexible wallcovering smoother (wrapped with a soft clean cloth) to remove air and water pockets.** Use a downward and outward motion, assuring complete adhesion to the wall. The other installer will pull backing away from the vinyl slowly and evenly as the material installer works closer. Apply more solution to the chalkboard if it appears to be drying.

After the material is completely rolled out, both installers should squeegee, with the wrapped flex smoothers, all air and water pockets from the material. The installers should work from the center using upward, downward, and outward motions.

Trim material at the frame and tray with a single edged razor blade (change razor blades often) and a straight edge. Use extreme care when trimming, so as not to cut into the writing area. Squeegee out as much of the remaining solution from the edges as possible.

Next, wrap a dry, soft, and clean cloth around the flexible wallcovering smoother and tamp down the edges. Change toweling often, this will remove any remaining solution from the edges and push them down tight.

Reinstall the frame to the clips if the pieces were removed prior to installation.

- 1) Do not allow any contaminants to contact the adhesive prior to installation. Remove any debris from the adhesive with the spray solution or finger.**
- 2) Do not use metal or sharp objects on the surface, as they may damage the material.**
- 3) Be careful not to crease or bend material when handling.**
- 4) Do not puncture air bubbles under the surface.**
- 5) If the strip goes up unevenly, peel it off and reinstall.**

**Clean up:** Rinse thoroughly with clean water and dry with clean toweling. Do not use abrasive cleaners.

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