

# Wall Tile Installation

It is important for leather to acclimate. Therefore, Wall Tiles should be stored out of their packaging at the job site for a minimum of 3-5 days prior to installation. During storage and installation, maintain temperature and relative humidity to a level that is consistent to the conditions that will prevail when the building is occupied. Heating or air conditioning should be used for an appropriate length of time prior and during installation. With improper acclimation, tiles will expand or contract excessively and seams will be more pronounced.

Leather is a natural product. Just like wood or cork, leather tile will vary in shade or pattern definition. Leather is subject to the normal behavior of expansion during periods of high humidity and contraction during periods of low humidity (usually the heating season). With leather, visible signs of expansion and contraction can be kept to a minimum by stabilizing the building through temperature and humidity control, allowing for proper acclimation of the product prior to installation, and sealing the tiles after installation.

Leather wall tile needs to be coated with a thin layer of adhesive. Apply a thin layer of adhesive to the substrate surface prior to placing the tiles.

1. Substrate must be clean, smooth, and free of moisture. Substrate can be drywall, plywood, particleboard, cured dry concrete. Do not use over wallpaper.
2. To achieve desired results and to ensure a uniform blend of shades, shuffle all tiles from each carton together before installation. Dry fit the first few rows of tile to get an idea of the shade variance.
3. You can paint substrate a dark color closely approximating the color of the leather wall tile being installed. Let paint completely dry. Leather should not be installed until paint is fully cured. Existing painted surfaces must be more than 30 days old. It is always a good idea to spot test for adhesion prior to installation.
4. Apply a thin layer of adhesive to the substrate. If you get adhesive on the face of the leather, wipe off AT ONCE with a clean, damp cloth. Do not allow adhesive to dry on the face of the leather. Let adhesive dry as recommended. Apply tiles to wall. Tiles should be staggered: start on the first row with a full-size tile, the second row with a half-sized tile, and so on. For the best visual effect, measure the center point of the wall and start installing from the middle out.
5. Once the whole area has been installed, roll leather with a wall roller to remove any air bubbles and ensure a proper bond. Roll several times in every direction. Roll again, a minimum of 12 hours after installation.

## Finishing

If installing unfinished leather, after 24 hours, materials can be stained.  
Pre-finished leather tiles can be sealed 48 hours after installation.

**\* Please refer to adhesive manufacturer for any additional instructions.**

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