



MEDITERRA VERTICAL APPLICATION INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

If Capri approved substrates, adhesive and/or finishes are not used when installing Mediterra cork; the Capri warranty is null and void.

Storage: Cork is to be stored in closed boxes in climate controlled warehouse.

Tools needed to install cork tiles vertically are:

Straight edge, utility knife
Short or medium nap (1/4"-3/8") paint roller, handle, paint tray
Soft headed (2" minimum face) rubber mallet
Hand roller

BEFORE INSTALLATION STARTS: Verify product type, size, thickness, color. Check for any visual defects.

Cork is a natural product and shade variations will occur. Tiles MUST be "shuffled" from several boxes during installation. It is the installer's responsibility to blend shades and pull out any extreme variations.

Any suspect defective material must be brought to the attention of your material provider. **NO CLAIMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE MATERIAL HAS BEEN INSTALLED.**

PREPARATION OF THE WALL: The walls should be clean, dry, smooth, and structurally sound.

JOB SITE CONDITIONS AND MATERIAL ACCLIMATION: Installation temperature should be controlled between 65° and 75° F for 72 hours prior to, during and after installation. The cork and adhesive must be placed in the installation area 72 hours before starting installation to properly acclimate. The cork must remain in its cartons until installation. Cork left out of cartons for many hours or overnight may curl and be difficult to install.

Always test for proper adhesion prior to proceeding with the installation.

INSTALLATION: After the substrate has been properly prepared, tiles have acclimated for 72 hours, and proper adhesion has been tested, installation can begin.

It is important to establish reference lines.

Capri recommends vertically install cork tiles be installed in an ashlar or brick-lay pattern.

If unfinished tiles are installed, a finish is necessary after installation as cork left unfinished may get soiled. Only Capri approved finishes should be used.

REQUIRED ADHESIVE:

WAKOL D3540 water-based contact adhesive
Coverage: 180 sf/ gallon (spread rate covers both tile and wall).

1. Stir adhesive well. Apply the adhesive with the paint roller evenly to both the back of the cork tile and the substrate. The entire back of the tile must be covered. Avoid adhesive pools.

2. The amount of adhesive used should form a film of adhesive which is evenly glossy when dried. If the tile did not get covered completely or you are unsure about coverage, a second coat should be applied after the first coat is dry. If adhesive gets on the front of tiles, it must be removed immediately with water.

3. Cork tiles can be pre-coated prior to coating of the substrate. If this is done, once dry, the tiles can be stored front to back, in their boxes until installation. **Pre-coated tiles must be installed within 24 hours of being coated.**

4. On porous substrates, it might be necessary to apply a second coat of adhesive after the first has dried. Adhesive should form an evenly glossy film when dried.

5. When both surfaces are coated on the same day, tiles must be installed 2-3 hours after adhesive is dry. If tiles are pre-coated, they must be installed 60-90 minutes after substrate adhesive is dry.

6. When adhesive films on both surfaces are transparent/clear and dry to the touch (no adhesive transfer to the hand) tiles can be installed.

7. Install tiles directly into place so they fit tightly. Do not slide or pull tiles into position.

8. Use a soft headed rubber mallet with a minimum 2" face to set the tiles by hitting around the entire surface, including all edges, corners and the center of each tile*. Ensure that hard to reach areas and areas along walls are properly set.

* The impact force of the mallet strike causes the two adhesives films to merge and become one film. This is vital to the strength of the adhesive bond.

AFTER INSTALLATION:

The tiles can be wiped down to remove any job site dust, use a clean dry or damp cloth.

Approved cleaner for cork tiles: neutral floor cleaner (available from Capri).

No harsh cleaning chemicals should be used on cork.

Like all natural wood, UV rays will fade cork.

For questions or clarification about these instructions, call Capri Tech department at 800.492.2613.