

MDF Panels Film Installation Guide

Preparation:

Surface Preparation:

- Ensure the MDF panel is finished to Level 5 standards for a smooth and even surface, as this will ensure the best results.
- If the surface is not smooth, it is essential to repair any imperfections. Consult with the client or contractor to have the surface properly prepared.

Cleaning the Surface:

- Clean the MDF using a mixture of Isopropyl alcohol and water to remove any dust, oil, or contaminants. Make sure to test the cleaner on a small, inconspicuous area first to avoid any potential reactions.
- Since MDF is porous, ensure your cleaning cloth is not oversaturated, as excess moisture can be absorbed and cause swelling of the panel.

Priming for Better Adhesion:

- Mix Bodaq Primer with water at a ratio of 70/30 and apply evenly with a brush or roller. The primer promotes better adhesion of the film to the MDF surface.
- Pay special attention to the cut edges of the MDF, as they tend to be more porous and need priming for proper film adhesion.
- Make sure the primer is spread evenly, without any bubbles or runs. If needed, sand out any bubbles or rough spots using 220-320 grit sandpaper to achieve a smooth surface.

Installation:

Cutting and Applying the Film:

- Measure and cut the Bodaq film to the required size, following best installation practices to ensure a clean and accurate application.
- It is recommended to overlap seams, as architectural films can shrink slightly over time. Overlapping will ensure a longer-lasting finish and better seam performance.

Adhesion Caution

- Bodaq films come with a high-tack adhesive, which forms a strong bond when pressed onto the MDF surface. Once applied, removing the film may damage the substrate, so ensure correct placement before adhering the film.