

Important information and tips on hanging Seltex wallcoverings

Check List

1. Check materials are as ordered and as specified. Identification samples are available from **Seltex** immediately.
2. Check materials are free from damage.
3. Check that there is enough of each material and batch before cutting.
4. Do not use material from different batches on one wall.
5. Use only **Seltex** primers and adhesives with your **Seltex** wallcoverings.

General Preparation

1. Remove all old backing paper; ensure hanging surface is clean, smooth, dry in depth, of a uniform colour and in a sound condition.
2. Surface should be free from contaminants such as dirt, dust, grease, ink stains etc - any of these can prevent adhesion taking place. Wash with detergent solution, rinse and allow to dry.
3. Plaster and masonry surfaces should not exceed 5.5 per cent moisture as measured by an accurate moisture meter.
4. Any mould should be treated with a good quality fungicidal wash in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
5. Fill holes and cracks with a good quality filler in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
6. Ensure that you are installing under adequate lighting conditions for proper inspection prior, during and after installation.
7. Site temperature should not be below 12°C (55°F). Avoid excessive heat until adhesive is fully dried.

Surfaces

- **Plasterboard:** File all nail heads, screws, etc. Coat with light coloured oil-based metal primer. All holes should be filled and smoothed. Prime surface with Seltex Primer and allow to dry before hanging with the recommended Seltex adhesive. Seltex Strippable adhesive is recommended for fabric-backed vinyl wallcoverings applied directly onto unprimed plasterboard.
- **Porous surface (plaster, wood, etc):** Ensure old plaster stable and free of mould. Ensure new plaster dry in depth. Use an accurate moisture meter. Seal with Seltex Primer. Cement render or similarly alkaline powdery surfaces should be primed with a good quality Alkali Resisting Primer and then treat as a non-porous surface.
- **Non-porous surface (Formica, glass, gloss paint, etc):** Rub down surface thoroughly to provide a key. Wash and dry thoroughly. Use Seltex Sealed Surface Adhesive.
- **Emulsion paint:** Rub down surface thoroughly to provide a good key. Wash and dry thoroughly. Apply one coat of Seltex Primer.
- **Existing vinyl:** Ensure substrate is completely sealed (i.e. no blown joints, shrinkages etc.) Remove all grease, dirt, dust etc – a brush will help with textured embosses. Rinse and allow to dry. Hang wallcoverings using Seltex Sealed Surface Adhesive.

Hanging – This advice is given without legal liability and assumes a basic knowledge of decorating principles.

1. Paste the wall. Do not allow adhesive to get onto the face of any wallcovering. Complete removal may be impossible.
2. Arrange product in roll or box sequence, starting with the highest number. Cut and hang in sequence, numbering the top of each length with a soft lead pencil to ensure the wallcovering is reversed or not as appropriate.
3. Use a plumb line and a metal straight edge.
4. Use full widths only. Do not in-fill over doors and windows with off-cuts or out of sequence drops.
5. At the top and bottom of each drop allow the material to settle for 15 minutes before trimming.
6. Hang 3 lengths, leave for an hour then critically inspect. Stop if you think the result may not be acceptable to the client. **Phone Seltex on 020 8211 3107 if in any doubt about the wallcovering's appearance. Seltex cannot accept any claims for more than 3 lengths once material has been cut.**
7. Continue to check each drop for shading as you proceed. Never assume shading is caused by moisture and that it will disappear on drying, it may be a fault that needs investigation.
8. With overlap and trim material, overlap by approx. 5cm (2") and trim down the middle. Always use a sharp blade to double-cut or trim material.
9. Use wallcovering spatula in up and down direction only. Horizontal smoothing may stretch the wallcovering.
10. Joints should be at least 10cm from external corners.
11. When using a seam roller do not overwork the joint. Protect the wallcovering with a clean off-cut piece of the wallcovering placed face to face with that on the wall.