# Installation instructions

## **Walltalkers**

#### preparing the wallcovering

Check the wallcovering to ensure that the pattern, colour, quantity and quality are the same as the ones you ordered. Separate items based on production number and order them in the sequence of the roll number starting with the highest.

Reverse-roll the material for about an hour prior to installing. Reverse-rolling will release curl memory in the wallcovering. Re-roll to original form before installing.

#### preparing the surface

- The surface must be level, firm, remain dry and free from grease and dust and, depending on the material being applied, be uniform in colour.
- Remove and/or isolate ballpoint, oil, felt-tip and crayon marks.
- Remove waste paper. Do not install backing paper.
- Normally absorbent surfaces such as plaster and floated work should be primed with Vescom primer/sealer in the ratio of 1 part primer to 3 parts water. Allow this to dry for ± 5 hours under suitable conditions.
- Highly absorbent surfaces such as plaster, concrete, aerated concrete, gypsum board and plaster walls should be primed with undiluted Vescom primer/sealer. Allow this to dry for ± 5 hours under suitable conditions.
- Painted walls should be washed with a solution of water and an environmentfriendly degreasing agent. Sand down and abrade the surface to provide a mechanical key.
- Carry out remedial work to surfaces that are sandy, powdery and lacking in firmness.
- Impregnate thin layers of plaster.
- Isolate the heads of screws and/or nails if necessary, and fill with a strong and nonpowder based filler.
- Untreated metal should be primed with the appropriate metal primer.
- The temperature of the underlying surface must be at least 10°C. The building moisture content of the underlying surface should not exceed 6%.

#### general

- It is recommended that the Vescom primer/sealer be applied using a block brush.
- Applying an undiluted Vescom primer/sealer will make the wallcovering easier to remove after a considerable period of time.

Walltalkers wallcovering may allow show-through due to the limited amount of opacity. It is recommended to use a good quality white acrylic primer.





#### application of Walltalkers wallcovering

We recommend using Vescom 3000 adhesive when installing the Walltalkers 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.

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 sidewalls, ceilings, and baseboards.

Repaste any dry areas or if there is a delay in hanging.

Use a flexible wallcovering smoother (wrapped with a clean soft cloth) to remove air and excessive paste pockets from behind the Walltalkers wallcovering. Smooth material on the wall from the middle to the outside edges. Do not press hard enough to cause indentations in the finished product.

Trim material that the ceiling, baseboard, windows, and doors with a single edged razor blade (change razor blade often).

Overlapping and double cutting is highly recommended to ensure neat and tight seams. Use a seam cutting tool to prevent penetrating the substrate.

Approximately 20 to 30 minutes after each piece is hung, using a seam roller, lightly roll or press the seams down making sure not to cause indentations in the finished product.

- 1. Do not attempt to match a pasted strip of wallcovering to one that is not pasted.
- 2. Vertical joints should not occur less than 6" from the outside and inside corners.
- 3. Do not stretch the material to butt seams-slide the entire strip for proper fitting.
- 4. Do not use sharp objects on the surface.
- 5. Do not install wallcovering unless the temperature in the working and storage areas are at least 10°C.
- 6. Be careful not to crease or bend material when handling.
- 7. Do not puncture air bubbles under the surface.
- 8. If the strip goes up unevenly, peel it off and reinstall.
- 9. Do not score the wall when double cutting.

### Extreme care should be exercised when trimming Walltalkers wallcovering around electrical outlets. Turn off electricity when working around

electrical outlets. Cut around all electrical openings so adequate clearance is allowed between material and electrical wiring and boxes.

Mag-rite products can be conductive as a result of the iron used in these **products.** Do not allow this material to come into contact with exposed wiring.



#### cleaning

Ensure that surplus adhesive residue is removed immediately. Use a natural sea sponge or a soft cloth with a warm and mild soapy solution. Do not use abrasive products. Rinse everything thoroughly using water and dry it using a clean absorbing cloth. Regularly refresh the water.

#### important

If you have any questions about the material or find defects, please inform the supplier immediately. The recommended adhesives for wallcovering have been developed especially for use in these applications. We cannot be held liable in any way for the appearance and performance of the wallcovering that has not been hung in accordance with these instructions.

