



INSTALL GUIDE **CORK WALL TILES**

PREPARATION / ACCLIMATIZATION

Open cartons must be at job site for 48-72 hours prior to installation. During storage and installation, maintain temperature and relative humidity to level consistent to conditions that will prevail when building is occupied. With improper acclimation, the tiles could expand or contract after installation. Substrates can be drywall, plywood, particleboard, or cured dry concrete. Substrate must be clean, dry, smooth, & moisture and dust free prior to installation.

WALL TILE INSTALLATION

For best results, lay tiles with staggered joints (brick pattern). Mix tiles from various cartons to maintain natural variation of color and pattern. A utility knife can be used to cut wall tiles.

APPLICATION OF ADHESIVE

Use Liquid Nails "FUZE IT". This adhesive is GREENGUARD Gold certified and has a fast-acting strong bond to virtually any surface for wall or ceiling applications. An alternative for wall applications is Liquid Nails "HEAVY DUTY". The adhesive is available at Home Depot & Lowe's. Coverage is one 9-10 oz. caulking tube per 11 tiles. Apply a ¼" bead of adhesive around the backside perimeter of the wall tile and from all corners to the center forming an "X". Using a hand roller, apply pressure to cork in every direction in order to set the tiles.

WALL TILE FINISHING

Most wall tiles are factory protected with a wax finish. Some styles are available without a finish. You may use a food grade mineral oil made by Howard labeled "Butcher Block & Cutting Board Oil". If you are not using the tiles as a bulletin board you may also use a water based clear polyurethane such as "Verathane" also available at most hardware stores including Home Depot & Lowe's. Flame Stop, Inc. produces a fire retardant that can be sprayed on to unfinished tiles to obtain a Class C fire rating. The products identification is Flame Stop II.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

Tiles can be cleaned using a damp clean cloth. Cork wall tiles, like any other wood or cork floor, will fade if exposed to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time.