

Waterproof Shiplap Wall Panel Installation Guide

Wellmade® Waterproof Shiplap Wall Panel is designed for almost any wall, cabinet, or vertical surface in the home. Wellmade® Waterproof Shiplap Wall Panel can be installed “as is” or can be painted to your liking. These planks can be installed over a variety of substrates including wood, concrete, drywall, tile, and many other existing hard surface areas. The areas must be clean, smooth (or of light texture), flat, and solid. **Do not install planks on walls that have visible deviations throughout the wall surface.** Any uneven areas should be leveled with a gypsum or cement-based patching compound. For any questions, please call 503-582-0848, or email customersupport@wellmadefloors.com.

Recommended Areas:

These planks are suitable for installation in most interior areas of your home. HDPC® Wall Panels are **not** recommended for the use on ceilings or inward slanting walls without reinforcement of glue, and/or nails.

Not suitable for installation in exterior conditions, rough, or uneven surfaces.

General Information

1. Wall planks should be transported and stored in a neatly stacked fashion on a smooth flat surface. Be sure to inspect the product for any visual defects prior to installing, once installed it becomes the installers responsibility.
2. Purchase enough material to do at least 105% of the covered area.
3. Maintain a constant temperature between 60° and 85°F (18.33° and 29.44°C) before, during, and after installation.
4. Leave a 1/8 in. gap for expansion around the **entire** perimeter of the walls, this gap can be filled using quarter round, corner trim, or latex caulking.
5. Planks can be painted using any spray enamel; clean surface thoroughly using Isopropyl Alcohol before painting.

Pre-Installation

Wellmade® Wall Panels be installed over a variety of surfaces including concrete, wood, gypsum, and many other existing hard surface materials. The wall surfaces must be clean, smooth, flat, solid, and dry. Any uneven areas greater than 3/16” in a 10 ft. radius should be leveled with a patching compound best suited for your surface area (Gypsum, concrete, mortar, etc.).

NOTE: Make sure no leaks/water signs are visible before installing. Excessive moisture may cause the growth of unhealthy mold or mildew and/or cause staining of the wall panels which is not covered by our Warranty.

Pre-installation inspection:

It is the duty of the person installing the Wall Panel to inspect all planks before installation. If during inspection the installer or buyer feels the planks are the wrong color, or is improperly manufactured, he/she should NOT install the Wall Panel. Please immediately contact the retailer from which the panels were purchased. No claims will be accepted for planks which is visibly wrong if such material is installed. **Installed planks is deemed to be visibly acceptable.**

General Tips

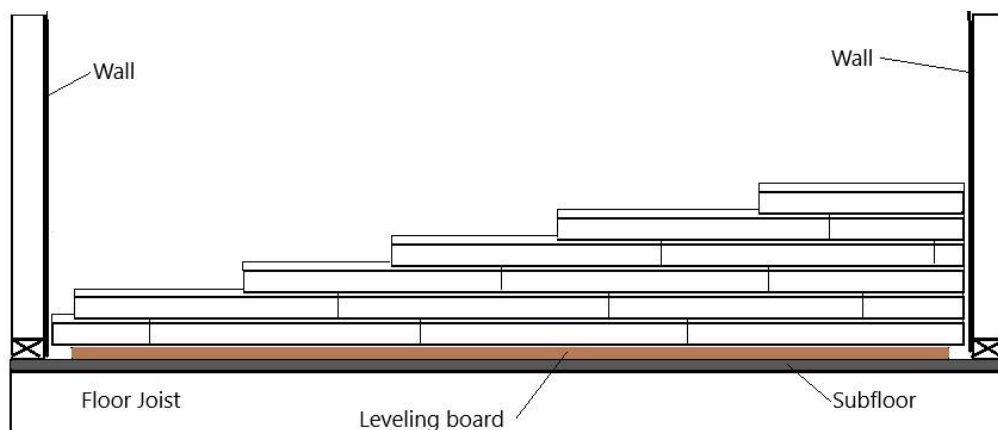
- **Not recommended to install outdoors, in sunrooms, or in uncontrolled environments where the temperatures can be extreme.**
- **Store in a controlled heated area on a flat surface.**
- **Cut by scoring and snapping or using any type of wood cutting saw.**
- **Roll the entire surface with a rubber roller for good adhesion after installation.**

Recommended tools

- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Level
- Utility knife
- Saws
- Rubber roller

Installation

1. First, determine how you want the planks to run, horizontally, vertically, or on a diagonal.
2. To avoid narrow plank widths or short plank lengths near the corners or edges, it is important to do some pre-planning. Using the area of the wall, calculate how many full boards will fit into the area and how much space remains that will need to be covered by partial planks. It is best to start with a full plank, but that may not always work out.
3. Level the first row by tacking a small board (1"x2" or 2"x4") to the wall and using shims and a level to adjust the board to a flat surface, you can lay your first row on top of this starter board.



4. Start your first row with a whole plank at the bottom corner of the wall (either corner will work) with the groove (underlap) side up.
5. Remove the adhesive tape on the back side of the plank and lay the first plank on top of the pre-set leveled board, set plank in place, press firmly for good adhesion when acceptable.
6. Remove the adhesive tape on the back side of all remaining planks during installation as you go.
7. Butt the end joint of the second and continuing planks firmly against each other in the first row before pressing the planks to the existing wall surface.
8. Start the second row using a random partial plank and place the cut end against the starting edge of the wall.
9. Lay the planks so the top planks rests on the second plank, overlapping the underlap portion of the previous row of planks. For a gapped look, use shims to position the planks for the desired gap between rows.
10. Complete each row thereafter using a random layout with end joints off-set by at least 8". Plan the layout to avoid using small planks less than 6" at the edges and stagger the end joints 6 to 8 inches from adjoining rows.

Switches and outlets: In rows where there are a switch or other object that requires cutting around, use a sharp utility knife, keyhole saw, or saber saw or equivalent to cut the plank before installing, leave your expansion space where possible.

Finishing The Job:

Make sure to roll the planks using a rubber hand roller, this will ensure good transfer and bond. Remove starter board and shims, then install baseboard. Install matching moldings in corners as needed or recommended by your dealer or installer, or caulk. **Attention: Ceiling moldings must be used to prevent the planks from pulling off the wall;** ceiling molding can be quarter round, square trim, or crown molding.

Congratulations!

You have just installed a beautiful, and elegant Shiplap wall panel!

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