

dottex Installation Guide



Placement

Placement of wall graphics is key. Be sure to choose an area that has a smooth finish and has been cleaned and given time to dry after cleaning (finished walls, doors, and windows). This will ensure that the adhesive will adhere to the wall properly. Be sure to wait 30 days after painting for the wall to properly outgas before applying the graphic.



Clean

Cleaning is an important part of the mounting process. If you do not clean, any materials that are left on the mounting surface may affect the how well the material adheres. When cleaning, be sure to use a damp cloth or sponge with strictly warm water. Be sure to remove all other cleaning products that may have been on the surface prior. If you are planning to apply the material outdoors, you can spray the surface to speed up the process.



Peel and stick

Applying the material is best done with two or more people to ensure that when you start to peel the liner, it will not stick to itself. When you are ready to mount, begin by peeling 4-6 inches of the liner from the material. Fold the peeled section back as this will create a hinge once you have stuck it to your mounting surface. Be sure that when you stick the exposed area to your surface, it is square. The material will follow the angle that it is originally placed at. Once you are content with material placement, start pulling the liner back while at the same time smoothing the material to the mounting surface working from the center out. A soft squeegee can be used to help smooth out the material as you put it down. If bubbles occur, lightly try to push them to the edges or peel back the section and re-apply.

Note: Under certain circumstances, a 2nd application of pressure will help the graphic achieve full adhesion.

Suggestions

If a bubble re-appears over the next day or two, pressing and lightly rubbing can remove it. If this does not work use a sewing pin to pop the bubble, and then smooth it out with your fingers in a circular motion. If bubbles keep re-appearing, you may want to move your material to another area as there is something preventing the adhesive to stick.

TIPS

- High heat settings on the printer may affect the adhesive (Do not exceed 200 degrees F)
- Do not apply the wall graphic directly to primer – wall should also have standard wall paint applied.
- Wall paint has an outgassing period. If this has not been completed it could affect the adhesive.