

## ACOUSTIC WALLPLANKS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION.

**Required tools and materials:** J-roller, 4' level, TSP (trisodium phosphate for cleaning sub wall), pencil, saw (miter saw, jigsaw, hand saw), ladder (if wall is tall), square/straight edge, black paint marker or black caulk, Acoustic Wallplanks Screws (included), and power drill. You can also purchase additional screws, black paint, and felt at wallplanks.com

Inspect planks thoroughly prior to installation. If boards are not acceptable, do not install. The planks can be installed on any structurally sound, clean, dry, and flat surface. DO NOT install as flooring. Cement block, plaster, plywood and gypsum surfaces should have minimum one coat of primer sealer prior to installation. It is not recommended to install in high moisture areas. Humidity above 55% could raise the grain and expand the wood slats. Installation in half bathrooms should be fine with minimal exposure to excessive steam. For bathroom installations, additional nail-down or screwing into the studs is required.

**Step 1)** Turn off power to installation area while working around wall outlets and light switches. Remove electrical cover plates, protruding nails and loose paint. If necessary, pulling the outlet out completely with longer screws and an outlet extension set.

**Step 2)** Clean & dry the wall surface. Sponge wash with TSP (trisodium phosphate, available in hardware stores or home centers) to remove residues of greasy grime, mildew, chalked paint or anything that might affect the bond of the Vacubond™ adhesive. If wall has heavy drywall texture, it will need to be block sanded or skim coated and primed so the Vacubond™ adhesive can achieve a firm bond. Wallplanks can be installed over well bonded smooth wallpaper. Textured wallpaper should be removed, and wall cleaned with TSP prior to installing Wallplanks. After walls are thoroughly cleaned, they must be thoroughly dried. We also recommend using black paint to cover a one inch area around all corners and edges of the installation area to prevent paint from peeking through the felt.

**Step 3)** Dry lay the planks. Work from several open boxes and "dry lay" before permanently installing to create your desired look. You must dry lay your planks to ensure your installation will account for natural wood variation and be aesthetically pleasing. Please consider if you will be creating a herringbone pattern.



**Step 4)** Trim pieces. For walls that have inside or outside corners, windows, or for accent sections, trim pieces may be purchased separately for a finished look. To install trim pieces, measure 1/4" back from where you wish the wall to end & then draw a vertical plumb line using your level. The line will be your guide to where the planks should be cut. The trim is made to overlay the edges of the plank & should be nailed to the wall with small finishing nails after the entire wall is installed.

**Step 5)** Starting Line. There are multiple ways you can establish your starting line. The most important aspect of establishing your starting line is to ensure that the first row of planks you install is 100% level. If your baseboard, ceiling, windows, or doorframes are level, you can use one or the other to establish your starting line. If neither your baseboard or ceiling are level, you will need to establish a level line across the wall. With the use of a pencil and a 4' level, you can establish a starting line across your wall. DO NOT adhere the plank until you have it placed in the right position. Once the material is adhered to the wall it will be very difficult to reposition. **TIP:** To help ensure an absolute straight starter line with the first plank, we recommend you tap 1/2" finish nails halfway into the wall along the starting line at every 12". The protruding nails will help position the starter planks along the starting line before they are

adhered to the wall. This procedure will not be possible when installing over a block wall. Use extra caution to ensure your first row is straight if you are not able to use nails as a guide. This step applies if you are installing your Acoustic panels horizontally or vertically. You can create a level line by using your level, nails, and chalk line to create an even starting line.



**Step 6)** Applying the planks. There are two edges to the Acoustic Wallplanks, one with jutting felt, and one side with jutting wood slats. Determine, based on your starting line and any obstructions like windows or doors, if you will start with the felt or wood side first. We recommend butting up the felt side against door frames or window frames. Using the starting line (and nails) as a guide, peel the paper off the Vacubond™ adhesive and position the starter row planks along your line, either horizontally parallel to your line or vertically perpendicular. Press into place and J-Roll each plank immediately after installation. If you placed positioning nails in the wall in Step 4, remove them now. When applying the next row of planks, make sure to consider the wood slat overlap. This allows for a seamless look of your slatted wall panels. For your next row, please also consider how you will stagger the Wallplanks – you can decide to have joints stagger or be at the same location based on your aesthetic preference.



**Step 7)** Cutting the planks. Planks can be cut to fit by using an electric jig saw, miter saw or table saw. It is beneficial to have a sanding block handy to smooth the cut slat edges.



**Step 8)** Unique cuts. Mark locations of light switches, electrical outlets and air vents on the planks before removing the paper liner on the tape. Cut and trial fit *before* removing paper backing – so that you can test your cut plank before adhering it to the wall. These cuts can be made using a drill to create a starter hole if necessary and then cutting with a jigsaw or scroll saw. Additional felt can also be used to border the outlet.



**Step 9)** Installing the top and bottom rows. When installing your top and bottom rows, the planks can be cut lengthwise by using a jigsaw or table saw.


**Step 10)** Completing your wall installation. Apply the remaining Acoustic wall panels to your wall and/or ceiling as desired, with either staggering or straight edge on the panel options.




**Step 11)** IMPORTANT! To help set the Vacuubond™ adhesive after the installation is complete, the wall must be rolled using a J-roller to insure the bond. Not using a J-roller can lead to failed adhesion. J-rollers are available for purchase at [www.wallplanks.com](http://www.wallplanks.com). If a trim piece is used to finish installation, it can be installed now. Refer to Step 3 for trim installation instructions.



**Step 11)** IMPORTANT! Secure your Acoustic Wallplanks with the included Acoustic Wallplanks Screws with a power drill at the indicated locations.

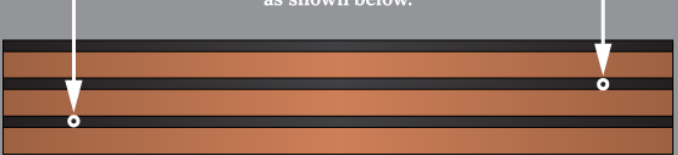


Square post screws will be supplied in each carton of Acoustic Wallplanks



Recommended square post screw to be affixed after acoustic wall planks have been installed. Installation of the entire wall must be complete, ensuring everything is aligned correctly before the screw installation process is started. The screws are to be driven into the felt/wall to the point that they're flush, and not driven beyond that point.

Placement recommended 6" in from each end of the acoustic wall plank as shown below.





**Ceiling installations.**

For installation on ceilings, follow steps 1-10 and use two additional screws, available for purchase on [Wallplanks.com](http://Wallplanks.com), on both sides of the plank through the felt to further secure the planks to the ceiling. Make sure to not over-screw too tightly as it could strip the sheetrock.

**Wallplanks Care and Cleaning:**

Your wall planks are virtually maintenance free, but in case of a mess, we have you covered with our wood wall covering cleaner now available on [wallplanks.com](http://wallplanks.com)! Otherwise, normal dusting with a clean, dry cloth should be the primary cleaning method. Use a clean damp cloth as needed for additional cleaning. Be careful not to saturate your wood walls. Be sure to wring out your damp cloth as much as possible. **Never use wax, detergents, polishes, abrasive cleansers or use oil based products on your wall.**



### Hanging pictures and other wall décor:

Wallplanks are not load bearing. Wall décor like mirrors, pictures and shelves can be mounted by drilling through the Wallplanks provided the underlying wall provides sufficient support (i.e. wall studs). Use proper hardware to install any wall decor.

Please see our website for warranty information. To view installation video go to [www.wallplanks.com](http://www.wallplanks.com).

**wallplanks**  
A 2019 Innovated product

Square post screws will be supplied in each carton of Acoustic Wallplanks

Square Post Drive Bit

Recommended square post screw to be affixed after acoustic wall planks have been installed. Installation of the entire wall must be complete, ensuring everything is aligned correctly before the screw installation process is started. The screws are to be driven into the felt/wall to the point that they're flush, and not driven beyond that point.

Placement recommended 6" in from each end of the acoustic wall plank as shown below.