

GOLDEN SELECT MDF WALL PLANK INSTALLATION GUIDE

CANADA

Golden Select MDF wall planks have been designed for easy, quick and seamless installation.

Please follow these guidelines for years of carefree use.

INTENDED APPLICATION

- Golden Select wall planks are intended for interior use only

PRECAUTIONS

- Ensure product is stored flat prior to installation
- Product is to be installed in dry interior spaces only
- If installed near fireplaces, product should never be directly exposed to flames
- Product should not be installed in wet or high moisture locations
- Product is to be installed on vertical surfaces only
- Product is non-structural

Tools Required

- Level
- Measuring tape
- Carpenter's square
- Pencil/marker
- Safety glasses
- Dust mask (NIOSH-designated)
- Ear protection
- Saw
- J Roller (Recommended)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Calculating Material Requirements

- Measure height and width of the wall(s) and multiply them together to determine the installation area
- Add 10% to the calculated area to allow for cuts and wastage
- If installing angled or herring-bone allow an additional 15% for cuts and wastage

Acclimation

Planks must be acclimated to the conditions of the room before they are installed. To do so, cross-stack unopened cartons in the area where they will be installed and away from outside walls, heat and air conditioning vents. Allow 48 hours for planks to acclimate to the conditions of the installation area before opening the cartons. Installation temperatures should be at a minimum of 64° F (18° C) with a maximum relative humidity of 75%.

Typical Layouts

As this is a decorative product, there are no incorrect layouts. The four listed below are the most popular:

- **Horizontal, vertical, angled, herringbone**

Cutting Planks

Planks can be cut with most power saws (e.g. circular saw, table saw, miter saw, jigsaw) as well as hand saws. It is important to use good quality, high tooth-count (60 to 80) sharp saw blades in order to minimize chipping of the planks' surface. Small chips along the cuts can be hidden with caulking or trims.

NOTE: Planks should always be cut away from the installation area in order to keep dust from affecting the site. Always wear safety glasses, ear protection, and a NIOSH-approved dust mask.

SUB-WALL PREPARATION

Planks can be installed over many types of wall surfaces as long as they are properly prepared and meet the required criteria outlined below

- The quality of the finished installation depends greatly upon the quality of the wall on which planks will be installed. Any undulations, unevenness, etc. may impact the end result
- Walls must be in finished condition (finished drywall)
- If walls are unpainted primer should be applied prior to plank installation
- Walls must be clean and free of dirt and debris prior to installation
- Clean with Tri-sodium Phosphate type cleaner or equivalent prior to installation to ensure no grease or dirt is on the surface
- Walls must be structurally sound prior to installation
- Walls must be dry (drywall compound must be cured, etc.)
- Variations in the sub-wall flatness should not exceed 1/16" per 3ft (2mm/m). Walls must be made flat to meet this specification prior to installation

Concrete Sub-Walls

- Concrete must be finished, clean (free of dust and debris), flat and painted/primed prior to installing planks
- Concrete walls must be properly cured and allowed to dry for at least 60 days prior to installation
- Test concrete for moisture prior to installation. To do so, tape 3' x 3' (91cm x 91cm) pieces of polyethylene vapor barrier to sub-wall
- If condensation appears on the film after 24 hours or concrete appears dark in color moisture is likely present and a Calcium Chloride test must be performed
- The maximum allowable moisture emission is 5.0 lbs/1000 ft² per 24 hours (2.26kg/92.9 m² per 24 hours)

Wood (Plywood, Shiplap, Wood Paneling)

- Wood walls must be structurally sound and screwed or nailed to studs/framing lumber
- Unpainted walls must be painted with primer prior to installation

Dry Wall

- Drywall must be painted or primed prior to installation of planks

Do not install Golden Select MDF Wall planks on the following:

- Unfinished concrete
- Brick
- Wall paper
- Tile
- Directly onto wall studs or framing lumber.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

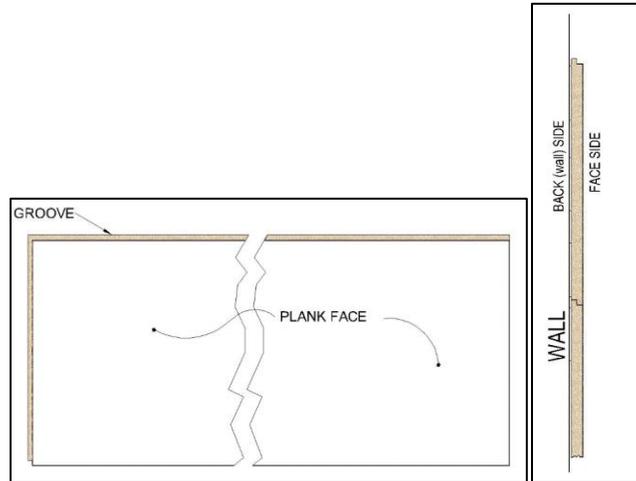
- It is recommended that planks be mixed from various cartons to achieve the most natural and varied results
- Inspect every plank for defect and/or damage before installing it
- Leave a ¼" (0.635 cm) space for expansion between edge of wall planks and adjacent walls and ceilings. It is recommended to maintain a 1" (2.5 cm) gap between the floor and level installation. The expansion space can be filled with caulking and or covered with trim
- The first and last row of planks in the installation should be wider than 1.77" (4.5 cm). If planks need to be cut to less than 1.77" wide, they may not have sufficient adhesive on them. To ensure this will be the case, prior to installation:
 - Measure the width of the wall and divide it by the width of the planks you are installing
 - If the remainder is less than 1.77" (4.5cm) cut 1.77" (4.5 cm) from the width of the first row. If this is not possible, simply ensure that both edge planks are as even in width as possible
- Stagger the planks from row to row by a minimum of 8" (20 cm) for a more natural look
- Loosely layout a few rows of planks on the floor before installing them to get your desired look
- Avoid installing similar planks next to each other or in nearby areas on adjacent rows for a more natural appearance

NOTE: GOLDEN SELECT MDF WALL PLANKS ARE EQUIPPED WITH PRESSURE SENSITIVE TAPE. THIS MEANS THAT THEY WILL NOT BE FULLY ADHERED UNTIL PRESSURE IS APPLIED TO THEM, ALLOWING YOU TO REMOVE THEM IF REQUIRED UNTIL FULL PRESSURE IS APPLIED. THE USE OF

A J-ROLLER IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IN ORDER TO APPLY EVEN PRESSURE ALONG THE FULL PLANK SURFACE.

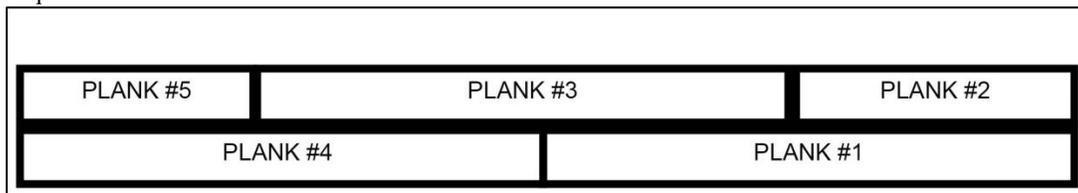
Installing Planks

- Golden Select MDF Wall Planks are equipped with an alignment system that will help achieve a tight and seamless fit between planks. In order to facilitate the easiest possible installation, it is recommended that you start your installation at the bottom right corner of your wall so that their groove sides are on top and to the left



- Use a level and draw a level line in the right hand bottom corner of the wall you are working on, leaving 1” (2.5cm) between the floor and the level line (the level line represents the bottom of your wall plank installation). This will compensate for any undulations on your floor that may affect your wall installation. Once your installation is complete, you will need to cover the space with wall base trim
- Install first plank so that its bottom edge is placed along the level line. The plank’s long edge groove should be at the top, and its short edge groove should be on the left
- Cut your second plank in half and install it above the first plank so that their right-hand edges are aligned
- Install the third plank to the left of the second plank. The third plank will extend beyond the first plank you installed
- Install the fourth plank below the third plank and to the left of the first plank. This method ensures you have a straight and square base for the rest of your installation
- Continue in this manner across the remainder of the first two rows until you reach the end of your installation wall
- Trim planks to size at end of installation
- Once your first two rows are complete continue by installing remaining rows from right to left

Plank Installation Sequence:



To install planks:

- Remove all tape from backside
- Carefully line up long edge of plank to the plank below and adjacent to it
- For best results, angle plank you are working on so that the alignment tongue and grooves are overlapping and bottom or top edge of plank is touching the adjacent plank (this will help position the plank as the tape will not be touching the wall)
- Once aligned, apply slight pressure against the wall
- It helps to apply pressure against adjacent planks to minimize gaps between planks
- Once satisfied with plank position, apply final pressure to permanently adhere planks into position

WARRANTY

Golden Select MDF wall plank is covered by a limited warranty of 10 years for residential use. The stipulations of the residential warranty are as follows:

- The wall plank will be free from manufacturing defects
- The wall plank surface will not wear through
- The wall plank will not fade due to sunlight, UV rays or electrical light
- The wall plank will not stain
- The wall Plank adhesive will not peel off the wall

The following conditions apply to the warranty and may void the warranty if not followed correctly. The owner must follow the care and maintenance guidelines.

- The MDF wall planks must be installed according to the instructions provided
- If filing a warranty claim, it must be submitted within 30 days of the discovery of the damage
- Surface wear must be evident and visible from a standing position, measuring at least 13 cm² (2 square inches)
- Gloss or sheen reduction is not surface wear and is not covered by the warranty
- Proof of purchase, such as a bill of sale, is mandatory when requesting warranty service
- The manufacturer reserves the right to designate a representative to inspect the wall in question and remove samples for analysis
- Removing the MDF wall planks prior to contacting Golden Select claim department voids the warranty
- The warranty includes the replacement material, and excludes labour cost
- The warranty only applies to product installed indoors
- Upon approval of a warranty claim, Golden Select will provide the claimant with instructions on how to proceed to have the MDF wall planks repaired or replaced. The claimant has 90 days to comply with the instructions. If the claimant fails to do so within 90 days, all rights under the limited warranty are waived

WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS

- Damage due to improper installation, care, cleaning, or maintenance
- Damage caused by severe impact, scratching, or cutting, fire, water damage, alterations, or any other wear or damage caused by acts of God
- Damage caused by water or any other liquids, such as swelling and bubbling, is not covered by the warranty
- The warranty applies only to the MDF wall planks purchased through an authorized dealer
- This warranty does not cover defects caused by improper sub wall preparation (proper installation is assumed to include a moisture test to ensure excessive moisture does not exist on the sub wall)
- This warranty does not apply to damage caused by water or moisture on the sub wall including but not limited to damage from sub wall hydrostatic pressure (water or moisture that is transmitted to the surface through exerted pressure) or other conditions that result in water or moisture on the sub wall
- Golden Select offers no other warranty, expressed or implied. This warranty replaces all other warranties

FILING A CLAIM

Any claim under the above warranty must be made within 30 days after the issue is detected by contacting Golden Select Technical Support by email at techsupport@goldenselect.ca or by telephone at 1 855 250 8167. Proof of purchase (indicating the date of purchase) must be presented to file a claim. Golden Select reserves the right to send a representative to inspect the wall and remove samples for analysis. If the claimant fails to give reasonable cooperation to the representative to inspect the MDF wall planks and remove samples, Golden Select shall be under no obligation to provide any remedies to the claimant.

***Important to note*:** The owner/purchaser must inspect the colour, finish and quality before installation. The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for costs incurred when a floor with visible defects has been installed. For questions regarding installation, please contact our Technical Support Department by email at techsupport@goldenselect.ca or by telephone at 1 855 250 8167.

 **WARNING** Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust and other chemicals, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/wood.

Precautionary measures: If dust level is high, avoid inhalation of wood dust by wearing the appropriate NIOSH designated dust mask. Use adequate personal protective equipment to avoid dust contact with eyes and skin. Equip machine power tools with a dust collector to reduce the emission of wood dust.

IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE FOR MINNESOTA RESIDENTS ONLY: SOME OF THE BUILDING MATERIALS USED IN THIS HOME (OR THESE BUILDING MATERIALS) EMIT FORMALDEHYDE. EYE, NOSE, AND THROAT IRRITATION, HEADACHE, NAUSEA AND A VARIETY OF ASTHMA-LIKE SYMPTOMS, INCLUDING SHORTNESS OF BREATH, HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS A RESULT OF FORMALDEHYDE EXPOSURE. ELDERLY PERSONS AND YOUNG CHILDREN, AS WELL AS ANYONE WITH A HISTORY OF ASTHMA, ALLERGIES, OR LUNG PROBLEMS, MAY BE AT GREATER RISK. RESEARCH IS CONTINUING ON THE POSSIBLE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO FORMALDEHYDE. REDUCED VENTILATION MAY ALLOW FORMALDEHYDE AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE INDOOR AIR. HIGH INDOOR TEMPERATURES AND HUMIDITY RAISE FORMALDEHYDE LEVELS. WHEN A HOME IS TO BE LOCATED IN AREAS SUBJECT TO EXTREME SUMMER TEMPERATURES, AN AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM CAN BE USED TO CONTROL INDOOR TEMPERATURE LEVELS. OTHER MEANS OF CONTROLLED MECHANICAL VENTILATION CAN BE USED TO REDUCE LEVELS OF FORMALDEHYDE AND OTHER INDOOR AIR CONTAMINANTS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF FORMALDEHYDE, CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.