



TM 01 Preparation of Application Surfaces

Technical Method

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PURPOSE

To provide specific instructions and practical advice for the preparation of application surfaces prior to the application of pressure sensitive adhesive coated film products.

SCOPE

This specification covers the cleaning and preparation of general surfaces.

INSTRUCTIONS

The best result is achieved by considering every surface to be contaminated as checking for dirt, dust or other imperfections is extremely difficult.

- Thoroughly wash the surface with a mild detergent solution to remove all dirt.
- A variety of cleaning/degreasing products are available on the market but suitability should be established prior to actual use by testing on an inconspicuous area.
- Allow surfaces to dry completely prior to application. Moisture on a surface can result in premature failure by incomplete adhesion or bubbling.
- Newly painted surfaces require a minimum of 7-10 days drying time before applying the vinyl.
- Damaged, uneven or weathered surfaces may produce differing levels of adhesion.
- It is the responsibility of the applicator to ensure that the surface is clean, dry and contaminant free.