

## **SURFACE PREPARATION AND CLEANING**

The finish of a surface prior to installation is essential to achieve the best possible results when working with large scale murals, wallpaper and glass films. All these products form only a very thin layer over the substrate surface which makes the quality of the finish extremely important. We do not recommend working with textured surfaces such as concrete, raw plaster, fibre cement and stippled painted surfaces.

### **STANDARD CLEANING AND SURFACE PREPARATION FOR VINYL AND WALLPAPER**

Proper cleaning and surface preparation prior to the application of self adhesive vinyl or wallpaper is essential for successful application. Failure to adhere to the following guidelines may cause adhesion loss and therefore may reduce the level of performance of the product.

Surfaces must be completely clean, smooth, dry and free of any dust particles. Dirt and grime should be removed with a commercial detergent solution and water. If the surface has grease, oil or wax on it, it must be cleaned using a mild solvent wipe. Any imperfection of the wall surface can show through the product.

We recommend that all existing hardware including kickboards and face plates etc are removed prior to installation. Failure to do so can result in a substandard installation. All hardware should be removed prior to bleux installers arriving on site. If hardware is not removed and the installation needs to be rescheduled, rescheduling fees of up to \$800 can apply.

### **PAINTING A SURFACE PRIOR TO INSTALLATION**

Some paints such as Wash and Wears contain ingredients such as silicon or Teflon which repel self adhesive vinyl and wallpaper making them unsuitable. For the best results use a white acrylic based low sheen paint, we recommend Dulux '1 Step Prepcoat'. All surfaces should be sanded prior to each coat being applied. Enough time needs to be allowed for the surface to dwell at room temperature and humidity conditions to ensure the paint is thoroughly dry prior to installation.

### **INSTALLATION OF VINYL AND WALLPAPER**

Dust particles can settle on walls which can create a textured surface underneath the self adhesive vinyl. A dust free environment is therefore required for the installation of self adhesive vinyl and wallpaper to ensure maximum adhesion and the best quality finish.

### **GLASS FILMS**

For the best finish, it is recommended that all glass surfaces are thoroughly cleaned prior to installation. Any grime or dust left on the glass surface will become trapped underneath the film and remain visible after installation. For this reason, bleux requires the site to be a dust free environment prior to and during installation. If the site is not dust free, bleux cannot guarantee the installed film will be free from dust particles.