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SIMINETTI MOTHER OF PEARL and CAPIZ SHELL VENEERS SAFETY, INSTALLATION AND AFTER-CARE GUIDE

The details are guidance only and are given to ensure the beauty of your Mother of Pearl and Capiz veneer is maintained for many years to come. The information herein is a guide and is not exhaustive.

1) Application of the Veneers

Siminetti Mother of Pearl and Capiz Shell veneers are suitable for inlays and feature areas, where a Mother of Pearl decoration is selected. The veneers are not suitable for immersion in wet environments or areas prone to consistent high levels of moisture. The veneers are not suitable for flooring applications.

1a) Installation

When installing veneers we recommend you choose a recognised installer who has experience in the installation of veneers or similar materials. Veneers are not difficult to install but they require more surface preparation than would normally be used for larger surface products due to the minimal thickness of the veneers. All surfaces should be polished smooth prior to applying a veneer.

Mother of Pearl Veneer – We recommend the use of a two-part epoxy adhesive or pre-mixed vinyl adhesive in all cases. Preferably white or clear adhesives should be used as this ensures the colour of the veneers is not effected by the colour of the background adhesive.

Darker adhesives may adjust the tonal colour of the veneers once installed.

The type of veneer adhesive used will depend on the substrate onto which the veneers are being installed. Consult your installer for the correct material type to be used. Siminetti provide the option of a 'Peel and Stick' solution which can be selected at the time of order, this does not require additional adhesive.

Capiz Shell Veneer – We recommend the use of a cementitious adhesive or pre-mixed vinyl adhesive in all cases. DO NOT USE solvent based adhesives. Preferably white or clear adhesives should be used as this ensures the colour of the veneers is not effected by the colour of the background adhesive.

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The type of veneer adhesive used will depend on the substrate onto which the veneers are being installed. Consult your installer for the correct material type to be used. For wall applications Siminetti recommends MAPEI cementitious adhesives are used with its products but other manufacturers products may be suitable. For furniture and product inlays a clear vinyl adhesive is recommended.

1b) Cutting the Veneers

Mother of Pearl Veneer – On occasion it may be necessary to cut the veneer to ensure a correct fitting. The veneers can be easily cut. There are several ways of cutting shell veneer, anything from craft knife to laser cutter. A craft knife or scalpel and a metal ruler is commonly used and we recommend testing a small piece first. Do this mainly for cutting straight lines. Use on a hard surface, press down firmly on the line or position to be cut. Draw the knife gently across a few times – just use gentle pressure –, scoring the shell deeper each time until it separates. Repeat several times with increasing pressure as you cut through the shell into the adhesive backing (if it has been applied).

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High-speed cutting discs can also be used for cutting straight edges. We recommend applying a masking tape to mark-out the cut and cut along this line, to help prevent the veneer splitting. High quality sharp scissors can be used but this may result in minor cracking around the cut, so this option should only be used if the edges are not noticeable once installed. For intricate shapes we recommend these are prepared by Siminetti during production. A small quantity of dust may appear during cutting and thus we recommend the optional use of protective face mask, goggles and long-sleeved clothing.

Capiz Shell Veneer – On occasion it may be necessary to cut the veneer to ensure a correct fitting. The veneers can be easily cut. There are several ways of cutting Capiz Shell veneer, anything from craft knife to laser cutter. A craft knife or scalpel and a metal ruler is commonly used and we recommend testing a small piece first. Do this mainly for cutting straight lines. Use on a hard surface, with the Capiz Shell facing down press down firmly on the line or position to be cut. Draw the knife gently across a few times – just use gentle pressure –, scoring the shell deeper each time until it separates. Repeat several times with increasing pressure as you cut through the shell and mesh support.

High-speed cutting discs can also be used for cutting straight edges. We recommend applying a masking tape to mark-out the cut and cut along this line, to help prevent the veneer splitting. It is recommended that protective face mask, goggles and long-sleeved clothing is worn during this cutting process. We also recommend the use of a dust extractor when cutting with this method as the Capiz Shell may produce a fine particle dust which may contaminate other areas. For intricate shapes we recommend these are prepared by Siminetti during production.

1c) Grouting & Sealing

All Siminetti veneers are fully sealed, unless specifically requested to be supplied uncoated, when it is the responsibility of the receiver to ensure the Mother of Pearl or Capiz Shell is sealed. Grouting is not required or advised with veneer products.

1d) Removal of Installation Residues

DO NOT USE acids or similar strength materials as this may break-down the surface of the Mother of Pearl or Capiz Shell resulting in porosity or a reduction in the polished effect.

1e) Cleaning

A soft cloth with warm water should easily clean off the veneers. DO NOT USE acids or similar strength materials as this may break-down the bond resulting in porosity or a reduction in the polished effect. If unsure about the strength of a cleaning agent, we recommend trailing it on a small area in the first instance.

Notes

Siminetti products are produced from 100% natural products and as such samples colour may differ from actual supplied product colours due to the natural production process of Mother of Pearl and/ or Shell product. Dyed colours are not suitable for external use or areas prone to excessive sunlight. Products used externally may show some signs of natural fading when exposed to direct sunlight. IF IN DOUBT WE RECOMMEND CONSULTING YOUR SUPPLIER or e-mail SALES@SIMINETTI.COM. This document is issued as guidance only and does not constitute any binding agreement to Siminetti Ltd or its Associates, Partners or Providers associated with Siminetti Ltd. Installation of Siminetti Ltd products is the sole responsibility of the purchasers and Siminetti does not accept any liability whatsoever for incorrect installation or application of its products. Siminetti Ltd will not accept any liability unless the purpose and application type have been agreed upon in writing with Siminetti Ltd. Observe the procedures indicated in this document at all times.

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