

PCA P6

Acceptance of Completed Wallcovering

1. Scope

- 1.1 The purpose of this Standard is to establish guidelines for the acceptance of wallcovering installations.
- 1.2 This Standard encompasses any project requiring the installation of wallcoverings.

2. Significance and Use

- 2.1 This Standard establishes a guideline for the acceptance of installation quality and is limited to proper seaming practices, pattern match, verticality, and cleanliness of appearance.
- 2.2 The contracting entity is the final judge in all matters related to the acceptance of the wallcovering installation.
- 2.3 Inspection and acceptance of surfaces and wallcovering material(s) prior to installation are separate from this Standard. Refer to related documents in Section 3.

3. Definitions and Trade Terms

- 3.1 Definitions and Trade Terms see P9.

4. Reference Documents and Standards

- 4.1 Reference Documents and Standards see P9.

5. Standard Specification

- 5.1 The manufacturer and purchaser (or purchaser's agent) of the wallcovering shall inspect the wallcovering for defects prior to installation.
 - 5.1.1 The purchaser must report any discrepancies in the wallcovering pattern, texture or color to the wallcovering manufacturer or distributor as soon as possible, to avoid installation disputes.
- 5.2 The contracting entity shall inspect surfaces prepared by others for compliance with the manufacturer and installer's surface requirements.
 - 5.2.1 All wallcovering and paste materials are to be stored and applied in accordance with Manufacturer's Printed Technical Data and Instructions.

- 5.2.2** Wallcoverings are a prefinished item and should only be installed in a controlled environment where permanent heating is provided to maintain and guarantee ambient and substrate temperatures at a minimum of sixty-five (65) degrees Fahrenheit. If the contracting entity provides temporary heating to accelerate a building schedule, the temporary heating must be maintained in areas where wallcoverings have been installed, until ambient temperatures reach sixty-five (65) degrees Fahrenheit. Temperature must be maintained for at least three (3) weeks after the last strip has been installed.
- 5.3** Wallcovering is deemed properly installed when:
- 5.3.1** Adhesion is complete with no loose or curling edges, lifting seams, air bubbles or paste bumps.
 - 5.3.2** Pattern match is achieved.
 - 5.3.3** Wallcovering is installed plumb or square. Note: A pattern may appear out of square due to a substrate or construction defect that is beyond the control of the installer.
 - 5.3.4** Wallcovering is free from visible shrinkage.
 - 5.3.5** Seams are properly trimmed, with no frayed edges, allowing for pattern match and without evidence of excessive pressure that would score the substrate and affect adhesion.
 - 5.3.6** Wallcovering surface is free from adhesive residue.
- 5.4** Color shading is inherent in natural and simulated natural materials and should be expected.
- 5.5** Upon completion, a visual inspection by the contracting entity should occur in order to determine compliance with this Standard.
- 5.5.1** The acceptability of the surface shall be determined when viewed without magnification, at a distance of thirty-nine (39) inches or one (1) meter or more, under finished lighting conditions and from a normal viewing position.
 - 5.5.1.1** Inspection lighting conditions will allow the finished surface to be viewed with minimal distortion, which may be caused by the quality of the substrate preparation, illumination at an acute angle or both.
 - 5.5.2** Damage caused by parties other than the Painting Contractor or its workforce is considered damage by others.

6. Comments

- 6.1 This Standard acknowledges the areas of wallcovering installation within the control of the Painting Contractor. Use of this Standard avoids time-consuming disputes pertaining to the wallcovering material that can only be resolved with the participation of the wallcovering manufacturer and/or distributor.
- 6.2 Latent damage is due to conditions beyond the control of the Painting Contractor. This damage is caused by conditions not apparent at the time of initial painting and decorating.
- 6.3 This Standard clarifies areas of responsibility. Improved communication reduces misunderstandings.
- 6.4 This Standard is a nationally recognized consensus document for the painting and coating industry's work practices.

7. Disclaimer of Liability

- 7.1 PCA does not warrant or assume any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any of the information contained herein.