#### Architectural Vinyl

# **Aftercare Guide**



Thank you for choosing Footprint Creative's Architectural Vinyl products. To ensure the longevity and pristine appearance of your vinyl installations, it is essential to follow the recommended aftercare procedures. This guide provides comprehensive instructions on cleaning, maintenance, and handling to keep your vinyl looking as good as new.

## **General Maintenance**

#### **Adhesion Period**

Allow the film three to six days to fully adhere to the surface post-installation. During this period, avoid any aggressive cleaning or usage.

#### Inspection

After the adhesion period, perform a quality check to remove any imperfections that may have emerged.

# **Cleaning Instructions**

#### Microfiber Cloth & Mild Detergent

Use a microfiber cloth with soap and warm water for regular cleaning. Avoid using abrasive cleaners, caustic cleaners, solvent or petroleum-based cleaners.

#### **Avoid Harsh Cleaners**

Do not use ammonia, chlorine, or strong organic-based cleaning products. Do not use hard-bristle brushes or electric polishing equipment.

#### **Temperature Precautions**

Avoid placing hot objects (above 50°C) on the vinyl surface to prevent damage.

#### **Difficult Stains**

For stubborn stains, use a 70/30 Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA) solution (70% IPA, 30% water) and gently rub it with a soft cloth.

#### **Gentle Cleaning Tools**

Use melamine sponges like Magic Eraser or soft cleaning sponges such as Scrub Daddy and microfiber towels to avoid scratches.

## **Special Care for Different Surfaces**

#### Matte Surfaces

These have reduced scratch and stain resistance compared to other series. Avoid applications in medium to high-traffic areas. Indentations caused by pressure can be lessened by wiping with a damp microfiber cloth.

#### **Difficult Stains**

Regular cleaning with mild detergent and water is recommended. Power washing can be used, but avoid excessive pressure to prevent damage. Use a nozzle with a 40°-wide spray pattern, keep the pressure below 1200 psi, and maintain a minimum distance of 12 inches from the surface.

# **Handling Instructions**

#### **Avoid Abrasion**

Do not use regular erasers or scrubbers on the film surface. Use gentle cleaning sponges and cloths as mentioned under the cleaning Instructions section.

#### **Repairing Physical Damage**

Minor physical damage can sometimes be repaired with gentle heat application from a heatgun, or hair dryer. For more significant damage, cut out the damaged section and replace it with a new piece of the same pattern.

#### Protection from Cuts and Heat

Do not cut anything directly on the vinyl film and avoid placing hot objects on it.

#### Care in use

Although Architectural Vinyls are durable, they're softer than materials like wood veneers, kitchen countertops, ceramics, and metals. Therefore, it is important to handle them with care during use.

### **Removal and Disposal**

#### **Film Removal**

At the end of use, gently heat the film to aid removal. If there is residual adhesive, use isopropyl alcohol or a dedicated adhesive remover.

#### Disposal

Dispose of the release backing paper and film in general waste if no recycling stream is available. Some films may be suitable for recycling in specific closed-loop systems.



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