



# FREESTYLE INSTALL GUIDE

This installation guide is designed to assist experienced trade persons in the Install of Soundtect Freestyle to the highest possible standard in general wall and ceiling applications.

For additional Installation support please contact your Soundtect Account Manager before work commences.

Before any installation work commences please check the products you have received are free from any damage, ensure you have been supplied the correct sizes and colours and should you have any concerns please contact your Account Manager immediately. Any products that have been signed for in good condition will no longer be the responsibility of Soundtect.

As Freestyle is manufactured in batches for large quantities please check the product supplied is from the same batch. There may be batch to batch variations and we do not recommend joining different batches as this could result in colour variation. If such variations occur you must advise Soundtect prior to any installation work starting. We can not accept any claims should work continue and we have not been notified.

For the best results, please ensure the Freestyle Panels are applied to the substrate with the same side facing throughout.

## Site Care

Please store and handle Freestyle with care. Handle using clean gloves. Freestyle should be stored flat in a clean dry location and within its packaging to avoid site damage. Freestyle is a semi rigid product and can be damaged if not handled with care, do not bend the panels or the packaging as this may create the project. Keep Freestyle in its packaging where possible to protect it, especially the corners

## General

Freestyle should be installed to these Install guidelines and within the specification of the client, if there are any uncertainties please seek approval from the appropriate parties before work commences. It is essential that the install is planned before you cut and install panels.

Freestyle is supplied in sheets of 1220mm (+/- 10mm) x 2240mm (+/- 10mm) to allow for trimming on site, unless specific sizes have been requested.



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## Adhesive Fix

Soundtect recommends a High Grab Contact Adhesive for most common substrates. It is the responsibility of the Installer to ensure the adhesive they use is fit for purpose as it is their responsibility to ensure the substrate is fit for Soundtect products and Adhesive. For any more information on Adhesives please contact your Account Manager

Before work commences, we recommend that all joints, cracks and gaps are taped with a propriety sealing tape, this will prevent the ingress of dust travelling from the cavity to the product. All surfaces should be finished to level 3 as a minimum. Porous surfaces may need to be sealed and Gloss finishes should have a light sand and be cleaned. Ensure all surfaces are clean, dry and dust free. Adhesives should be applied strictly in accordance with the adhesive manufacturer's instructions. Ensure any spillages are cleaned immediately, see Freestyle Maintenance Guide for Cleaning instructions.

Ensure you follow the Adhesive Manufactures instructions at all times, making sure there is enough glue applied to both the wall and the Freestyle Panel using the guide below. Take care when applying the adhesive to the joint, you want an adequate amount for a tight butt joint but be careful not to overfill as this can leak through the seams when pressure is applied.

Take your time with this product by installing one panel carefully at a time as this is a finished product. Allow pressure to be added to the panel whilst moving and fixings in place to allow the glue to spread and create a strong bond. Finally using a roller, roll the Freestyle towards the joints and then roll over the entire panel. A hard wide roller is ideal approx. 100-150mm, a wallpaper roller is not suitable.

## Fixing to Battens

When fixing to battens ensure the battens have a flat surface and are flush to the Freestyle Panel, should this not occur it could leave the panel uneven and the joints will not match. Battens should be 45mm wide and centers of 200mm. Where butt joining ensure that there is at least 45mm for each edge of Freestyle to allow a secure fix (this may require double battens). Apply construction adhesive along the lengths of the battens and proceed as above then Screws can be used for a more secure fix. Do not overtighten the screws as this may damage the Face of the Freestyle panel.

## Cutting

Should you need to cut the Freestyle panel a Circular saw with a narrow blade can be use a minimum of 80 teeth to ensure a smooth cut and be care not to scratch the product with the saw whilst cutting. A plunge Saw can also be used. Mark off the line you want to cut with masking tape.

For cutting into gaps, a Stanley knife with a fresh blade can be use.

## Ceiling Applications

**Baffles and Rafts** - Please request our Baffle Installation guide for assistance with this application. Always wear clean protective gloves when installing this product to ensure the panels are kept clean.

- Lay the Panels with their back so that the fixing side is facing upwards on a clean dry surface.
- Mark the fixings positions on raft or baffle based off the diagrams shown
- Mark your ceiling points against the baffle or raft of where you want it to go.
- Using the screw eyes provided, hand screw into place where you've marked
- Using a suitable fixing for the ceiling you are suspending from, fix the suspension cable to the ceiling where you've marked.
- Lift the unit into place to meet the cables. Using the snap hook attached the cable to the screw eyes you've already fixed to the raft.
- Adjust cables to the required height and trim excess wire to suit.