

American Retail Supply Assembly Instructions

Slatwall

The information provided is general information regarding installation of slatwall. These instructions will work under normal circumstances and are based on our best judgement. If you have questions or circumstances that may not be addressed, please contact us or the manufacturer of the slatwall. TMS can assume no responsibility for improperly installed Slatwall.

Tools Needed: Power Screwdriver if available or Phillips Head Screwdriver, level, chalkline, fine tooth saw, power drill, 5/32" twist drill bit, and #8 trusshead drywall screws.

Preliminary Steps

Store panels in a DRY environment. Carefully inspect all panels. Due to texture and manufacturing techniques, some panels may vary in color consistency and pattern. Before installation, arrange the panels on each wall to achieve the best combination of color and pattern and make sure the end panels are the same width for a balanced appearance.

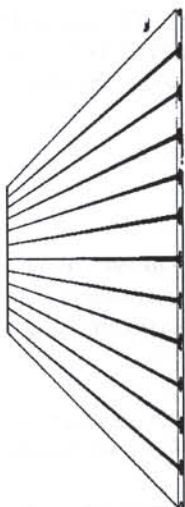
The panels should be allowed to equalize to the temperature in the room prior to installation. Stand the panels separately around the room in which it will be installed for at least 48 hours before application.

Prepare Walls. Structural walls should be finished with building completely closed. All types of wall should be thoroughly dry before panels are applied. Be sure the walls to which the slatwall is to be attached are solid and true. If necessary use vertical furring strips or shims to insure a straight and even wall.

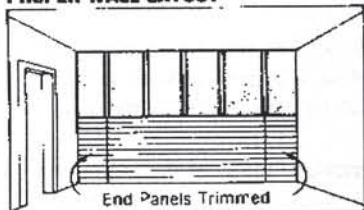
Important note: Supporting wall must be capable of supporting the slatwall and the hanging loads.

NEW CONSTRUCTION - Masonry walls must be thoroughly dry and waterproofed inside and out before panel application. Never install panels directly to any masonry wall. For masonry installations, install furring strips and a continuous vapor barrier prior to installing the slatwall.

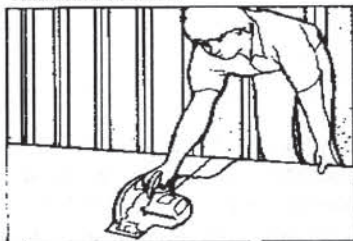
REMODELING - Slatwall may be applied to old walls which are solid and straight. Remove any high spots. Level low spots with patching plaster or scraps of wood. Backs of panels and wall must be free from dirt, dust, and grease before installation. Remove scaling paint and wallpaper. Wipe walls with a clean dry cloth to remove construction dust and any loose dirt. Protect existing surfaces with drop cloths and pads.



PROPER WALL LAYOUT



TRIMMING PANELS



Plan a balanced layout

Measure wall to be finished and locate the center of each. Pre-plan a balanced panel layout by laying panels out from the center of each wall to the

Cut panels "face down" with a portable rotary powersaw to assure a clean cut edge. If a portable saw is used, do all layout and cutting from the back of the panel to avoid chipping the surface. If a table saw is used, layout and cutting may be done on the front surface.



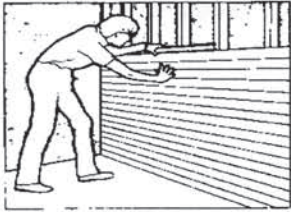
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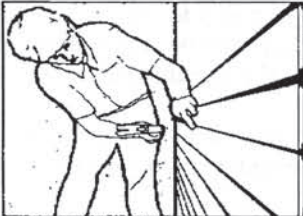
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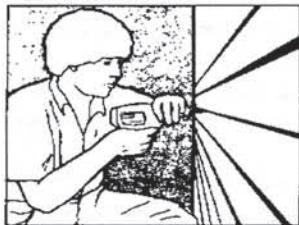
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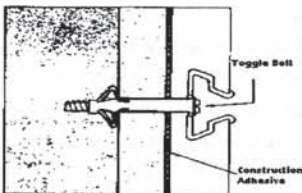
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(2000 & 5000 SERIES ONLY)



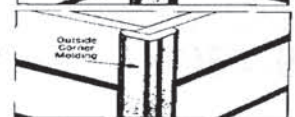
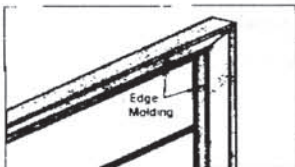
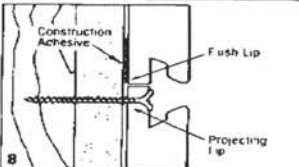
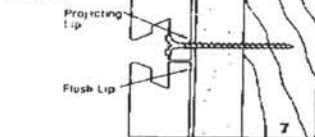
INSTALLING SCREWS



HOLLOW WALL INSTALLATION



(2000 SERIES
SHOWN)



Installation Steps for Slatwall

1. With a chalkline, mark a level line the height of the panel across the length of the installation. All panel edges must be aligned exactly with this line for the proper results.
2. If covering an entire wall, start the installation from one of the corners and work progressively from one wall to the other.
3. Drop a plumb line at the first vertical joint the exact measurement from the corner. If it is necessary to trim the panel, trim end that will be in the corner.
4. Carefully measure and make cutouts for electrical outlets and windows before installing panels.
5. Be sure panels are aligned with the chalk line and check that panel is level. Use #8 Trusshead drywall screws to install. Tap screws to start and finish installing with screw gun. Install screws only in slots. Predrilling may be necessary with some types of panels.
6. Mounting screws should be positioned and installed carefully to avoid damaging the panel face. Make certain screws are driven flush with the surface of the machined slot. Install a minimum of one screw every third slot (on the stud or furring strip centerline, a maximum 24" on center).

Toggle bolts may be used with hollow wall situations where studs are unavailable. It is recommended that construction adhesive be applied to the panel before mounting.

Install adjoining panels - Make sure to align slats. Minor slot misalignment may be corrected by blending the slot faces at the joint with a fine tooth file or sandpaper.

Stacked Installations

When panels are stacked to a height greater than four feet, be sure to start by attaching the bottom panel first. Each panel has a projecting lip along the back edge to provide proper spacing of the slots when sheets are stacked edge to edge. Make sure all panels are installed in the same direction.

In a stacked installation care must be taken to secure the horizontal joint. If the projecting lip is positioned downward (7) start the screw pattern with the projecting lip. If the flush lip is positioned downward (8), adhesive must be applied to the horizontal joint before mounting slatwall.

Installation of Molding

Cut standard length molding to correct length. Dry fit for position., Moldings fit together by conventional methods such as mitering. Apply construction adhesive to molding and install. Use 4-penny finishing nails to hold molding in place until adhesive cures Pre-drill all holes. It is recommended that all nail holes be filled with color matched putty. Paint or varnish molding either before installation or after as desired.



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