

Thin-Clad Veneer Interior Installation Guide (Steel Stud Substrate)

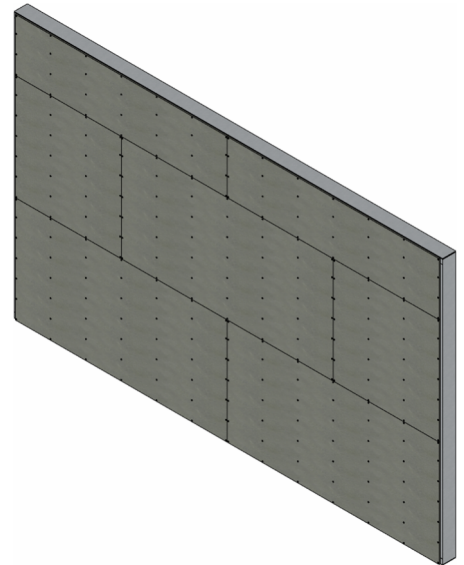
Step 1: Inspect Framed Walls

Steel studs shall be installed plumb and level. Steel studs should be 18-gauge minimum (16-gauge is preferred). Deflection criteria for substrate should be L/600 (L/720 preferred).



Step 2: Install Concrete Board Panels

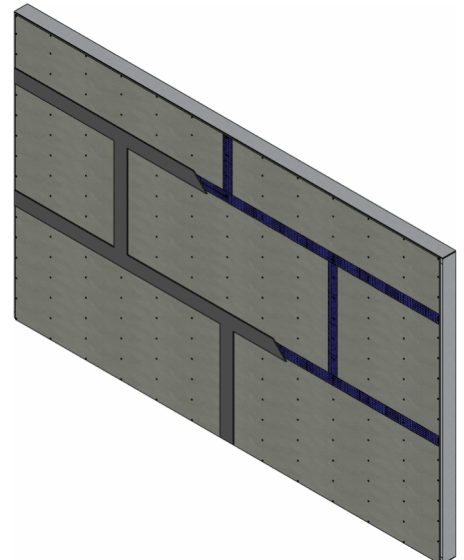
Install 1/2" thick concrete board panels. Follow manufacturer's instructions for proper installation and application, as well as screw spacing requirements.



Step 3: Concrete Board Panel Treatment

Once all concrete board panels are installed, treat all joints between panels with the **BLUE** self-adhering 4" wide alkali-resistant mesh tape. Apply tape across all joints (2" on either side of joint), pressing firmly to ensure adhesion to substrate. Spread a thin coat of T.Clear Total Bond or Laticrete Bonding Mortar (select appropriate bonding mortar for the application, refer to checklists below) over the alkali resistant mesh tape. Allow bonding mortar to fully cure.

Continue this process until all the joints between all concrete board panels have been treated, including at corners, opening jambs, sills, and headers etc... Allow bonding mortar to fully cure.

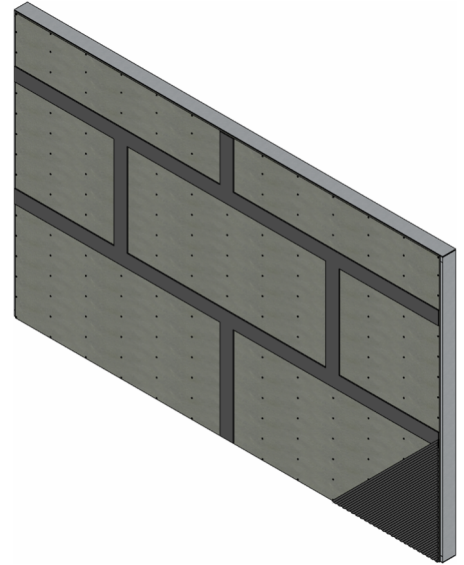


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Step 4: Adhered Veneer Substrate Preparation

Ensure installed concrete board panels are free of dust and debris. Using a notched trowel, spread T.Clear Total Bond or Laticrete Bonding Mortar across concrete board panels and ensuring to burn the mortar into the concrete board surface. Pull the notched side of the trowel across mortar to create a grooved surface and to gauge the mortar thickness. Notched trowel selection is dependent on the material being installed and the substrate tolerances. Apply only a workable area of mortar that will allow stone/brick/masonry to be properly set before surface drying occurs. This area will vary depending on site environmental conditions.

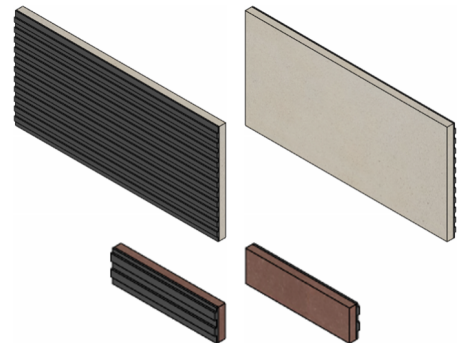
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Step 5: Prepare Thin Adhered Masonry Veneer

Clean unit backs of any dust, laitance, loose material and any excess film that could impede bond. "Back-butter" the thin-adhered units with T.Clear Total Bond or Laticrete Bonding Mortar, ensuring to burn the mortar into the back of the units and filling any surface irregularities. Pull notched side of the trowel across mortar to create a grooved surface and to gauge the mortar thickness. Notched trowel selection is dependent on the material being installed and the tolerances of the substrate. Be sure to achieve 100% coverage with the mortar.

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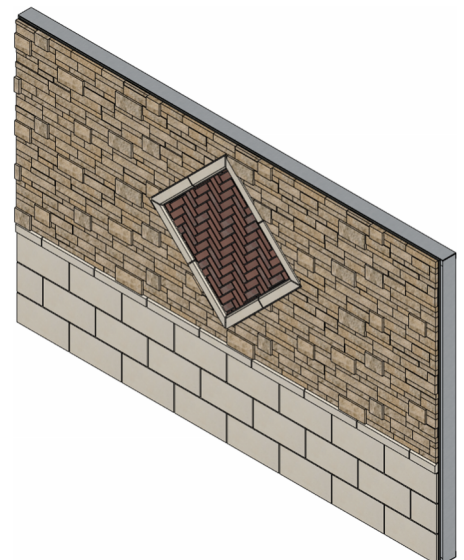


Step 6: Install Thin Adhered Masonry Veneer

Begin with the corner pieces and bring the two still wet mortar surfaces together (back buttered units and mortar on the wall as this is in part what creates the incredible bond strengths). Press the corner piece onto the wall, rotating back and forth slightly. This process should force some of the mortar to "squeeze out" and work out any air gaps in the mortar. Remove any excess mortar with a square flat trowel and use the excess on the next piece of thin-adhered masonry.

After the corner pieces are installed, apply flat stretcher pieces starting at an outside corner unit and working your way in. Set the stretcher units by placing it on the ledger or the units that were installed below. Once set on the wall push the unit into the mortar and up and at an angle and then return it back to the desired position. This process should force some of the mortar to "squeeze out" and work out any air gaps in the mortar. Remove any excess mortar with a square flat trowel and use the excess on the next unit. Remove excess mortar droppings from the veneer face with a clean wet sponge and a stiff fibre brush. Check for 100% mortar coverage by removing ten brick units, 4 ARRIS-tile, natural stone, or porcelain tile units, 8 manufactured stone units from the wall per bag of mortar used to check that no voids exist. Reinstall removed units.

Once the bonding mortar has cured then use Laticrete Pointing Mortar or a Type "N" mortar to point the joints between the individual units as required. Place pointing mortar into a grout bag or grout gun and squeeze the grout into the joints between the thin-adhered masonry units. Once the mortar is thumbprint hard, tool the joints to a concave or raked finish depending on the desired joint finish ensuring to push the mortar into the joint during this process to force the mortar against the adhered veneer units. Allow the wall to cure.



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Checklist for Placing an Interior Thin-Clad Veneer Order When Installing over Steel Stud Substrate		
Materials Required	Approximate Coverage/Size (if applicable)	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Util-A-Crete concrete board panels (3'-0" x 8'-0" x 1/2")	24 sq. ft.	
<input type="checkbox"/> ProGUARD DP® Silver C Screws for attaching concrete board panels	Dependent on required spacing. Sold in full box quantities. Screw length should ensure a minimum 1" embedment into studs (i.e. concrete board thickness plus 1" - select next longest standard fixed screw length)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alkali Resistant Mesh Tape Rolls	4" x 150'-0" (covers the joints of approximately 13 full 3'-0" x 8'-0" concrete board panels)	Does not account for windows, concrete board panels that have been cut etc... Double quantities.
<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Masonry Veneer Material (stretchers, corners, custom profiles)	Dependent on selected material	
<input type="checkbox"/> T.Clear Total Bond for all masonry options or Laticrete Bonding Mortar (select appropriate one): 1) Laticrete Hi-Bond Veneer Mortar for ARRIS-tile, Porcelain tile, ceramic tile, natural stone tile, or 2) Laticrete Masonry Veneer Mortar for manufactured stone and thin natural building stone, or 3) Laticrete Thin Brick Mortar for thin brick, Midtown, Coastal and stack	25 sq. ft. 25 sq. ft. 25 sq. ft. 25 sq. ft.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shims (to help with proper install and keep stone and joints level as material is installed and to maintain joint spacing): 1) 1/16" (100 per bag) 2) 1/8" (100 per bag) 3) 1/4" (100 per bag) 4) 3/8" (20 per bag)	Order shim thickness that is appropriate for the joint widths for the masonry material being installed. Exception to that rule, we recommend 1/16" and 1/8" shims be used with Stack and Midtown when installing them with tight joints.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Laticrete Pointing Mortar or Type N mortar to point the joints (if required)	Dependent on selected material	
<input type="checkbox"/> Laticrete LataSil or Dowsil Silicone Sealant for sealing movement joints and joints around openings such as windows and doors, as well as penetrations like pipes and fittings etc...	Dependent on Joint width to be sealed	Don't forget backer rod in the joint prior to installing the silicone