

FITTER'S GUIDE

This guide contains information and general recommendations regarding the use of our **INTEAK** wooden panelling products only.

Main features

Wood is a natural product and every tree is unique, with its own characteristics.

The natural variations in colour, texture and grain are quite normal: indeed they are valued, as they improve the aesthetic effect.

INTEAK wood panelling must only be fitted **indoors**.

The fitter is responsible for ensuring that the **room to be clad with INTEAK wood panelling is suitable and right for the use of this type of product**.

The room must be kept at a constant temperature of between 15°C and 24°C for at least 14 days prior to installation and 14 days after installation. The humidity of the room must be kept between 40% and 65% to allow the panels to adjust to the room properly.

Leave **the panels for 72 hours in the room prior to installation so that these can acclimatise**.

The wood will expand and contract as the temperature and humidity levels in your home change, so you need to **leave a gap of at least 5 mm for expansion** around each edge of the wall.

Our panels can be fitted horizontally or vertically.

Wall surface

Walls must be **straight and level, from the floor to the ceiling**.

All surfaces must be sound, **clean and smooth**.

The surfaces must also be completely **dry, not affected by moisture problems and capable of supporting the full weight of the panelling**.

There should be no traces of paint, oil, adhesive, wax, grease or other materials that could prevent or limit the adhesion of the adhesive.

Remove any traces chemically or mechanically, but **never use solvent-based products** under any circumstances.

Installation

We recommend that you **mix panels from different boxes** to get a result that is as even as possible in terms of colour, size and surface structure.

Fit the panels by following a **straight line along the full width of the wall**, using a spirit level or laser to help you.

Always start **from the bottom of a wall** and work upwards until you reach the required height.

For best results and **staggered fitting, cut the first panel in half and then fit to the wall**. You can always use the other half on another row.

Use a **wood plane, a finely-toothed circular saw** or similar wood-cutting tools to cut and trim the panels.

Use a nail gun if fitting the panels to a wooden support.

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Maintenance and treatment

Use a soft, clean cloth (slightly damp if necessary) to clean the panelling.

Do not use products that contain acids or chemical detergents.

We recommend protecting your INTEAK panelling with a **water repellent wax treatment** for a pleasing, natural effect.