



AUTEX INDUSTRIES

# INTERIOR ACOUSTICS

# **QUIETSPACE® PANEL**

## INSTALL INSTRUCTIONS

These installation instructions are of a general nature and are designed to assist suitably experienced tradesmen install Quietspace® Panels to a high standard in common applications. For installation support please contact your local Autex Representative before you start.

### **MANUFACTURER'S DOCUMENTS**

Autex recommends that all persons engaged in the installation have full knowledge of the product and installation procedure as set out in the most recent edition of the manufacturer's instructions and related documents. Manufacturer's documents relating to work in this section are:

- Quietspace Panel Datasheet
- Quietspace Panel Install Instructions
- Quietspace Panel Manufacturers' Guarantee
- Autex Interior Acoustics Care & Maintenance Guide

Copies of the above literature available from the Autex website [www.autexindustries.com](http://www.autexindustries.com)

### **OTHER TRADES**

Prior to installation, consultation with other trades such as HVAC, plumbing and electrical should be made to ensure an order of works that best suits the site is established.

### **TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE & HANDLING**

Quietspace Panels must be transported, stored and handled with care. Avoid abrasion, delamination or distortion, and protect edges from being crushed. Always transport and store Quietspace Panels on a flat, clean, dry surface.

Do not accept damaged product. If product or packaging arrives damaged; note the condition on the freight documents and contact Autex immediately. Goods signed as receipted in 'good condition' will not be the responsibility of Autex.

Quietspace Panels are a semi-rigid product that can be damaged if not handled with care. Avoid bending the packs and Panels as this could cause creasing. Do not store or drop the panels on their corners or edges as this will cause damage. Boxes and Panels should be carried vertically upright by two people.



The work area should be clean and free of dust and other contaminants that could soil the Panels. Clean cloth gloves are ideal when handling Quietspace Panels.

### **FORMAT AND FINISH**

Quietspace Panels are supplied as standard 8' (+/-0.4") x 4' (+/- 0.2") sheets to allow trimming to size at installation. Quietspace Panels are packed in boxes for ease of handling, and each box is individually labelled.





Quietspace® Panels are manufactured using non-woven textile production techniques and finished using heat lamination. A tolerance of up to +/- 6% is typical on specified thicknesses.

Quietspace Panels are produced as a dual-density panel to enhance acoustic performance and increase durability. The high-density face should be the exposed surface to the completed install.

Quietspace Panels are typically supplied 'nude' but can also be supplied factory laminated with Autex Vertiface® fabric. Vertiface fabric has a pile direction and all Panels must be installed with the pile running in the same direction to avoid the appearance of color variation. The pile direction can be checked by lightly running your hand up, then down the fabric. One way will feel smooth and the other rough. Autex recommends that the installed pile runs down.

### **PROTECTIVE FABRIC FACING**

To help ensure 'Nude' Quietspace Panels are kept clean throughout the installation process they are factory applied with a protective spun-bond fabric that is to be removed after the Panels are installed. As each Panel is installed, peel a corner of the spun-bond fabric and leave hanging until the job is complete to ensure Panels are kept clean through the final finishing stages.



### **ADHESIVES**

Spray application water-based or solvent type contact adhesives are ideal to adhere Quietspace Panels to most common substrates. Contact type adhesives are also ideal for applying Vertiface as a facing fabric overlay.

Construction adhesive is ideal for long-term secure bond to ceilings and for heavier weight Panels. When using construction adhesives we recommend the use of temporary mechanical fixings or a contact adhesive around the perimeter and through the length of the Quietspace Panel; at approximately 16" centers

to help adhere the Panel to the substrate while the construction adhesive cures.

It is the installers responsibility to ensure that any adhesives used are fit for intended purpose. It also is the installer's responsibility to ensure that the substrate is fit for the application of adhesives and Quietspace Panel.

If using adhesives to install Quietspace Panel, we recommend you consult with your specialist adhesive supplier before you begin. All adhesives should be used in accordance with the adhesive manufacturer's instructions.

### **SUBSTRATE**

Before work commences all joins, gaps and cracks in the substrate must be taped with propriety sealing tapes to eliminate the ingress of dust and foreign particles traveling from the construction cavity into the installed Quietspace Panels over time. Ensure that the substrates, backgrounds and adjoining surfaces will allow work to reach the required standard. We recommend that surfaces are prepared to a minimum Level 3 finish.

Very porous surfaces may need to be sealed prior to applying the adhesive. Gloss and semi-gloss finishes should be lightly sanded and dusted clean prior to application of the adhesive.

All surfaces must be clean, dust-free and dry as dust and moisture will adversely affect the adhesive and may result in lack of adhesion.

### **CUTTING QUIETSPACE PANELS**

Cutting and machining techniques should be trialled on an off-cut prior to cutting Panels to ensure highest quality finish.

Mechanical cutters such as a straight knife cutting machine is ideal for cutting and trimming Quietspace® Panels. Caution should be taken to avoid overheating during cutting as this may cause the Panel fiber to melt or fuse slightly on the heated contact points.

Bring the blade to full speed before starting the cut. Secure the Quietspace Panel during cutting to minimize vibration. Follow manufacturers operating and safety instructions, and ensure the use of all appropriate safety equipment and practices when using machine cutters.

Serrated Swibo type knives, insulation saws, and heavy-duty snap off blade knives can also be



used to trim panels to size, and for cutting holes for services. All cutting tools must be sharp to help ensure an easy, neat and tidy cut.

Caution should be taken with all cutting tools and equipment. Follow manufacturers use and safety instructions, as well as site and individual safe working practices and requirements.

## **INSPECTION**

Before starting the installation of Autex Quietspace Panels check again that the materials have been supplied as ordered and are free from damage or faults. Check colors and product labels to ensure product has been supplied correctly.

Any variations or faults must be reported to Autex prior to commencing the installation. No claims will be accepted where the job continues with obvious faults and no consultation with Autex has taken place. If you cut or install the product you have accepted the quality.

Where more than one box of Quietspace Panel is required, ensure they are from the same batch as indicated on the product label on each box. Due to batch to batch variations, we do not recommend joining different batch lots as this could result in color variation. Batch numbers should be recorded for future reference.

Variation in thickness and color fiber blend are inherent features of this type of product. Some variation from panel to panel can occur and each panel should be checked prior to installation. To accommodate these variations installation may require on-site adjustment by the installer to achieve a flush and professional finish.

## **INSTALL QUIETSPACE PANELS - GENERAL**

Quietspace Panels should be installed in accordance with these Installation Instructions and as per the specification detail and customer requirements. If there is conflicting information, you must seek clarification from all appropriate parties before proceeding with the work. It is imperative that the installation is planned before cutting and installing any product.

Measure the installation area and check against plans and details. Consider placement of smaller panel(s); either at one end, or two equal smaller panels at each end to mirror either side. Most walls are not perfectly level or straight and this will need to be managed as part of the install.

Quietspace Panels are supplied to allow trimming to size. We recommend all panels are measured and squared-up prior to beginning the installation.

Quietspace Panels should be installed vertically (portrait) on walls unless project specifications and requirements state and require otherwise.

Adhesives should be applied strictly in accordance with the adhesive manufacturer's instructions.

Refer to the product label or the technical data sheet for spread rates, tack-off times, climatic requirements, application methods and equipment required. Adhesive spills or surface contamination should be cleaned immediately ensuring Autex Care & Maintenance instructions are followed.

The job should be progressively checked for appearance, installation quality and adequate adhesion.

Any variations in color or appearance must be notified and discussed with your Autex Representative. No claims will be accepted where the job continues with obvious faults and no consultation with Autex has taken place.

It is important that all Quietspace Panels covered with Vertiface fabric are fitted with the pile running in the same direction, as this will avoid the appearance of color variation. You must consider this before you cut Panels to the required size. The pile direction can be checked by lightly running your hand up, then down the fabric. One way will feel smooth and the other rough. Autex recommends that the pile runs down.

Color variation can occur panel to panel. To minimize color variation panels should be laid out and checked for variation prior to cutting and fitting. Failure to follow this instruction could result in unsatisfactory finish.



## **FIX TO WALL OR CEILING SUBSTRATE**

Autex Quietspace Panels should be installed to a clean, flat or gently curved wall or ceiling substrate that has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations listed above.

We recommend that each Quietspace Panel is installed individually. We recommend the use of contact adhesive around the perimeter and through the length of the panel at approximately 16" centers in conjunction with construction adhesive. The purpose of the contact adhesive is to ensure the Quietspace Panel remains in place while the construction adhesive cures. Contact adhesive alone may not be sufficient for a strong, long term bond for ceiling applications.

Apply the adhesive to Quietspace Panel, and the substrate as measured for the Quietspace Panel, ensuring the adhesive manufacturer's instructions are followed.

Care should be taken not to apply excessive adhesive along joins as this can leak at the edges when pressure is applied. Ensure the adhesives have tacked-off correctly, then fit the Quietspace Panel to the wall/ceiling. In some situations extra mechanical fixing/support may be needed while adhesive cures.

Roll the Quietspace Panel from the center of the Panel towards the edges and joins, then roll the entire Quietspace Panel to ensure adequate adhesive transfer and a strong bond. Small wallpaper and vinyl rollers should not be used. A wide roller approximately 8" - 12" is ideal.

Continue installation of all Quietspace Panels until job is complete.

## **INSTALL QUIETSPACE PANELS - EDGING PROFILES**

Quietspace Panels can be installed using edging profiles.

Plan the installation before beginning by marking out the position of all edge profiles and Panel joins, following project plans and specifications. Fit all edging profiles to the wall square and true, using adhesive and/or screws as required. Allow any adhesive to properly cure before installing Panels. Measure and cut Quietspace Panels to fit.

Apply adhesives and fit the Quietspace Panel to one edge then press firmly across the entire Panel to fit inside all edging profiles. Roll the entire Panel to ensure good adhesion and strong bond.

Fit Panels individually, and continue until complete.

## **INSTALL QUIETSPACE PANELS - BUTT JOINING**

Quietspace Panels can be butt-joined.

Quietspace Panel thicknesses can vary by up to 6% of declared thickness so we recommend that the thicknesses of all Panels are checked prior to cutting and installing. We recommend trialling the fit of each Panel before the application of adhesive. If thickness variances are found, some Panels may need spacing to achieve a flush finish. Use either double-sided tape, a thick strip of construction adhesive or alloy flat bar strips to the back of the Panel to space it out as required. Take care to avoid adhesive leakage at the joins when pressure is applied.

Measure and cut Quietspace Panels to fit. Apply adhesives and fit the Quietspace Panel to one edge then press firmly across the entire Panel. Roll the Panel from the center out to the joins, and then roll the entire Panel to ensure good adhesion and strong bond. Fit Panels individually, and continue until complete.

## **INSTALL QUIETSPACE PANELS - REVEAL**

Quietspace Panels are ideally installed with a reveal between adjoining Panels. Design and installation using a sufficient reveal will significantly reduce the appearance of any Panel thickness variations, and speed up the install.





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Plan the installation before beginning by marking out the position of all Panel joins, following project plans and specifications.

Measure and cut Quietspace Panels to fit. Apply adhesives and fit the Quietspace Panel to one edge then press firmly across the entire Panel. Roll the Panel from the center out to the edges, and then roll the entire Panel to ensure good adhesion and strong bond. Fit Panels individually, and continue until complete.

### **FABRIC OVERLAY**

Nude Quietspace Panels can be overlaid with Vertiface fabric. Ensure the protective spun-bond facing fabric has been removed before overlaying fabric.

Install Quietspace Panels with a 0.1" - 0.7" reveal to all Panel joins, following the reveal installation recommendations above. This will help minimize visible lines telegraphing through the Vertiface fabric overlay. All Panel joins should be bridged by a self-adhesive cloth tape. Gaps greater than 0.1" are not recommended and the panel should be repositioned and or trimmed to ensure the gap width is correct. Plasters mesh tape is recommended and can be fixed in place with contact adhesive. Tape should be approx 4" wide, be well secured, and suitable for intended use.

Measure and cut Quietspace Panels to fit. Apply adhesives and fit the Quietspace Panel to one edge then press firmly across the entire Panel. Roll the Panel from the center out to the edges, and then roll the entire Panel to ensure good adhesion and strong bond. Fit Panels

individually, and continue until complete. Tape all joins in preparation for fabric overlay.

Vertiface® should be installed in vertical drops unless specified or otherwise required. Vertiface fabric has a pile direction and all drops must be installed with the pile running in the same direction to avoid the appearance of color variation. The pile direction can be checked by lightly running your hand up, then down the fabric. One way will feel smooth and the other rough. Autex recommends that the pile runs down.

Measure and plan the installation area and check against plans and details. Consider placement of vertical joins, including smaller drops; either at one end, or two equal smaller drops at each end to mirror either side. Most walls are not perfectly level or straight and this will need to be managed as part of the install.

Vertiface fabric can be installed using spray application contact type adhesive. Apply adhesive in accordance with adhesive manufacturer's instructions, and hang the first Vertiface drop from the top down, smoothing out from the center. Roll the entire drop using light pressure to ensure a good bond.

Successive drops should be hung in sequence from the roll, slightly overlapping and double-cut by cutting through both layers of fabric using a sharp heavy-duty wide snap-off blade knife and straight-edge. Use an alloy flat bar or similar behind the cut to protect the Quietspace Panel.

Remove the trimmings and roll using light pressure to ensure good bond. Immediately clean any excess adhesives from join. Joins should be vertical, clean and flat with no gaps, bubbles or visible compression marks. Continue with successive drops until complete.

### **FIXTURES**

Remove cover plates, light fittings and other fixtures as the work proceeds. Replace plumb, square and true to line as the work is completed.

### **REPLACE**

Replace damaged or marked elements.



## **CLEAN UP**

Clean up as the work proceeds.

## **LEAVE**

Leave work to the standard required by following procedures. Leave work secure and smooth and free of air bubbles, wrinkles, gaps, stains and blemishes and to the standard required by following procedures. Clean adjoining surfaces of any adhesive.

## **REMOVE**

Remove debris, unused materials and waste from the site.

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