



Installation Instructions – Microperf (Torsion System)

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ASI MANUFACTURES DECORATIVE ACOUSTICAL PANELS AND PRODUCTS THAT MUST BE HANDLED WITH CARE. PRODUCTS SHOULD ONLY BE INSTALLED BY EXPERIENCED INSTALLERS.

RECEIVING

Prior to unloading a crate from the delivery truck, check it for any obvious shipping damage. If no evidence of damage is present on the crate, offload it onto a dry/controlled area and inspect it for dents, breakage, or any lesser-noticeable crate damage that may affect enclosed panels or trim. If damage has been identified on the crate itself, record it/photograph it, and open the crate to inspect for concealed damage. If damage from the crate was transferred onto the panels or trim, document/photograph the issues.

The Bill of Lading (BOL) must be signed as “Damaged” if any type of claim is required. Failure to do so will disqualify the project for any type of claim, and the provided product will be considered accepted as delivered. Furthermore, do not simply estimate the number of damaged goods; receiving parties are responsible for verifying the actual count of damaged product(s) and noting the information on the BOL after checking for exact quantities. After signing the BOL as “Damaged”, please accept the delivery and contact ASI immediately regarding the occurrence. Be prepared to provide a detailed description of the issue(s), an accurate count of what was affected, information regarding identifiers (panel tags or numbers, etc.), and photographic documentation. *Do not install damaged product.* Instead, get in touch with ASI as soon as possible so that we may address the issue and provide a working plan for potential solutions and replacements.

If any panel or trim pieces appear to have manufacturing defects, *do not install.* ASI’s only obligation is replacing materials proved to be defective and that are returned for credit within the terms and conditions of the sale. Damaged material must remain crated and in customer’s possession until a decision on the claim is reached. At that time, the carrier responsible for the delivery will pick up the damaged product at the delivery site. Do not dispose of damaged product unless otherwise expressly instructed to do so by an ASI representative. In the event this occurs, documented acknowledgment will be required from all parties involved.

If no damage is observed, verify that all materials ordered for the job have been received and are in the proper style(s) and correct quantities.

ACCLIMATION AND STORAGE

All wood products purchased from ASI must be acclimated to site conditions before installation. Failure to acclimate product will void the warranty. This is particularly important in Northern United States climates where low atmospheric humidity typically cause more wood movement than the higher humidity of Southern climates.

Once the installation site has been acclimatized to the temperature and humidity levels that will be the norm when occupied, all wood products should be moved into the site installation area for a minimum of 72 hours prior to any installation activity. Panels should be stored in a dry, fully-conditioned interior space

on a flat surface in opened cartons. Relative humidity should be maintained between 25% and 55%. Temperatures should be maintained between 55 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. To acclimate wood products, remove all packaging materials from the outside of the crate, leaving only the wood products. Exposure to conditions outside of this range will void the warranty. Panels should be handled with care and set on protective cushions while cutting. Product should be carefully stacked face to face and back to back.

MINERAL STREAKING OR BLUE STAIN IN OAK

Occasionally this may occur in oak panels by natural tannic acid in the wood. This does not show up in the manufacturing process, only after the veneer has come in contact with moisture. Should this occur, the stains can be removed, contact the varnish manufacturer for recommendations. Stained panels can also be used by cutting out streaked areas and installing as cut or end panels.

CLASS A VARNISH FIRE RETARDANT PANELS

Panels that are chemically treated for flame resistance, Class 1, 0-25 flame spread, may be slightly discolored or have a whitish cast. This may occur if the panels are subject to high humidity conditions. The manufacturer assumes no liability if this condition occurs.

MOUNTING AND NRC

Most conventional woodworking techniques are acceptable for working with ASI panels. Special mounting techniques are required to install perforated acoustical panels including perforated Fusion, Microperf and Audition planks. In all of these cases the space behind the panel, including the insulation or acoustically absorptive materials, work in conjunction with the panel to provide the noise reduction performance anticipated. The architect's details and/or shop drawings must be followed to achieve the look and NRC specified.

INSTALLATION

Good wood working tools are needed to install wood panels. Care needs to be taken when cutting and fitting around windows, light switches and other fixtures. To achieve this, the following tools are recommended:

- Trim Nailer
- Table Saw
- Miter Saw
- Jig Saw
- Router
- Biscuit Jointer
- Hole Saw
- Iron
- Edge Band Trimmer
- Standard Details pamphlet

Blades and bits need to be sharpened, fine-tooth carbide. Jigsaw blades a medium tooth.

Panels should be cut face up when cutting on the table saw and miter box. When cutting with a circular saw or up cut jig saw blade, cut face down. Blade teeth should always cut into the face of the veneer. All panels need to be handled as fine furniture would be handled. Padded material should be used to avoid scratching or marring the face of the panels. Some panels may come predrilled for anchors, mounting, and safety clips. The holes have been engineered to accept the screws provided. Pilot holes should always

be drilled. For example, to use a #8 screw a pilot hole of 3/32" diameter should be used. Do not drill pilot holes more than 5/8" deep. Care needs to be taken not to overtighten screws or anchors. Overtightening will lessen the holding power of the screw and may damage the face of the panel.

Penetrations in product (i.e. sprinklers, lighting, light switches, and outlets) should be cut with a jigsaw, router, or hole saw using sharp blades or bits (see sheets 9-13 of the standard details). Test cuts should be made on scrap panels to determine the proper tool speeds for cutting and routing. Field cuts should be sealed with finish material provided.

Care should be taken so as not to damage edges or corners. Refer to the tools recommended for installation of wood panels. All field cuts should be sealed with the finish materials provided.

ASI recommends painting the walls or ceilings black at the perimeter to help conceal the expansion joints at the edges of the wall or ceiling system.

CEILING INSTALLATION

Wood naturally varies in color and grain characteristics. It is recommended that panels be presorted before installation to assure a uniform final appearance. Plan the plank layout using the centerline of the ceiling such that the cut planks or reveals will be equal in width on both sides. Lay out the T-grid so that T-grid mains run parallel to the panel length.

Microperforated panels are designed to be installed on 15/16" heavy duty T-grid. T-grid mains and cross tees shall conform to heavy duty classification ASTM C635. Install main tees 24" O.C. and not more than 4" from each parallel wall with #12 pre-straightened galvanized steel wire not more than 4' O.C., wrapped tightly at least three full turns. Cross tees shall be installed 2' or 4' O.C. Always refer to the T-grid manufacturer's installation instructions. Hanger wire and cross tees are to be installed according to local codes and seismic requirements. If grid system is existing, use a variable placement of cross tees 4" from each parallel wall to form a 2' module. Install extra hanger wires at lights or as required to support the wood panel system (see sheets 9-13 of the standard details). Check with the grid system manufacturer for proper O.C. hanger spacing, if in doubt.

Once grid is laid out as specified, install the torsion spring saddles provided over 15/16" T-bar grid mains at the spring locations determined by the clips on the back of the panels. Torsion spring clips should be installed 24" O.C. max., and 8" max. from panel ends (see detail 2 on sheet 7 of the standard details). Torsion spring clips are to be field installed with the loop side of the clip facing the outside of the panel and the flange side of the clip facing the center of the panel (see detail 3 on sheet 2 of the standard details). Panel anchors must be used for all fastening points. Panel anchors are installed by pre-drilling a 1/4" x 5/8" deep holes at panel clip locations. A 1/4" drill bit with a stop collar should be used to avoid penetrating the face of the panel. A Vicks bit can be helpful in locating hole centers and for making templates. Panel anchors must be screwed in with a Phillips bit, being careful not to overtighten the anchor. Tighten the anchor until the anchor is flush with the back of the panel. Once panel anchors are in place, torsion spring clips can be screwed into anchors. Torsion springs must be hooked through the torsion spring clips prior to clip install.

Prior to panel install, 1/4" reveal spacers must be put in place to help keep the 1/4" mandatory reveals at the panel edges. To install 1/4" reveal spacers, simply snap the ears onto the bottom of the T-grid such that the 1/4" wide tabs stick downwards. Spacers should be located at panel perimeter on the T-grid. 1/4" wide tabs can be folded up if all four tabs are not needed (see detail 1 on sheet 2 of the standard details). Panels should have spacers at each corner or close to an end for alignment.

Once the torsion springs and torsion spring clips (on the panel backs) are aligned with the torsion spring saddles (on the T-grid mains), and the 1/4" reveal spacers are in place (on the T-grid mains @ intended reveal locations); hold the clip-side of the panel up to the aligned torsion spring saddles and, squeezing

the torsion spring, fit the torsion spring ends into the grooves on the torsion spring saddles. The panel should be hanging below the T-grid by one edge, but do not leave panel unsupported. Lift the opposite clip-side of the panel to the aligned torsion spring saddles on adjacent T-grid main, and fit torsion spring ends into grooves on the torsion spring saddles. Once all torsion springs are fit into torsion spring saddles (2' OC max), push panel up to T-grid, taking care not to smash or bend the tabs on the reveal spacers. If installed properly, torsion springs should engage and draw the panel tight to the T-grid. Adjustment may be necessary to fit the panels into the allotted locations defined by the ¼" reveal spacers.

Some installations may require the use of T-Grid Z clips at room perimeters or on cloud edges when room doesn't permit the use of a spring saddle (see detail 1 on sheet 7 & detail 2 on sheet 8 of the standard details). Z-clips must be installed with panel anchors and fasteners similar to installing a torsion spring clip.

SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

When handling product, care must be taken to not damage edges. Handle all edges with care. To avoid damage to the veneer, do not twist or bow the panels during installation.

ACOUSTICAL BACKER INSTALLATION

The following tools are recommended:

- Insul-knife
- BAC Blade
- Utility knife
- Utility knife blades
- Sharp Sheers
- Drywall square

For ceiling installation, grid should be laid out in a 2x4 pattern. Acoustical backer is precut to fit within this pattern. At the perimeter, a sharp utility knife or shears can be used. On large jobs an Insul-knife, or BAC cutting blade for a table saw will increase speed.