

**SECTION 10 2126**  
**WETWALL WATER-PROOF WALL PANEL SYSTEM**

This Section specifies “Wetwall Water-Proof Wall Panel System” produced by Wilsonart LLC. Wetwall is an innovative, lightweight, water-proof wall panel system for wet applications, such as tub/shower enclosure walls, wainscoting, wall cladding, backsplashes, and tub skirts. The system does not contain grout lines that require to be sealed, is easy to clean, and is offered in a number of contemporary designs.

This patented wall system consists of two high performance laminate sheets bonded to a wood-plastic composite core. There is a choice of panel edges - flat, tongue/groove, and bullnose. For tub/shower configurations, combination edge panels (tongue/groove + bullnose) panels for surrounds are utilized. Other panel edge combinations are available for related applications.

There is a wide selection of panel sizes ranging from 8 inches by 60 inches up to 60 inches by 96 inches. Panel width is 11mm or approximately 0.43 inches.

All panel designs incorporate AEON Performance Technology for scratch resistance and built-in antimicrobial protection which inhibits the growth of stain and odor causing bacteria, mold, and mildew.

Acceptable installation substrates are regular gypsum board, moisture-resistant gypsum board (“greenboard”), cement backer board, plaster, and existing hard tile.

Wetwall offers a limited lifetime warranty when using certified Platinum Installers and a 10 year limited lifetime warranty when using non-certified installers. Visit [www.wetwall.com](http://www.wetwall.com) to see the limitless possibilities.

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**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.01 SECTION INCLUDES**

- A. Wetwall Water-Proof panels.
- B. Wilsonart® Panel Adhesive and Wilsonart® Color Matched Sealant.

**1.02 RELATED REQUIREMENTS**

**EDITING NOTE:** Section listings below are common references and based on the broadly accepted CSI MasterFormat® for Section numbers and titles. Revise to suit requirements for particular project.

- A. Section 01 3000 - Submittals.
- B. Section 06 1000 - Rough Carpentry.
- C. Section 09 2900 - Gypsum Board.
- D. Section 10 2819 - Tub and Shower Doors.

### 1.03 REFERENCES

- A. Reference Standards:
  - 1. ISO 4586: High-Pressure Decorative Laminate (HPDL) – Sheets Based on Thermosetting Resins.

### 1.04 SUBMITTALS

- A. General: Submit under provisions of Section 01 3000 - Submittals.
- B. Product Data: For each specified product. Include manufacturer's technical data sheets and published installation instructions.
- C. Shop Drawings: Fully dimensioned shop drawings indicating wall panel and mounting system layouts, joinery and reveals, terminating conditions, substrate construction, cutouts, and holes. Include elevations, sections, and large scale details; show attachment locations, blocking, and related components.
- D. Samples: Selection and verification samples for each wall panel color and pattern required.
  - 1. Submit minimum 5x8 inch sample of each wall panel required. **[Include two samples jointed together representing typical exposed panel joint condition.]**
- E. Quality Assurance Submittals: Submit the following:
  - 1. Test Reports: Certified test reports showing compliance with specified performance characteristics and physical properties, if required by authorities having jurisdiction.
  - 2. Warranty: Specimen copy of specified warranty.
- F. Maintenance Data: Submit manufacturer's published maintenance manual with closeout submittals.

### 1.05 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Non-certified Installer Qualifications: Documented experience in installing wall panels similar in scope and complexity to this Project.
- B. Certified Platinum Installer Qualification: Minimum of five years documented installation experience for projects similar in scope and complexity to this Project, and currently certified by the manufacturer as an acceptable installer. **[Installer shall have Platinum certification].**

### 1.06 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Storage and Protection: Store materials protected from exposure to harmful weather conditions, at temperature and humidity conditions recommended by manufacturer. Store panels flat on pallets or similar rack-type storage to preclude damage.

- B. Ensure wall panels acclimate to installation area final occupancy temperature and humidity a minimum of 48 hours prior to time of installation.
- C. Handling: Use extra care for front faces of panels. Use only non-abrasive cloths to avoid scratching finished surfaces.

### 1.07 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Environmental Requirements: Prior to installation, building must be enclosed with building interior spaces to receive the work climate-controlled, with a typical ambient temperature between 55 deg F and 80 deg F, and 40 percent to 50 percent relative humidity.
- B. Field Measurements: Verify actual measurements and openings by field measurements before fabrication; show recorded measurements on shop drawings. Coordinate field measurements and fabrication schedule with construction progress to avoid construction delays.

### 1.08 WARRANTY

**EDITING NOTE:** Select one of the following warranty options. Contact Wilsonart for additional information.

- A. Manufacturer's Non-certified Installer 10 Year Limited Warranty: Provide manufacturer's standard 10 Year Limited Warranty against material defects in wall panel system.
- B. Manufacturer's Certified Platinum Installer Limited Lifetime Warranty: Provide manufacturer's standard Limited Lifetime Warranty against material defects in wall panel system.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

**EDITING NOTE:** Full Contact Information: Wetwall, 3301 Center Street, Temple, TX 76504-6110. Toll-Free 866.938.9255, Fax 254.207.2384. Website: [www.wetwall.com](http://www.wetwall.com).

### 2.01 MANUFACTURER

- A. Basis of Design Manufacturer: Wetwall.

### 2.02 WALL PANEL COMPONENT PROPERTIES

**EDITING NOTE:** Edit this Article to suit choices made for wall panel products.

- A. High Pressure Laminate Overlays on Panel Core Material: Decorative surface papers impregnated with melamine resins and pressed over wood-plastic core. Sheets then bonded together under pressures greater than 1,000 lbs. per sq. in. and high temperatures approaching 300 deg F. Finished sheets trimmed; backs sanded to facilitate bonding to substrate, unless selected products are unsanded. Wall panels have balanced laminate surfaces (both sides of panel).
- B. Panel Core Material: Wood-plastic composite panel product composed of cellulosic materials, glass fibers, polypropylene and a bonding agent, resulting in a durable, water-proof, and dimensionally stable substrate suitable for decorative laminate overlays.

- C. Enhanced Laminate Performance: all panel designs incorporate AEON™ Enhanced Scratch & Scuff Resistant Performance Technology and antimicrobial protection.

### 2.03 WETWALL PANELS

- A. Product: “Wetwall Water-Proof Wall Panel System.”
- B. Panel Dimensions and Weight:

**EDITING NOTE:** Tub/shower surround kits have several choices for panel size. Back panels are available in 36 inch, 48 inch, and 60 inch widths. Side panels are available in 30 inch, 32 inch, 34 inch, and 36 inch widths. Dependent on back and side panel selections, surround kit height choices are 72 inches and 96 inches.

1. Panel Size (Width and Height): **[As selected from manufacturer’s full range of sizes] [As indicated or scheduled on Drawings] [\_\_\_\_\_]**.
  2. Panel Thickness: 0.43 inch nominal.
  3. Panel Weight: Approximately 1.65 lb/sq. ft.
- C. Panel Designs:

1. Design Pattern and Color: **[Aria White W7001] [Staccato W7004] [Torrone Marble W7008] [Tahiti Sands W7027] [Consenza W7028] [Calacatta Statuario W7036] [Arezzo W7041] [Legacy Ash W7042]**. Produced with enhanced laminate performance.
2. Design Pattern and Color: [\_\_\_\_\_].

**EDITING NOTE:** If design pattern and color are not specified above, delete and select one of the following options.

3. Design Pattern and Color: Specified in SCHEDULE Article of this Section.
4. Design Pattern and Color: Indicated on Drawings.
5. Design Pattern and Color: Selected from manufacturer’s full range of available selections.

**EDITING NOTE:** Panel configurations are dependent on application(s). Panel edges are typically a combination of edges. Panels with a flat edge + tongue (or groove) edge are suitable for back walls. Panels with two flat edges is suitable for a no seam back wall. Panels with flat edge + bullnose edge are suitable for wing wall panels. Panels with two bullnose edges are feature panels for use behind vanities or as caps. Panels with tongue edge + groove edge are suitable extending the design beyond a surround or single panel width. Panels with bullnose edge + tongue (or groove) edge are suitable to cap (or end) the panel.

- D. Panel Edge Configurations: Provide the following to suit installation conditions:
1. Tub/Shower Surrounds: Combination bullnose edge/flat edge, tongue edge/flat edge and groove edge/flat edge mated panels.
  2. Panels Extending Beyond Surrounds: Tongue edge and groove edge.
  3. Wing Walls: **[Combination flat/tongue and flat/groove] [Combination flat and bullnose]**.
  4. Feature Panels: two bullnose edges.

**EDITING NOTE:** Select configuration(s) above or select from one of the following options:

5. As indicated on Drawings.
  6. [ ].
- E. Panel Performance Criteria: Based on testing pursuant to ISO 4586, for the following properties:
1. Light Resistance: Slight effect; Test Methods 32A and 33B.
  2. Resistance to Staining: Not more than slight effect; Test Method 30A.
  3. Resistance to Staining: 10; Test Method 31B.
  4. Resistance to Wet Heat: No effect (non-gloss finishes) or slight effect (gloss finishes); Test Method 42.
  5. Resistance to Dry Heat: No effect (non-gloss finishes) or slight effect (gloss finishes); Test Methods 17A and 18B.
  6. Resistance to Impact (Large): 40 inches; Test Method 25.
  7. Resistance to Cigarette Burn: 210 seconds; Test Method 37.
  8. Dimensional Stability 0.5 percent (machine direction) and 0.8 percent (cross direction); Test Method 22B.

## 2.04 ACCESSORY MATERIALS

- A. Panel Adhesive: Wilsonart® Adhesive “Panel Adhesive.”
- B. Color Matched Sealant: Wilsonart® Adhesive “Color Matched Sealant.”

## 2.05 FABRICATION

- A. Fabricate components in shop, to greatest extent practicable, in panel sizes and arrangements indicated according to approved shop drawings and manufacturer’s published fabrication requirements.
- B. Provide cutouts for wall penetrations; trim edges according to manufacturer’s published requirements.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates and conditions that could adversely affect the work of this Section.
- B. Substrates to receive wall panels must be sound, flat, smooth, dry, and free from dust, loose paint, or other surface contaminants.
- C. Plumbing fixtures and accessories must be removed prior to panel system installation.
- D. Commencement of work will constitute acceptance of substrates and conditions to receive the work.

**EDITING NOTE:** Include the following Article if a Project requirement.

### 3.02 PREPARATION FOR EXISTING TILE SUBSTRATES

- A. Verify tile is solidly adhered to walls. Any loose tiles must be removed, filled with and approved mastic, and sanded smooth.
- B. Rough up glossy tile surfaces using a belt sander with 60-grit sandpaper.
- C. Prepared surfaces must be dry, smooth, and free of any dust or other contaminants.
- D. Wipe prepared surfaces with a damp cloth and allow to dry.

### 3.03 WALL PANELS INSTALLATION

- A. General: Install wall panels plumb, level, and true according to approved shop drawings and manufacturer's published installation instructions, including "Wetwall Water-Proof Wall Panel System Installation Guide."
- B. Tape over shower (or tub) drains prior to panel installation.
- C. Cut panels using only approved power tools.
- D. Dry fit panels, then mark plumbing locations for shower valves, shower heads, and similar items. Drill holes using only approved power tools.
- E. Thoroughly clean panel backs prior to adhesive application on panel surfaces. Apply adhesive with bead dimensions, spacing, and locations from panel edges according to manufacturer's recommendations. Press into place on installation substrates to ensure full adhesive contact.
- F. Apply color matched sealant to tongue edge panel prior to installation on wall surfaces. After panels are installed on substrates, apply color matched sealant to corners and bottoms for a watertight installation. Remove excess sealant from panel surfaces. Allow to cure for 24 hours.

### 3.04 CLEANING AND PROTECTION

- A. Clean wall panels according to manufacturer's published maintenance instructions. Completely remove deleterious substances from finished surfaces using approved cleaning materials.
- B. Protect completed work from damage during remainder of construction period.

### 3.05 SCHEDULE

**EDITING NOTE:** Schedule for wall panels may be inserted here if not indicated on Drawings or in Finish Schedule.

**END OF SECTION 10 2126**