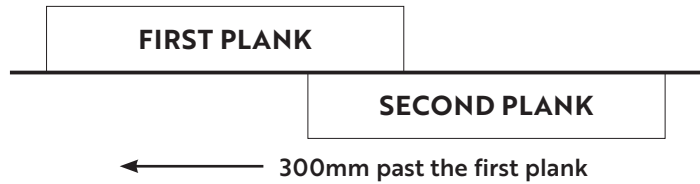


## STEP 5 - Installation of the second & subsequent planks:

Place the second plank ABOVE or BELOW your first plank, using the first plank as a guide for straightness. The second plank should be offset horizontally from the first plank by a minimum of 300mm.



1. Remove and fold the first quarter of protective plastic strip on the back of the panel.
2. Position the plastic protected part of the panel to align with the plank above or below the previously installed panel.
3. Firmly press the exposed adhesive strip to the wall and carefully remove the remaining protective plastic strip. Press again to ensure the Elevate wall panel is firmly adhered to the wall.
4. Repeat the process across the wall ensuring adequate adhesion and tight fit between planks.
5. Once installed, use the J-Roller to apply even pressure over the Elevate wall panels to ensure a strong adhesion.

## STEP 6 – Installation of the last planks and cutting Elevate panels

When you reach the end of a row, you will need to cut a panel. A fine-toothed saw blade should always be used to reduce chipping of the panel. If you are using a power saw, position the panel face down to make the cut. Alternatively, if you are using a hand saw, position the panel face up to make the cut. If chips do occur, a suitable coloured marker may be used to camouflage any visible damage. The cut end of the panel should always face the outside wall, not another panel to ensure a professional finish. The remaining cut plank should be used to begin the next row, above or below the completed row, on the opposite side of the wall.

## Maintenance

**Do not apply water to the surface.** Use a soft and dry brush or a slightly damp cloth if needed. It is imperative that the dampness is minimal as repeated use may introduce excess moisture to the Elevate wall panels resulting in increased expansion and bulging.

Elevate wall panels are designed in Australia and made in China for **Auswood International, Unit 6/4-20 Violet Street, Revesby NSW 2212**

Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.



## Introducing Elevate wall panels

### WARNING

Elevate wall panels use self-adhesive strips that are very strong, you will NOT be able to peel Elevate wall panels off and re-apply them once adhered to the wall, Elevate wall panels are NOT recommended for rental properties or temporary displays where they need to be removed at a later date without damaging the wall behind them. Elevate wall panels are a permanent fixture once installed. Therefore, it is recommended that extra time and care is taken planning the placement of the Elevate wall panels on the wall prior to adhering to avoid disappointment and subsequent damage to the wall.

Elevate wall panels are a natural wood product and as such cracks, knots, gum veins and features are considered normal. Elevate wall panels are a decorative internal wall covering and are not to be used as a structural component of a building, nor should they be used on the exterior of a building. Please note, there will be an initial burnt wood" smell when opening the boxes. Ensure ventilation is apparent in the room where Elevate wall panels are applied to help reduce the initial smell.

Elevate wall panels are made from natural wood and will expand when the atmosphere is moist and will contract when the atmosphere is dry. This natural movement is normal and may result in gaps appearing when the atmosphere is dry and slight bulging and expansion when the atmosphere is moist or humid. Elevate wall panels are not recommended for bathrooms, laundries and other areas of the home that may exceed the recommended humidity range of between 30% and 55%.

Elevate wall panels are made from natural Paulownia and may be stained depending on the colour chosen, Wood naturally darkens with sunlight and applied colours naturally fade with sunlight. Elevate wall panels are UV acrylic coated to protect the panels from premature colour change, It is important to note that some colour change can be expected over the life of the product and this is regarded as normal. The use of pictures and other wall hangings may result in uneven application of sunlight on the wall and cause a discrepancy between light and dark colourations. If this occurs, remove any fixtures from the entire wall and allow exposure to natural sunlight for a period of time until the colour equalises between the light and dark shades.

Do not directly secure wall hanging pictures, signs or any other fixtures to Elevate wall panels. Always ensure that fixtures such as picture hooks are secured to the structural wall behind the Elevate wall by lightly drilling through the panels. Failure to follow this recommendation may result in fixtures and pictures not being securely fastened and they may fall, potentially damaging persons or property.

It is recommended that Elevate wall panels are allowed to acclimatise to the temperature and moisture of the room prior to installation (recommended temperature 21 - 38 degrees Celsius).

This will minimise the likelihood of gaps or excessive expansion once installed, Elevate wall panels should be left in their boxes and stored horizontally in the room where they are to be installed for at least 48 hours prior to installation.

## Fire tests to Australian Standards

Elevate wall panels have been independently tested by the CSIRO in Australia for fire safety. The CSIRO report number FNK12101 defines Elevate wall panels as classified as Group 3 in accordance to A2.4 of the Building Code of Australia with an average specific extinction area of 44.4m<sup>2</sup>/kg.

Elevate wall panels are suitable for a variety of class buildings. Please consult your retailer for suitability to your class type.

### Tools required for installation

It is recommended that the following tools are used to ensure a safe, easy and professional installation;

1 x Level	1 x Safety ear protection
1 x Dry clean cloth	1 x Safety mask
1 x Builder's pencil	1 x Safety gloves
1 x Tape measure	1 x Drop saw with a fine-toothed saw blade
1 x J Roller	<b>OR</b> 1 x fine-toothed handsaw (rated at T9 or slightly higher)
1 x Square	
1 x Safety ladder	
1 x Safety eyewear	

## STEP 1 – Measuring and Ordering

It is important to accurately measure the width and length of your wall in metres before ordering your Elevate wall panels. Elevate can only be purchased in full packs. The recommended method for calculating your required number of packs is as follows:

(Wall Height in metres x Wall Width in metres)  
x 5% for Wastage/1.5488 (a full pack) = Number of packs required  
for example:

2.7m	12.5m
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$(2.7m \times 12.5) + 5\% \text{ for Wastage} = 35.44m^2$   
 $35.44m^2 / 1.5488 = 22.88 \text{ packs}$   
 $23 \text{ packs} \times 1.5488m^2 / \text{pack} = 35.62m^2$

Therefore, in this example it is recommended that you purchase 24 packs of Elevate wall panels to cover your area. It is always recommended to round up the number of required packs and keep any leftover panels for repairs in the future.

## STEP 2 – Preparation

Ensure that the surface to be covered with the panels is dry, clean smooth and dust free. The wall should also be firm and level. Any uneven areas should be leveled prior to installing the Elevate wall panels. In order to adhere properly, the surface that Elevate is stuck to must not be impervious to moisture. Surfaces such as glass, metal, ceramics, bricks and some painted surfaces that have washable paint applied, will require additional preparation such as but not limited to etching, priming or sanding. This will allow the surface to accept the adhesive that is on the tape of the Elevate wall panels. Failure to properly prepare the surface to accept the adhesive tape may result in the product not performing as intended.

Do not install panels in bathrooms, shower rooms or other rooms exposed to excessive moisture.

## STEP 3 – Installation

Each panel to be fitted should be a minimum of 128mm wide and a minimum of 300mm long. In cases where panels are required to be cut smaller than this size, we recommend that an extra adhesive be used to secure the panel to the wall.

Elevate wall panels are 128mm wide. Working in multiples of 128mm, measure from the top of the wall down to a comfortable working height and mark the spot on the wall with your builder's pencil. Move across the wall to a suitable distance allowing for the width of your level and repeat the same procedure so that you end up with two marks at the same drop from the ceiling. Place the level on each spot and ensure the bubble on the level is exactly in the middle prior to marking a line between the two marks.

This is the starting mark for your first plank!

For example: 7 x 128mm = 896mm

In this example measure 896mm with a tape measure from the ceiling down the length of your wall and make a mark with a builder's pencil. Move across the wall, a suitable distance allowing for the width of your level and repeat the same procedure so that you end up with two marks at the same drop from the ceiling, Place the level on each spot and ensure the bubble on the level is absolutely in the middle prior to marking a line between the two marks. Please check the level of the architraves prior to commencement of works.

## STEP 4 – Installation of the first plank

1. Remove and fold the first quarter of protective plastic strip on the back of the panel.
2. Position the plastic protected part of the panel to align the plank above your marked line on the wall.
3. Firmly press the exposed adhesive strip to the wall and carefully remove the remaining protective plastic strip. Press the Elevate wall panel firmly to ensure adhesion to the wall.
4. Please leave the first plank on the wall for 48 hours to ensure it has completely adhered to the wall.