

Natura Easy Tex Application Guide

Thank you for buying Natura Easy-Tex. We really want you to get the ultimate benefits from this innovative surface covering, so to get the very best results please follow the simple steps below:

Choosing the correct product

There are 2 versions of Easy-Tex:

- Easy Tex SA - a water based ink version for pigmented, UV and Latex inks.
- Eco Sol Easy-Tex - which is compatible with Eco Solvent, UV and also Latex inks.

Printing on Natura Easy-Tex

The Easy-Tex product range is compatible with the vast majority of inkjet inks on the market. The main consideration to be aware of is when using high temperature curing / drying processes as found with some Latex and UV technologies. It is important that the heat / speed balance ensures that the adhesive is not allowed to overheat as this could affect the adhesive strength.



Preparation of the host surface

Easy-Tex is manufactured for use on smooth surfaces and is not suitable for textured, porous or dusty surfaces for example: bare cement walls, untreated plasterboard or MDF, as adhesion can be affected.

Please ensure that the host surface is dust, moisture and grease free. We recommend that the surface is wiped with a damp cloth. Any new treatment or vinyl based paint that has been used on the wall should be left for approximately 3-4 weeks to dry and gas off before application. Also ensure that any lumps of plaster and paint are removed as these can reduce the adhesive strength and are noticeable once Easy Tex is in place.

If you are in any doubt about the condition of the wall or surface we always recommend testing a section with a sample of Easy-Tex for 24 hours before going ahead with the work. We are happy to provide samples upon request. When applying Easy-Tex it is preferable for the material to be at room temperature.

Application

As Easy-Tex has a repositionable adhesive there is no need for messy water-based glues, buckets and brushes. Anyone with good basic wallpapering skills can achieve great results in a very short time. Key things to consider are:

- Depending on the size of your surface it may be helpful to have two people install it.
- Try not to let the adhesive come together or let it fold up against itself.
- If it does, separate it by carefully pulling it apart taking care not to damage the printed area.
- Start at the top of your print and pull down approximately 4" / 10cm of the backing paper.
- Apply the exposed adhesive to the top of your surface and continue to slowly pull the backing paper downward in small increments while smoothing Easy-Tex from the centre outwards using a soft squeegee or by hand.
- Once the process is started it can be made easier if another person holds the bottom of the fabric and pulls down slightly giving some tension, keeping it square and straight.

Aftercare

Applying a liquid protective coating is advised particularly for long term indoor use in high footfall areas where the ink surface could be affected by scratching / bruising. Plus this will help with excessive weather conditions in outdoor usage.

Cleaning

For applications where there is potential for a wall covering to be subject to liquid spills, marking or in heavy traffic areas, it is recommended that you use a liquid protective coating to increase the level of resistance to water or abrasion. Once applied, the coating will allow for cleaning with a damp soft cloth and the use of mild detergents to assist with cleaning if necessary.

Please contact us if you need further information on recommended protective coatings.

Important Information

InkTec Europe Ltd has complete confidence in Natura Easy-Tex adhering without peeling or wrinkling on the vast majority of clean, dust free, sealed flat smooth surfaces.

Due to the unknown variety of conditions of where Easy-Tex is being used InkTec Europe Ltd and any of it's resale partners cannot guarantee that under any and all circumstances the material will stay completely intact, and that no adhesive will remain on the surface when removed. This is due to the number of variables out of our control; textured/painted walls, age and type of paint used, dirt, undulation, dryness or dampness of the intended surface also including heat from the sun making the adhesive less stable when removing from a window or surface.

If there is any doubt about the condition of the wall, its moisture level or roughness of the surface, we strongly recommend that one full drop is hung on the wall and then assessed after 24 hours. Surfaces with a texture, such as Artex or brickwork are not recommended as they are more difficult to adhere to; smooth surfaces are better suited for adhering Natura Easy-Tex.

Summary

All of our information and recommendations correspond with our current knowledge and is presented to inform you without obligation about our products and their use. The advice does not release you from the necessity to ensure, by your own tests, the product and surface suitability.

These tests are essential as we do not have any influence on the conditions where Natura Easy-Tex is intended to be used and other influences which may occur during use or application. We are always happy to help you with your tests by providing samples you need. Just call us on 01993 862770 or e-mail us on info@inkteceu.com.

Please note: We reserve the right to make any changes which may be useful for product improvement.



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