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Installing Panels Over Existing Tiles

Powder Coating is the recommended finish for use of the panels in a splashback area. Powder coating ensures protection of the metal against fats, oils and moisture. For more information on this please contact us directly or your store of purchase.

Background Information-

Whether you are interested in installing our panels within a wet or cooking area many of our customers ask if they can install over existing tiles. Up until now we have recommended that tiles be removed and installed as per our splashback or wet area installation guides. Available for download off our website: <http://pressedtinpanels.com/current-brochure/installation-guides/>

However since recently running our own trials and liaising with installers who have installed successfully this way, we can now report that it is possible.

There are however a number of things to consider before proceeding & some preparation work involved. We always recommend seeking advice from a professional tradesperson if you are unsure.

Things To Consider-

- Please review the condition of your existing tiles. If your tiles have many areas that are broken or missing we'd recommend to remove all tiles and install as per our regular instructional guide.
- If perhaps only a few are loose or missing—secure or fill them prior to proceeding.
- If your tiles are in good condition continue reading...



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Please refer to our splashback or wet area installation guide in conjunction with these extra guidelines to ensure you are fully informed and installing as per our recommendations.

-If your tiles are particularly porous or glossy you may like to prepare the tiles using a 'tile primer' following manufacture instructions for e.g White Knight Tile & Laminate Primer (as pictured right). This will prepare the surface for adhesion. This may not be necessary due to the high quality adhesives now available.



-Use a high strength, flexible adhesive/sealant for e.g. Selleys Armour Flex or Sikaflex (as pictured below) to glue the panels onto the tiles.



-We also advise you to obtain a *ceramic drill bit* in order to drill a hole for fastening a rivet or nail. This provides an extra form of securing the panels to the backing substrate. If your tiles have been installed over gyprock, a longer shank rivet is advised in this instance.

We recommend a 12mm for the extra length and a closed head for a more aesthetically pleasing finish. As per our splashback and wet area install instructions we recommend a rivet wherever the panels overlap and anywhere else the panels may need extra fastenings.

A simple touch up paint the same colour as your panels will complete the look.

Splashback, wet area and all other installation instructions are available for download off our website: <http://pressedtinpanels.com/current-brochure/installation-guides/> or call us to fax, post or email you a copy.

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