**ALTRO WHITEROCK DIGICLAD**

SECTION 097200

WALL COVERINGS

(HYGIENIC VINYL WALL COVERING)

**PART 1 GENERAL**

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

A. This section includes labor, materials and other services necessary to complete vinyl wall coverings.

B. Conform with requirements of all Sections of Division 1, General Requirements, as it applies to the work of this Section.

1.02 RELATED SECTIONS

A. Section 03300 - Cast-in-Place Concrete: Concrete finishing.

B. Section 06100 - Rough Carpentry: Plywood floor sheathing.

C. Division 7 - Thermal and Moisture Protection.

D. Division 15 - Mechanical.

1.03 REFERENCES

A. General: Standards listed by reference, including revisions by issuing authority, form a part of this specification section to extent indicated. Standards listed are identified by issuing authority, authority abbreviation, designation number, title or other designation established by issuing authority. Standards subsequently referenced herein are referred to by issuing authority abbreviation and standard designation.

B. **American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM):**

1. AST ASTM E 84-05 Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials. CLASS A

2. ASTM D5420 Gardner Impact Exceeds 160 inch pounds

C. **Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC)**

1. CAN/ULC-S102, Surface Burning Characteristics

1.04 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

A. Performance Requirements: Provide hygienic Altro Whiterock Digiclad wall covering which has been manufactured by Altro and installed to maintain performance criteria stated by manufacturer without defects, damage or failure.

1.05 SUBMITTALS

A. Product Data: Submit manufacturer’s current printed product literature, specifications, installation instructions, and field reports in accordance with Section 01330 - Submittal Procedures.

B. Shop Drawings: Submit shop drawings to indicate materials, details, and accessories in accordance with Section 01330 - Submittal Procedures including but limited to the following:

1. Submit a layout diagram indicating the location of each panel and joining method.

C. Samples: Submit duplicate sample pieces of Altro Whiterock Digiclad material, as well as accessory pieces in accordance with Section 01330 - Submittal Procedures.

D. Quality Assurance Submittals: Submit the following:

1. Test Reports: Certified test reports showing compliance with specified performance characteristics and physical properties.

2. Manufacturer’s Instructions: Current published manufacturer’s installation and maintenance instructions.

E. Closeout Submittals: Submit the following:

1. Operation and Maintenance Data: Operation and maintenance data for installed products in accordance with Division 1 Closeout Submittals (Maintenance Data and Operation Data) Section. Include methods for maintaining installed products and precautions against cleaning materials and methods detrimental to finishes and performance.

2. Warranty: Warranty documents specified herein.

1.06 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Installer Qualifications: Installer experienced in performing work of this section who has specialized in installation of work similar to that required for this project.

1. Training: Installer who has attended an Altro Whiterock installation training clinic.

C. Mock-ups: Install at project site a job mock-up using acceptable products and manufacturer approved installation methods. Obtain Owner’s and Consultant’s acceptance of finish color, texture and pattern, and workmanship standards.

* 1. Mock-Up Size: [Specify mock-up size.].
  2. Maintenance: Maintain mock-up during construction for workmanship comparison; remove and legally dispose of mock-up when no longer required.
  3. Incorporation: Mock-up may be incorporated into final construction upon Owner’s approval.

D. Pre-installation Meeting: Conduct pre-installation meeting to verify project requirements, substrate conditions, manufacturer’s installation instructions and manufacturer’s warranty requirements.

1.07 DELIVERY, STORAGE & HANDLING

A. Ordering: Comply with manufacturer’s ordering instructions and lead time requirements to avoid construction delays.

B. Deliver, store and handle Altro Whiterock Digiclad wall panels in accordance with Section 01610 - Basic Material Requirements.

C. Deliver materials in manufacturer’s original, unopened, undamaged containers with identification labels intact.

D. Store materials protected from exposure to harmful weather conditions, at temperature and humidity conditions recommended by manufacturer.

E. Store panels in temperature controlled environments. Leave protective blue film on panel until ready to use.

1.08 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL

A. Deposit all packaging materials in appropriate container on site for recycling or reuse.

B. Avoid using landfill waste disposal procedures when recycling facilities are available.

C. Keep all discarded packaging away from children.

1.09 PROJECT CONDITIONS

A. Temperature Requirements: If storage temperature is below 65F (18C), the Altro Whiterock Digiclad wall panel must be moved to a warmer place and allowed to reach this temperature before installation. For further information, refer to current Installation Guide.

B. Maintain air temperature and structural base temperature at installation area between 65F (18C) and 80F (26C) for 48 hours before, during and 24 hours after installation.

1.10 WARRANTY

A. Project Warranty: Refer to Conditions of the Contract for project warranty provisions.

B. Manufacturer’s Warranty: Submit, for Owner’s acceptance, manufacturer’s standard warranty document executed by authorized company official. Manufacturer’s warranty is in addition to, and not a limitation of, other rights Owner may have under Contract Documents.

**Specifier Note:** All Altro walling products are sold with a limited product warranty. The length of warranty is defined by the manufacturing process, the thickness of the product and the expected conditions for the specific product. Under normal use and service, Altro walling products are warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship within the specified term after the installation date, when installed and maintained in accordance with Altro’s recommendations. Altro Whiterock has a 20-Year warranty. This warranty applies only to the panels themselves and not to the Digiclad graphics of the panel.

C. Warranty Period for Altro Whiterock shall be 20 years commencing on Date of Substantial Completion. Please see current Altro Whiterock Warranty online at [www.altrofloors.com](http://www.altrofloors.com)

1.11 EXTRA MATERIALS

A. Provide extra materials of product and adhesives in accordance with Section 01780 - Closeout Submittals.

B. Provide [\_\_\_\_\_\_]sqft ([\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]m2) of each color, pattern and type material required for project for maintenance use.

C. Provide [\_\_\_\_\_\_]sqft ([\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]m2) of extra materials in one piece and from same production run as installed materials.

D. Clearly identify each wall panel and each container of adhesive.

E. Deliver to Consultant, upon completion of the work of this section and store where directed.

**PART 2 PRODUCTS**

**Note:** For information on Altro Whiterock Digiclad wall system, contact Altro directly to obtain information and assistance.

2.01 MANUFACTURERS

1. Manufacturer: Altro

1. CANADA: 6221 Kennedy Road, Unit 1, Mississauga, ON L5T 2S8  
Toll-free: 800.565.4658 Tel: 905.564.1330 Fax: 905.564.0750

E-mail: [info@altrofloors.com](mailto:info@altrofloors.com) Web Site: [www.altrofloors.com](http://www.altrofloors.com).

* 1. HYGIENIC WALL COVERINGS

A. Altro Whiterock Digiclad is high quality graphic printed directly to 100% pure vinyl, extruded, semi-rigid PVCu sheet. A hard coat protective layer is added to prevent damage to the graphics. Altro Whiterock Digiclad contains no plasticizers or fillers.

1. Acceptable material: Altro Whiterock Digiclad (measurements and product weights given below are approximate):

1. Thickness: 0.10" (2.5 mm); Panel Width: 4’ (1.22m) Panel Height: Either 8’2” or 9’ 10.25” (2.5m or 3m); Weight 4’x8’2” Panel: 24 lbs (10.7 kg) Weight 4’x9’ 10.25” Panel: 28 lbs (12.8 kg).

2.03 ACCESSORIES

A. Joint Strips:

1. 2-Part Joint Strip – [A831/25 White] [A831/25/\* Colors] Length 98.5”

2. 2-Part Joint Strip – [A831/30 White] [A831/30/\* Colors] Length 118”

B. Acrylic Adhesive: For dry, climate controlled areas, use AltroFix W157, a one-part, water-based, acrylic adhesive as recommended by manufacturer.

C. Polyurethane Adhesive: The default adhesive for most installations, suitable for wet area, non-climate controlled areas, and non-absorbent surfaces, use AltroFix W39, a two-part resin-based polyurethane adhesive as recommended by manufacturer.

D. Caulking and Mastic Compounds and Tools:

1. Altro Mastic Sealant – [A802 White/A803 Clear/A806\* Colors) 10.5 oz

2.04 SOURCE QUALITY

A. Source Quality: Obtain wall products from a single manufacturer.

**PART 3 EXECUTION**

3.01 MANUFACTURER’S INSTRUCTIONS

A. Compliance: Comply with manufacturer’s product data, including product technical bulletins, product catalog, installation instructions and product label instructions for installation.

3.02 EXAMINATION

A. Site Verification of Conditions: Verify substrate conditions, which have been previously installed under other sections, are acceptable for product installation in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.

3.03 SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

1. Walls should be smooth and level. High points must be removed and low points filled with filler intended for the substrate and environmental conditions.
2. Wall tiles must be fixed firmly to the wall. As long as the tile edges do not protrude you do not have to skim grout joints.
3. Surfaces must be permanently dry and free from all substances that may contribute to adhesive bond failure.
4. Remove loose paint and conduct an adhesive bond test with paint.
5. Exterior walls must be adequately damp-proofed and insulated.
6. Dry wall substrates should be paint ready.

3.04 PREPARATION

1. All surfaces must be free from dust and cleaned prior to Altro Whiterock Digiclad installation. The working environment must also be dust free. Failure to comply with these conditions will reduce the bond strength between the adhesive and substrate, and may cause the Altro Whiterock Digiclad panels to debond.
2. Very absorbent / porous substrates (particularly plaster finishes and unprimed sheetrock) must have a proprietary sealer e.g. PVA primer or similar, applied to the surface a minimum of 12 hours prior to the installation.
3. All electrical switches, power points etc., should be in a first fix / installation state. All electrical equipment should only be moved or altered by a qualified electrician.
4. If fitting to door frames, these must be in place prior to installation of Altro Whiterock Digiclad.
5. Prior to installation, it is advisable to complete any painting which comes in contact with Altro Whiterock Digiclad, as sealant used at junctions is non-paintable.
6. Panels should be stored flat and be pre-conditioned a minimum of 24 hours in ambient temperatures similar to the prevailing operational conditions.
7. The panels must be stored on a level flat surface off the ground (risk of condensation on the panels if stored on damp surfaces). Storage on uneven surfaces could cause the panels to distort prior to installation.
8. First, check the room using a 6’ (2 m) level to ensure all walls are flat, paying particular attention to the corners, window reveals, and door entrances. These need to be inspected to ensure they are free of any debris or irregularities, which could prevent the panels from laying flat to the substrate after the adhesive has been applied and the panel installed.

3.05 INSTALLATION

A. Hygienic Wall Installation: Install Altro Whiterock Digiclad in accordance with the current Altro Installation Guide. All joints should be joined by approved methods as detailed in the installation guide. Failure to install Altro Whiterock Digiclad in accordance with recommended procedures will void the Altro Limited Product Warranty.

3.06 FIELD QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Manufacturer’s Field Services: Upon Owner’s request, provide manufacturer’s field service consisting of product use recommendations and periodic site visits for inspection of product installation in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.

1. Site Visits: [Specify number and duration of periodic site visits.].

3.07 CLEANING

**Specifier Note:** Once all panels and joints are installed, remove protective film and clean all surfaces down with antistatic solution or antistatic wipes. This is required as the panel may have static build up and any dust in the atmosphere will adhere to the surface of the panel.

1. Any cleaning agents should be applied generously using a soft cloth with light pressure.
2. Many staining agents including gasoline, rubber scuffs marks, coffee, etc., can be wiped clean with either a wet or dry cloth.
3. To remove stains such as ketchup, crayon, lipstick, etc., use household detergent and rinse with water.
4. To remove paint, permanent marker or any other stain that is heavy oil or grease based, use a mild solvent in order to extend the product life.
5. Stubborn stains use AltroClean 44 cleaner or equivalent alkaline cleaner but should not be used on a regular basis.

**Specifier Note:** If a construction waste separation and disposal workplan is incorporated as part of the project, ensure that this section makes reference to how the excess material can be recycled or otherwise disposed of. Avoid sending construction waste to landfill sites if alternative means of disposal are available.

A. Remove construction debris from project site and legally dispose of debris.

3.08 PROTECTION

* 1. Do not install near open heat sources (ovens, etc). Stainless steel panels should be used in such areas.

END OF SECTION