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Artika Panolok Wall Panel Kit (Light Grey) - Installation and Maintenance Manual

Model: Panolok

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your Artika Panolok Wall Panel Kit. These pine wood slat panels with a PVC finish are designed to enhance any interior space with a modern Scandinavian aesthetic. Please read this manual thoroughly before beginning installation.



Image: Artika Panolok panels installed in an entryway, showcasing their aesthetic appeal.

Safety Information

Adhering to safety guidelines is crucial during any home improvement project. Please observe the following precautions:

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses and gloves during installation.
- Ensure the installation area is well-lit and free from obstructions.
- Use caution when handling tools, especially cutting tools.
- Verify the wall structure can support the weight of the panels if using mechanical fasteners.
- Keep panels and tools out of reach of children.

Package Contents

Each Artika Panolok Wall Panel Kit (Light Grey) includes the following components:

- **8 x Wall Panels:** Pine wood slats with PVC finish.
- **End Caps:** For finishing exposed panel edges.
- **Corner Caps:** For finishing internal or external corners.

The kit covers approximately 30.67 sq ft (2.85 m²).

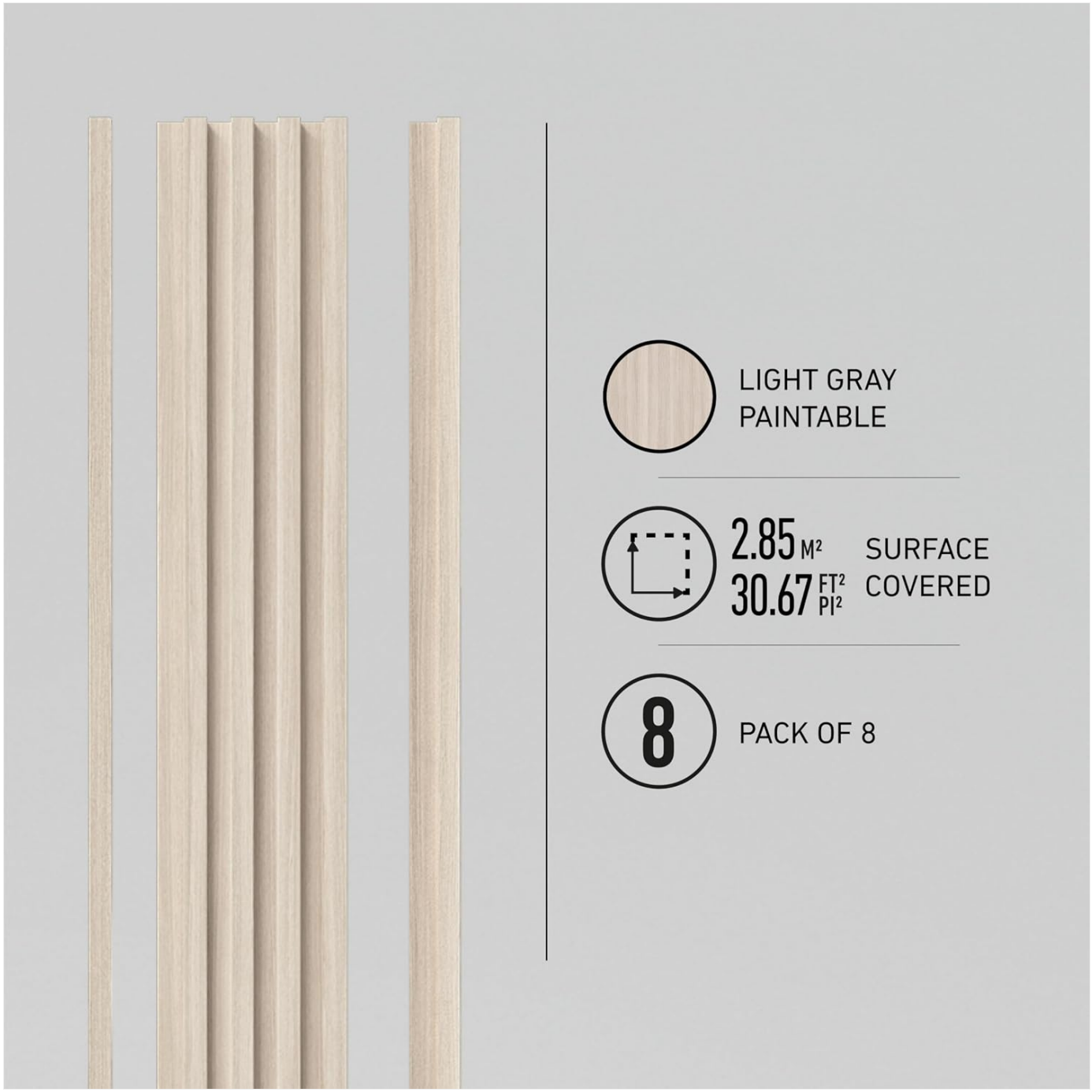

Image: Kit contents and coverage details.





Image: A single Artika Panolok wall panel.



Image: Exploded view of panel components, including wood backing and PVC finish.



Image: Product packaging for the Artika Panolok Wall Panel Kit.

Tools Required

The following tools are recommended for installation:

- Measuring Tape
- Pencil
- Level
- Saw (e.g., miter saw, jigsaw) for cutting panels if needed
- Adhesive (construction adhesive recommended) or appropriate fasteners (nails/screws)
- Caulking gun (if using adhesive)
- Utility knife (for scoring PVC finish)

Setup and Preparation

1. **Unpack and Inspect:** Carefully remove all panels and accessories from the packaging. Inspect each piece for any damage or defects.
2. **Acclimatization:** Allow the panels to acclimatize to the room's temperature and humidity for at least 48 hours before installation. This helps prevent warping.
3. **Prepare Wall Surface:** Ensure the wall surface is clean, dry, smooth, and structurally sound. Remove any loose paint, wallpaper, or debris. Fill any large holes or cracks.
4. **Measure and Plan Layout:** Measure the wall area where the panels will be installed. Plan the layout to determine how many panels are needed and if any cutting will be required. Consider starting from a corner or a central point for aesthetic balance.

Installation

The Artika Panolok panels feature an interlocking design for straightforward installation.



Image: Easy installation diagram showing panel components and interlocking.

1. **Mark Starting Line:** Use a level and pencil to draw a straight vertical or horizontal starting line on the wall,

depending on your desired panel orientation. This ensures the first panel is perfectly aligned.

2. **Apply Adhesive or Fasteners:**
    - **Adhesive Method:** Apply a zigzag bead of construction adhesive to the back of the first panel. Ensure adequate coverage, especially near the edges.
    - **Fastener Method:** If using nails or screws, pre-drill pilot holes if necessary and secure the panel to wall studs. Conceal fasteners in the interlocking grooves where possible.
3. **Install First Panel:** Carefully align the first panel with your marked starting line and press it firmly onto the wall. Ensure it is level and plumb.
4. **Interlock Subsequent Panels:** Take the next panel and align its tongue with the groove of the previously installed panel. Gently push and tap the panel into place until the interlocking mechanism is secure and there are no gaps. Repeat this process for all remaining panels.



Image: Detail of the interlocking tongue and groove mechanism.

5. **Cutting Panels:** If panels need to be cut to fit, measure accurately and use a suitable saw. For a clean cut on the PVC finish, you may score it with a utility knife before sawing.
6. **Install End and Corner Caps:**Once all main panels are installed, use the provided end caps to finish any exposed vertical edges and corner caps for internal or external corners. Secure them with adhesive or small finishing nails.

7. **Painting/Staining (Optional):** The panels are paintable. If you wish to customize their color, ensure the panels are clean and dry after installation. Follow the paint or stain manufacturer's instructions for application.



Image: Versatile usage of Artika Panolok panels in a living space.

Maintenance

The Artika Panolok Wall Panels are designed for durability and low maintenance due to their high-quality PVC coating.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the panels regularly with a soft, damp cloth to remove dust and light dirt. For more stubborn marks, use a mild, non-abrasive cleaner. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive scrubbing pads, as these can damage the PVC finish.
- **Protection:** While the PVC coating resists moisture and scratches, avoid direct impact or prolonged exposure to excessive moisture to maintain the panels' appearance and integrity.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues during or after installation, consider the following:

- **Panels Not Aligning:** Ensure your starting line was perfectly level. Re-check subsequent panels for proper interlocking. Minor adjustments may be possible before adhesive fully cures.
- **Adhesive Not Holding:** Verify the wall surface was clean, dry, and free of dust or grease. Ensure sufficient adhesive was applied and allowed adequate curing time. Consider using additional mechanical fasteners if the surface is challenging.
- **Gaps Between Panels:** Ensure panels are fully interlocked. If gaps persist, they might be due to uneven wall surfaces or improper alignment. Small gaps can sometimes be filled with a matching caulk if necessary.

Specifications

Model Number	Panolok
Material	Pine Wood with PVC Finish
Color	Light Grey (Paintable)
Kit Coverage	30.67 sq ft (2.85 m²) per 8-pack
Package Weight	18 kg
Package Dimensions	242 x 18 x 14 cm

Warranty and Support

For warranty information or technical support, please contact Artika for Living inc. directly. Ensure you have your product model number (Panolok) and proof of purchase available.
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