

# SUSPENDED OR DROP-IN INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR LAMINATED RIGID VINYL CEILING TILES REPRODUCTION CEILING TILES IN METALLIC FINISHES

Suspended ceilings are secondary ceilings, hung below a room's primary, structural ceiling. They are commonly referred to as drop ceilings.

A standard drop ceiling consists of a metal grid, called a T-bar that is hung (suspended) from the primary ceiling.

Ceiling tiles are placed between grid members to create a "faux" ceiling, and come in both 2ft. x 2 ft. and 2ft. x 4ft. sizes.

Suspended ceilings are easier to install than drywall, provide access to ducts, pipes, and cables, and offer a better sound barrier than a standard ceiling.



# EASY AS 1-2-3

Remove any existing ceiling tiles (if applicable) and drop in the ceiling tile style into place in the suspended ceiling.

### **Ceiling Borders**

In perimeter and border situations where the T-bar sections are irregular or not a full 2ft. x 2ft. or 2ft. x 4ft. in size, edge ceiling tile styles can be easily trimmed to fit using common, household scissors.



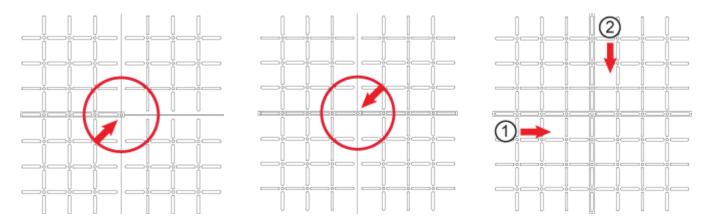
Outwater Industries, Inc. assumes no liability for improper installation.

#### **Ceiling Borders**

Decorative strips are 2 ft. long with an adhesive backing, and are designed to cover the face of the T-bar. Each strip has a pattern that begins with a dot and ends with a dash.

Before removing the peel surface on the adhesive backing, it is recommended that the strips be dry fit. Place the dot end of the decorative grid strip directly over a four-way grid intersection and the length of the strip along the face of the grid between two ceiling tiles. If the strip needs to be trimmed, simply cut it to size appropriately.

Do not remove the peel surface on the adhesive backing until the strip is ready to be installed. If the adhesive comes into contact with dust, oil, or grease of any kind it will not adhere to the ceiling grid's surface. If the decorative strip does not adhere for any reason, a small amount of adhesive can be applied.



Remove the peel surface on the adhesive backing and press the strip firmly into place making sure to once again line the dot end of the strip with the four-way grid intersection and its length along the face of the grid between the two ceiling tiles. Butt the next decorative grid strip directly against the first, creating a repeating pattern - the first dot on the second strip placed over the next four-way grid intersection and so on.

After all of the decorative strips running in one direction have been installed, begin installing the strips perpendicular to the first set.



#### **Ceiling Borders**

All paintable white products can be painted before or after installation. Be sure ceiling tiles and decorative strips are clean and dry and experiment on a sample ceiling tile with your paint of choice before painting the ceiling in its entirety. Do not use solvent type thinner or cleaners.

#### Painting voids the Class A Fire Rating.

## Cleaning

Our better than tin ceiling tiles require no special cleaning agents - just wipe with a soft, damp rag.

There is no risk of water damage during cleaning and there is no need for scheduled professional cleaning and resurfacing to prevent environmental and aesthetic problems. Small, stubborn spots can be handled with cleaners such as Fantastik<sup>®</sup> or Windex<sup>®</sup>.

Cleaners containing organic solvents or other aggressive ingredients should not be used because they may affect the surface appearance of the tile. Examples of such cleaners are chlorine bleach, liquid grease remover, strong soaps and detergents containing organic solvents, nail polish remover and furniture polish/cleaners.

#### Storing

Do not store ceiling tiles in contact with direct sunlight or in contact with any heat that may reach temperatures of over 110°F. When temperatures reach these levels, the vinyl is likely to distort.

