**ALTRO WHITEROCKTM CHAMELEON**

**Hygienic Wall Covering**

SECTION 097200

WALL COVERINGS

**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 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 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.

3. Manufacturer’s Field Reports: Specified herein.

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 colour, 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 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 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.

**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.

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.altro.com](http://www.altro.com/)

1.11 EXTRA MATERIALS

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

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

C. Provide [\_\_\_\_\_\_] sq.ft ([\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] 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 hygienic 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: [support@altro.com](mailto:support@altro.com) Web Site[: www.altro.com](http://www.altro.com/).

2.02 HYGIENIC WALL COVERINGS

1. Altro Whiterock is 100% pure vinyl, extruded, semi-rigid PVCu sheet. Altro Whiterock contains no plasticizers or fillers. Altro Whiterock is homogenous.
2. Acceptable material: Altro Whiterock (measurements and product weights given below are approximate):

Thickness: 0.10" (2.5 mm); Panel Width: 4’ (1.22m) Panel Height: 9.8’ ( 3m); Weight 4’x8’ Panel: Weight 4’x10’ Panel: 29 lbs (12.7 kg).

2.03 ACCESSORIES

A. Vinyl welding rod: Acceptable material:

1. Altro weld rod - WSR/\*\* colour

B. Joint Strips:

1. 1-Part Joint Strip – [G831/30/\*\* colour] Length 118”

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

C. Start and Edge Trim:

1. 1-Part Start and Edge Trim – [G833/30 \*\* colour] Length 118”

2. 2-Part Start and Edge Trim – [A833/30/\*\* colour] Length 118”

E. Stainless Steel Accessories:

1. Stainless Steel Corner Protector – [A861/12 Brushed Steel] Dimensions: 4’ x 2 ½ x 2 ½”

2. 1-Part Stainless Steel Joint Strip – [A855 Brushed Steel] Length 7’

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

G. 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.

H. Caulking and Sanitary Sealant Compounds and Tools:

1. FlexiJoint Coil – [FJ\*\* colour] Length 164 linear feet

2. FlexiJoint Steel Spacers (engineered steel)

3. Parabond Adhesive Sealant - [AP600] 10 oz Tube

4. Altro Sanitary Sealant – [A803 Clear, A806/\*\* colour) 10.5 oz Tube

1. Wall/Shower Insert Shelf Unit

1. A900/\*\* - 13”x13”x4” Available in White (103), Linen (41), Oyster (32) and Fawn (206).

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 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 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. All plumbing should have pipe-work removed to a first fix or installation state and “tails” left protruding from the substrate. Altro Whiterock panels can then be drilled and slid over the pipe tails. All holes should be drilled 1/8” (3mm) oversize to allow for expansion, then sealed with Altro Sanitary Sealant. Plumbing should always be done by a qualified plumber.
5. Hot pipes and steam pipes should be insulated and a 1/8” to 1/4” (3-6mm) expansion gap should be created when installing panels around these pipes, then sealed with Altro Sanitary Sealant.
6. All pipes, fixing bolts, etc. extending through the Altro Whiterock panels should have a minimum 1/8” (3mm) expansion gap and be sealed using Altro Sanitary Sealant.
7. If fitting to door frames, these must be in place prior to installation of Altro Whiterock.
8. Prior to installation, it is advisable to complete any painting which comes in contact with Altro Whiterock, as sealant used at junctions is non-paintable.
9. Panels should be stored flat and be pre-conditioned a minimum of 24 hours in ambient temperatures similar to the prevailing operational conditions.
10. 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.
11. 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 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 in accordance with the current Altro Whiterock Installation Guide. All joints should be joined by approved methods as detailed in the installation guide. Failure to install Altro Whiterock 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

**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. Altro Whiterock can be cleaned with a diluted soap/detergent solution, such as Altro 44 Cleaner.
2. When cleaning the Altro Whiterock surface, we recommend the temperature of water does not exceed 140° F (60° C).
3. Pressure cleaning with hot water may be used with the pressure nozzle a minimum of 2 feet (600mm) away from the surface.
4. To reduce the buildup of static, cleaning the panels with an anti-static solution is recommended.
5. Stubborn stains use AltroClean 44 cleaner or equivalent alkaline cleaner.

**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