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Cold Weather Installation Guidelines

Trusscore Wall&CeilingBoard panels are intended to be installed in an environment where the panels have been acclimatized to a temperature between 10° and 20°C (50° and 68°F) for at least 24 hours before installation. For installations where the products must be installed below the recommended temperature range, follow the guidelines below to ensure that the product does not become permanently deformed or damaged with temperature fluctuations or use in colder temperatures.

Acclimatize – Acclimatize the products to the temperature of the environment where the panels will be installed for at least 24 hours beforehand.

Extra Spacing

Seam Spacing – When installing in temperatures below 4°C (40°F), insert a nickel (1.95mm/0.077") between the seams of all panels before you secure them to create additional seam spacing. When installing in temperatures between 4°C (40°F) and 10°C (50°F), insert a dime (1.35mm/0.053") between the seams of all panels before you secure them. This will allow appropriate space for the panels to expand when the product warms up.

At Panel Ends – Increase the spacing allowed at the end of panels from the typical ¼" to 3/8". If you are joining panels at the ends, the H Channel Snap-In trim kits have a wide face trim and are perfect for covering the extra gap required.

The above guidelines are designed to accommodate temperature changes. If your product is being installed outside of the recommended temperature range AND will be staying at that temperature, these guidelines do not need to be followed. For example – A walk-in refrigerator that will maintain a steady temperature of 6°C will not require extra seam or panel spacing.

- Impact Trusscore Wall&CeilingBoard panels may become more brittle in temperatures below 15°C (59°F). Direct impact in reduced temperatures can lead to product damage.
- Cutting To ensure a clean edge, panels should be cut as directed in the installation guide. In temperatures below 5°C (41°F), it is suggested to cut the panels slower, as the edges are more susceptible to chips/cracks. It is highly recommended to perform a test cut before starting your installation to understand how the panels will perform during cutting.
- Trims Trims will need to be cut much slower in temperatures below 5°C. Flanges will become more susceptible to cracking at lower temperatures. Where possible, use tin snips for cutting trims to avoid the possibility of cracked or broken edges.
- Radiant Heat All sources of radiant heat must be shielded and located with a minimum of 24" clearance between themselves and Trusscore Wall&CeilingBoard. Consult the manufacturer of your heater for further guidelines regarding any necessary shielding and clearances before installing.
- Sunlight Prolonged sunlight exposure in cold climates may cause exposed panels to expand differently than those in the shade. Following the above guidelines will help ensure that the installed system is able to handle these differences.



FAQs

- What is the maximum service temperature for Trusscore Wall&CeilingBoard?
 - The recommended maximum service temperature is 50°C (122°F).
- Can Trusscore Wall&CeilingBoard be used outdoors?
 - While indoor climate-controlled environments are preferred, outdoor environments where the
 product is sheltered from environmental factors is permissible, provided the practices outlined in
 the cold weather installation guide can be followed. For instance, detached garages and car wash
 stations (preferably with a covered bay door) are permissible. The use of a heat source to mitigate
 drastic daily temperature swings is recommended. Ceiling cover to protect the product from full
 sunlight exposure and other harsh environmental conditions is also recommended.
 - Trusscore Wall&CeilingBoard is not recommended in outdoor environments where the product cannot be sheltered from environmental factors. For instance, the product is not recommended for use as exterior cladding or siding.
- Can I install a heater directly onto Trusscore Wall&CeilingBoard?
 - No. Heaters should be shielded and kept a minimum of 24" away from the panels. Consult the
 manufacturer of your heater for further guidelines regarding any necessary shielding and clearances
 before installing.
- Can I power wash my garage or car wash wall in temperatures below 0°C?
 - Yes, power washing may be done in reduced temperature environments, provided the guidelines below are followed:
 - 1. Power washing nozzle should be at least 4-6 ft away from the wall.
 - 2. Use a small-to mid-size power washer with less than 3,000 psi.
 - 3. Use a wide spray nozzle angle (40-degree or greater is preferred) to distribute the water pressure across the wall.

