IMPORTANT!

Before installing the panels and crossbars, open the boxes and allow the material to acclimatize to the room for 48 hours.

WARNING!

The recommended humidity level for installing an Embassy ceiling is between 45 and 55%. The panels and crossbars are covered with a polypropylene sheet. This material is not completely waterproof but still has a good tolerance to moisture when installed in damp rooms such as well-ventilated bathroom, basement and/ or cottage. It is not recommended to install the product in a place where it will be in direct contact with water. We recommend avoiding fitting the panels too tightly along the walls to allow components to expand and contract with changes in humidity level.

FOR ROOMS WITH A LARGE CEILING SPACE: The main crossbars should never be installed over a length greater than 10.668 m (35 ft). If the room is more 10.668 m (35 ft) in length. Divide it into two or more sections.

ne Embassy ceiling system is not recommended for cathedral ceilings with a pitch of more than 4/12.



INSTALLATION GUIDE



1. PREPARE THE INSTALLATION

Locate the center of the ceiling space to be covered and use a chalk line to draw the room's center line. Note that the main crossbars (fig. D) must be installed in the opposite direction of the

joists.

Next, visualize how the panels will be placed by arranging them on the floor, leaving about a 2" space between them. Then determine if you have to install the ceiling beginning with centered tiles or centered crossbars.



2. INSTALL THE ANCHORS

Starting in the centre of the room, install anchors (fig. A) on every joist using the installation template (fig. F).

This template allows you to measure the correct distance between the anchors as well as

between the anchors and the wall. Anchors must be installed on EVERY joist. Note that the distance between 2 anchors on the same main crossbar should never exceed 24". If the joists are not leveled, add furring strips to level.



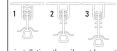
3. INSTALL THE RAILS Now slide the rails (fig. B) into the

main crossbars (fig. D). You will need<u>six rails</u>per full

length main crossbar. Because the rails have to support

the weight of the ceiling, it's

important to always use the required number of rails.



The rail and anchor system allows you to slightly level your ceiling if needed. Note that it is not recommended to install your entire ceiling on the last level of the rail (3). For a safe and secure

installation, the rail must be on the first two levels.



4. INSTALL THE MAIN CROSSBARS

You can now install the main crossbars (fig. D) by sliding the rails (fig. B) into the anchors (fig. A) that have been secured to the joists across the entire span of the room.

To avoid any pendulum effects

during installation, we recommend that you install the main crossbars followed by 1 or 2 rows of secondary crossbars (fig. C), including any cut crossbars.

To fit the crossbars together use the tongue & groove portions and slide a rail into place at every joint.



5. INSTALL THE TILES AND SECONDARY CROSSBARS

Add the panels (fig. E) and secondary crossbars (fig. C) by starting in the center of the room and alternating on either side.



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The last row of secondary crossbars usually has to be cut to size. They must be cut for a tight fit to secure the structure and reduce possible movement in the components.

When cutting the last row of panels for the open spaces alongside the walls, avoid fitting them too tightly. Leaving a space between the panel and the secondary crossbar will allow the MDF to adjust to the humidity level.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS Installing recessed spot lights

Most recessed spot lights are designed to be installed on standard suspended ceiling panels or on drywall that is 1/2" thick. Since Embassy panels are 1/4" thick, we suggest using panel cut offs (such as those from making the holes) to create a 1/2" inch layer of MDF placed under the tightening brackets of the spot lights.

How to create a tenon when cutting a secondary crossbar*

Use a 2" x 3" inch cut off of a panel and attach it to the raw MDF side of the cut end of the secondary crossbar. This will allow the cut off piece to reach the highest part of the main crossbar.

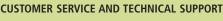


To make an outside corner, fix with a panel cut, your main crossbar and your secondary crossbar cut at a 45 degree angle.





*We recommend using #8, 3/4" wood screws.



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Screws are not included

2 screws are required by anchor.

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