



Align International, Inc. Natural Stone

Frequently asked questions about Align International Natural Stone

Who is Align International?

Align International Inc. is the United States sales office for a global manufacturer and supplier of premium natural stone veneer panels and floor mats. The company is one of the largest natural stone manufacturing companies in China.

What type of stone is used by Align International?

Align International uses slate, quartz and sandstone, which are very dense natural stones that offer high strength and lasting durability. Stones are quarried, hand-picked and adhered together in their factory in China to create thin stone veneer panels. Panels are then precut to uniform sizes for easy installation.

Is there a difference between Align International and other natural stone veneer panels?

Align uses the highest grade of natural stone pieces and adhesive materials to ensure that panels are created for lasting durability and richness in color and texture. Because the stone is quarried in China, Align panels are available in unique color ranges and blends for alternative options in beautiful stone veneer panels. Their stepped panel design provides the appearance of random joints, resulting in a more natural finished wall without noticeable seams. Align panels are also very competitively priced compared to imitation stone panels and other natural stone panels.

Have Align International panels been used successfully in project applications within the United States?

The panel stone system has been used successfully throughout the United States for years. County Materials has supplied more than 700,000 square feet of Align panels that have been used successfully on residential and commercial applications by building professionals in the Midwest.

Can Align International be installed on the interior and exterior of a building?

Because it is a natural stone, Align International is very durable to withstand weather conditions when installed according to industry standards on exterior applications. In addition, it is light enough to be incorporated into interior design plans. Align panels are applied to walls using similar installation methods as tile. This makes them ideal for wall cladding, stone flooring, fireplaces, patios and outdoor kitchens.

Do Align panels require a sealer if installed on the exterior of a building?

Sealers are not required but are an option for natural stone panels. There are many different sealing agents specific to application requirements and desired results. Use of the sealing agent must comply with all instructions provided by the sealing agent manufacturer, and the sealing agent must be performed on a separate mock-up sample wall panel not less than 4 feet by 4 feet prior to approval by buyer. County Materials accepts no responsibility or liability for the use of sealing agents on natural stone veneer panels.



Frequently asked questions (continued)

Will the stone veneer hold up in severe weather conditions (including freeze/thaw)?

Align panels are manufactured to ASTM standards and can be used in subzero or freeze/thaw conditions as well as extreme heat climates when they are installed according to industry standards.

Is there an Align International installation guide?

Align International offers a very detailed installation guide. Request a copy from your County Materials sales representative, or you can download and print a copy from County Materials' website at www.countymaterials.com by clicking on the Resources tab and clicking on Natural Stone Veneers.

<https://www.countymaterials.com/en/downloads/product-installation-guides/masonry-2/236-align-stone-installation-guide-1/file>

How are Align International panels held together?

For maximum strength and endurance during installation, Stone is adhered using a quality epoxy adhesive. The adhesive keeps the stone pieces together in a panel which allows for faster installation. Like other natural stone panels that are manufactured, the adhesive may break loose during shipping and handling. Panels can still easily be installed into the scratch coat first. Then, any piece or pieces that have broken away can be installed. The stone panels are fully adhered to the wall by the mortar-to-stone bond.

What is the approximate lead time for Align International?

Align International panels are available in many standard colors and profiles. Special color orders may require up to 8 to 10 weeks for delivery. Ask a County Materials sales representative for ordering information and availability for specific colors.

How do Align International panels come packaged?

Align International stone panels are securely packaged in boxes. The square feet coverage for each product is labeled per box. The number of stone panels per box varies by style. Corner and flat panels are packaged in separate boxes.

Where can I find project application photos?

Align International offers a gallery of available product colors and project photos on their website: <http://www.alignstone.com>. More information and project images can also be found on County Materials' website at www.countymaterials.com by clicking on our Gallery. <https://www.countymaterials.com/en/gallery/tag/Align%20International>