

# **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BIO-PRUF®**

All designs in the BN Walls contract series, with a non woven or textile backing are standard manufactured with Bio-Pruf specifications. These anti-bacterial wallcoverings have been treated with a chemical biocide, Bio-Pruf® that inhibits the growth of micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi. In environments such as hospitals and health centres, sterile and hygiene conditions are of upmost importance. When surfaces need to be as clean as possible, the walls, as an important part of any building, need to be equally germ free. Therefore, anti-bacterial wallcoverings are gaining importance as architects are requesting more often for the Bio-Pruf® specifications.

### How does Bio-Pruf® work?

Bio-Pruf® stops the growth of micro-organisms by destroying their associated enzymes (living cells).

#### Where is Bio-Pruf® most benificial?

Any healthcare environment can benefit from Bio-Pruf®. Besides offering resistance to the growth of bacteria, it can also help eliminate known 'superbugs' such as MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) which can present serious health risks.

### How can a Bio-Pruf® treated wallcovering assist the client?

Any healthcare environment, laboratory areas in Universities etc. will have a basic requirement to protect and guard against unwanted infections. This is especially critical in hospitals where eliminating bacteria is a priority. Bio-Pruf® will ensure that the bacteria cannot settle on the surface of the wallcovering and therefore remove potential health hazards. Most hospitals nowadays employ an Infection Control Officer (part of the hospital's Estates Department) and Bio-Pruf® is therefore an ideal tool when targeting this type of customer.

### Does Bio-Pruf® treated wallcovering look different?

No, BioPruf® is invisible.

#### When does Bio-Pruf® stop working?

Never, BioPruf® is an inherent part of the vinyl composition and will remain active for the entire lifespan of the wallcovering.

#### Does the wallcovering need to be installed in a different way?

No.

## Which wallcoverings currently incorporate Bio-Pruf®?

The complete range of standard BN collections contain Bio-Pruf®.

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