

# Tips on a how to apply the **MirrorEffect** **AntiScratch ASLAN SE 75** wet

Generally, the product ASLAN SE 75 should be applied dry. In certain cases however, e.g. applications onto large areas, a dry application is possible.

**Materials:** Surface (e.g. ASLAN AKR), transfer liquid (e.g. ASLAN TL 10), felt squeegee (e.g. ASLAN KRF 1) and a clean, absorbent cloth

1. Before the application, the substrate must be cleaned from dirt, dust and grease. We recommend using our surface cleaner ASLAN AKR.



**The substrate should be cleaned immediately prior to the application to ensure that the surface is perfectly free of any pollution.**

2. Lay the film onto a clean surface with the liner facing upwards and remove the liner in one piece and as evenly as possible. Slightly moistening the back (liner) reduces an electrostatic charging when removing the liner from the self-adhesive film.



**Due to electrostatic charging, dust particles might end up on the adhesive. For more information on the topic electrostatics, please see our FAQ on the second page of this document.**

3. Spray the substrate with a sufficient amount of transfer liquid (e.g. ASLAN TL 10).
4. Position the mirror effect film on the wet surface. Thanks to the gliding characteristics of the transfer liquid, the film can be repositioned several times.
5. When the film has been optimally positioned, push out the transfer liquid with a felt squeegee (e.g. ASLAN KRF 1) as quickly as possible, starting from the center of the film to the edges and using firm pressure.



**The more thoroughly the transfer liquid is being pushed out, the quicker the self-adhesive film will reach its final adhesion.**

6. Remove dripping transfer liquid from the edges of the film by wiping them with an absorbent cloth, and once again press the film firmly on the substrate using the felt squeegee.



**Repeating the procedure of firmly pressing the film on the substrate after a couple of hours will enhance the quality of the application.**

## General instructions:

When applying the film wet, the buildup of the adhesive strength will be delayed. Depending upon the environmental conditions, it might take several days until the final adhesion is reached. During this time period, a mechanical stress on the film should be avoided.

To prevent bubbles from occurring, an exposure of the application to large temperature fluctuations and direct sunlight should be avoided.

For the wet application of plotted letterings etc., we recommend using the paper tape ASLAN TP 110. After a short drying time, the paper tape should be removed in a 180° angle.

# ELECTROSTATIC CHARGES DURING THE APPLICATION OF SELF-ADHESIVE FILMS

## What is electrostatic charge?

Electrostatic charge is an unavoidable side effect that appears during the handling of isolated materials such as paper, textiles or plastics. It is created by the energy that is required to move the items during handling. The higher the speed of this movement (friction) the stronger the electrostatic charge.

Electrostatic charges can also be an issue during the application of self-adhesive films. When removing the liner from the self-adhesive film, it gets electrostatically charged. The degree of the charge depends on various factors: Humidity as well as the grounding of materials, persons and used machinery plus the speed of removing the liner play an important role. An electrostatically charged self-adhesive film attracts dust and lint and is more difficult to apply.

## Frequently asked questions

### How can I reduce and control electrostatic charge during the application of self-adhesive films?

#### Avoid dust

The ideal environment for the application of self-adhesive films is free of any dust. Clothes should be free of lint. The working area should not be cleaned immediately prior to the application, in order to avoid dust being raised.

#### Humidity

Dry air increases the danger of an electrostatic charge. To avoid this, use a bowl or a bucket filled with water. The evaporating water ties the dust particles and reduces the electrostatic charge.

Alternatively, prior to the application, use a spray bottle to humidify the air, which will enhance the effect of dust particles being tied.

#### Grounding

Additionally, the person applying the self-adhesive films can himself be electrostatically charged, making the application more difficult. To discharge, it is helpful to touch a grounded metallic object.

### Tips for reducing electrostatic charge when applying self-adhesive films with a laminating machine

When using a laminator at high speed, an above-average electrostatic charge might occur. The following measures can be taken to minimize this effect:

- Grounding the machine
- Using special „anti-static“ tapes which discharge the electrostatic charge
- Increasing the humidity, since dry ambient air cannot dissipate sufficient electrostatic charge