

## ABOUT US Say HELLO to a better world of building solutions!

**factor-e-direct** offers various types of high-quality interior building products and materials for commercial and residential projects across North America. We provide flexible and cost-effective solutions for builders, architects, designers, etc., for any project of any scale. We believe anything's possible.

**BTW - Better Than Wood** is a division of *factor-e-direct*. We specialize in manufacturing proprietary and high-quality acoustic planks/panels for integrated ceiling and wall applications (new build or retro-fit) with a simple and efficient installation system like no other. Our innovative acoustic ceiling and wall panels do more than absorb sound; they transform your space. You can add incredible warmth and style with the "look" of real wood - but it's simply **Better Than Wood** - and much more affordable, too!

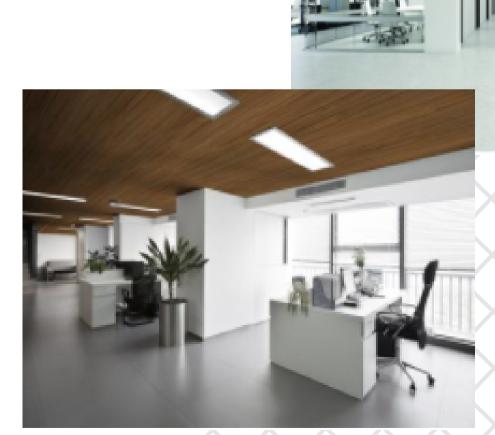
And, we're proudly Canadian 'eh! We manufacture our panels in Calgary, Alberta. Our equipment and technology are second-to-none, allowing for *fast production* and *quick delivery* for our clients. Did we mention the installation process is *super-fast*, too? It's just that easy!

We also believe in protecting the environment! Our panels are made from recycled materials so you can feel good about your product selection and off-cut waste (after install) is blue-bin friendly.

# ADD A BEAUTIFUL ACCENT TO ANY SPACE

The "Better Than Wood" Ceiling System also called BTW is a superior product to real wood for so many reasons - it's easy to fit, it's low maintenance and has acoustic properties that can't be found in traditional wooden ceilings.

There's no warping or paint, or varnish necessary, as with real wood. A simple wipe with a damp cloth or mop removes any dust or particles from the panels and leaves them looking fresh and new.



# WHY IS THE BTW CEILING SYSTEM BETTER THAN WOOD?

### **Easy to install**

• You can add ceiling planks directly to a standard ceiling grid without any additional structural support, using our simple to use T-Bar Snap Clip.

### Simple to customize

• The planks can be cut on-site so that you can integrate lights, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, sprinklers etc., with ease.

### **Acoustic benefits "sound attenuation performance"**

• The unique, micro-perforated finish offers superior acoustic performance not found in most faux wood.

# MORE BENEFITS

### **Superior safety**

• The planks are made from PET fibreboard which is highly fire retardant.

### **Increased stability**

• It's lightweight and long-lasting. Unlike wooden alternatives, the planks don't shrink and expand with heat and moisture, offering more stability.

### **Environmentally friendly**

BTW is mostly made from a minimum of 50% recycled material and can be reused.

### **Greater choice**

• Choose from six standard colour finishes with the option to customize to your environment.

# MORE BENEFITS

#### More affordable

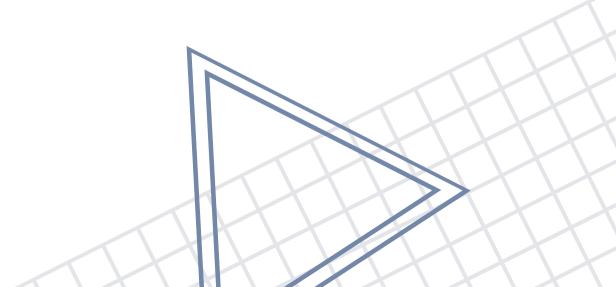
• Save money on material and installation costs, compared with traditional wooden alternatives.

### **Long-lasting**

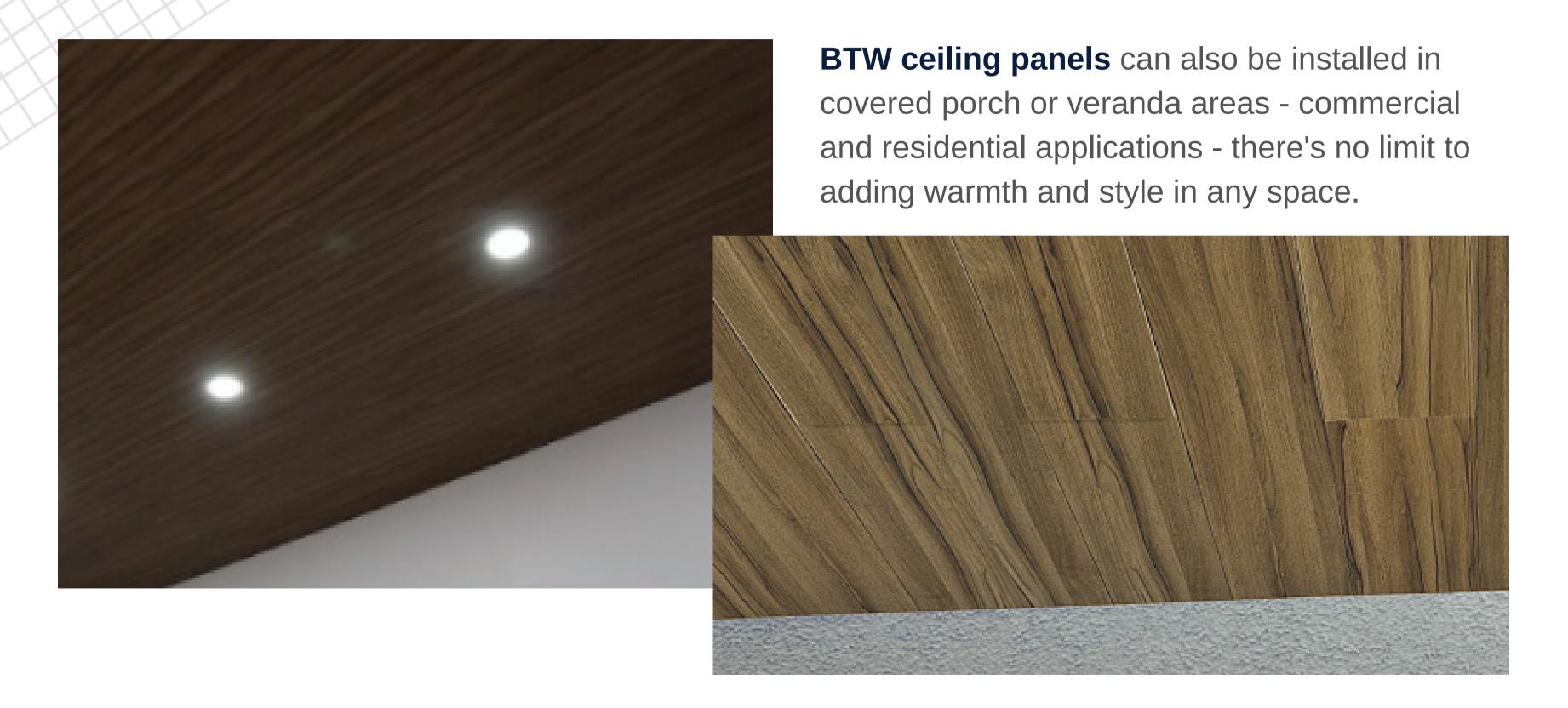
• BTW panels come with a 10-year guarantee.

#### **Low Maintenance**

- Does not require protection (varnish/paint) like real wood.
- Wipe with a damp cloth or mop to remove dust.



# ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



# FINISHES



Barn Wood Code: BTW501



Walnut Code: BTW504



Cherry Code: BTW502



Blonde Ash Code: BTW505



Gum Wood Code: BTW503



Espresso Code: BTW506

Contact us for custom colour inquiries

## IT'S SO EASY

#### **BENEFITS**

- Quick and easy installation
- Fully recyclable panels all off-cuts go in a blue bin
- PET shavings will NOT become airborne, resulting in:
  - cleaner job sites
  - safe and healthy workers







### **T-Bar Snap Clips**

- The T-bar clips fit the side of the plank where there is a slit (which is created on both sides of the plank during the manufacturing process).
- The clips snap onto the T-Bar grid or the hanging channel and support the weight of the plank.

### **Alignment Splines**

 These are flat pieces of steel that fit between the planks to hold them together and keep them aligned and in place.



#### Trims\*

- There are two conditions that work with the BTW ceiling system, one is for when the ceiling planks are engaging on a **T-bar grid** and the other is when the planks are engaging on a **non-T-Bar grid**.
- Each has its own perimeter trim design. All trims are black anodized and come in 2200 mm lengths.

\*see next slide for more details



#### **Trims** - continued

- This image shows the trim for a **T-Bar ceiling grid** being converted to a BTW plank ceiling solution. It has double-sided tape, which adheres directly to the underside of the T-Bar. This trim is also used for HVAC, trough lighting or any other ceiling detail that is not covered by the ceiling planks and would otherwise have plank ends exposed.
- This image shows the trim for the **non-T-bar grid.** It's the same concept as the T-Bar Perimeter trim but is offset by 10mm so that it engages the ceiling planks in the same place as the hanging channel. It has double-sided tape on the side so that it can stick directly to the wall. It's the same concept as the T-Bar Perimeter trim but is offset by 10mm so that it engages the ceiling planks in the same place as the hanging channel. It has double-sided tape on the side so that it can stick directly to the wall.



### **Hanging Channel (with tape)**

• If the installation is in a location where there is no T-Bar grid, use the hanging channel. The hanging channel has the exact dimensions as the T-Bar, so you can use the clip to support the ceiling planks' weight.

#### **Cornice**

• Create a rounded edge to your ceiling with a cornice finish.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Tracks can be applied to textured ceilings
- Ceilings can still be accessed after installation
- Limited tools required

# **SPECIFICATIONS**

### **APPLICATIONS**

- 2x2 ceiling grid
- 2x4 ceiling grid
- Drywall ceiling
- Drywall panelling

#### **COMPOSITION**

**PET** (polyethylene terephthalate) - Polyester fibres are combined with high melt and low melt fibres. A stitching process weaves these fibres together in conjunction with heat and pressure, which forms into a board/plank.

**Vinyl** - Thick graphic vinyl. 0.2mm (all vinyl is propriety to factor-e-direct)

Adhesive - Hot Melt PUR: Kleiberit 702.8

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### **DIMENSIONS**

L = 86.5 inches / 2200mm

W = 7.8 inches / 200 mm

T = .5 inches / 12mm

**Weight** per sq/ft = 279 grams is the lightest weight for a faux wood desired look.

#### FIRE PERFORMANCE

Class A available (optional)

#### SOUND ATTENUATION PERFORMANCE

A unique, microperforated finish offers superior acoustic performance not found in most faux wood.



TEST	RESULT	
CAC	25	
STC	63	$\rightarrow$
NRC	0.7	
IIC	70	

63 is a remarkable rating based on the mass of the acoustic panel

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### **ASTM TESTING DATA** (full reports upon request)

- ASTM-E1414
- ASTM E492
- ASTM-E413-16
- ASTM C423
- ASTM E90

#### PERIMETER TRIM

Black anodized aluminum

#### T-BAR

• Add to drop ceiling tiles by adhering perimeter trim to the existing T-Bar grid, and then use Snap Clips to attach BTW planks to the T-Bar grid.

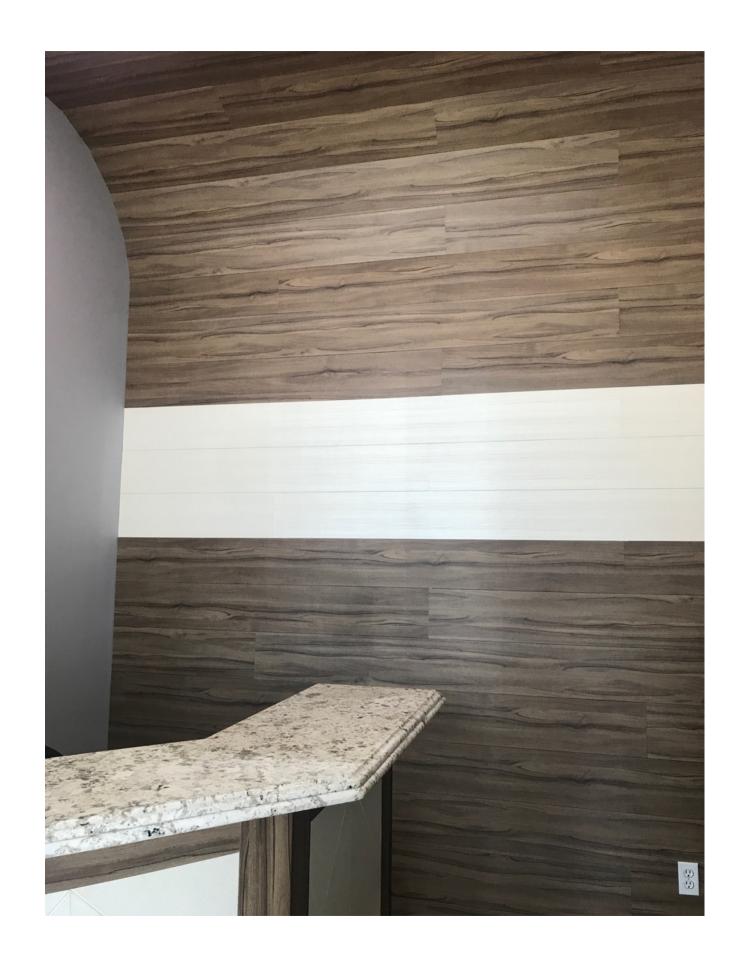
# BY THE WAY - WE DO WALLS, TOO!

### **ACOUSTIC WALL PLANKS**

Just like our ceilings, **BTW faux wood wall planks** create warmth and ambience in any space.

- Affordable
- Easy installation
- Lightweight and durable
- Acoustic properties just like our ceiling panels
- No mechanical fasteners needed

It's a great application for mechanical rooms, computer rooms, board/meeting rooms, professional offices, retail, restaurants, convention halls, home gyms, media rooms and more.

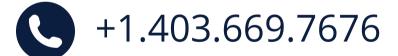




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