INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS Metal Floor & Wall Tiles — Adhesive Mount

TOOLS & MATERIALS NEEDED:
Construction adhesive (Loctite PL Premium, Liquid Nails, or equivalent)
Caulk gun
Tape measure
Level
Clean cloth
Painter's tape (optional)

SURFACE PREPARATION:
Ensure the surface is clean, dry, flat, and free of dust, grease, or debris. Wipe the back of the metal tile with a clean cloth to remove any residue.

INSTALLATION STEPS:
Layout & Measure:
Plan your tile layout before beginning installation.
Mark guidelines using a level and pencil if needed.

Apply Adhesive:
Apply a continuous bead or zigzag pattern of construction adhesive to the back of each tile.
Keep adhesive at least 1" from the tile edges to prevent squeeze-out.

Place Tile:
Press the tile firmly onto the surface, starting from one side and working outward.
Use slight pressure to ensure good contact with the wall or floor.

Adjust & Align:
Use a level to check alignment as you go.
Painter's tape can be used to temporarily hold tiles in place while adhesive cures.

Clean Up:
Wipe away any excess adhesive immediately with a damp cloth.
Cure Time:
Allow adhesive to cure per manufacturer's instructions (typically 24 hours before heavy use or cleaning).

NOTE: For floor installations, avoid foot traffic until adhesive has fully cured.
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📌 Suggestions for Creating a "Grout Line" Look with Flat Metal Wall Tiles

Use Small Tile Spacers
- 1/16" to 1/8" plastic tile spacers can be placed between tiles during install to create uniform gaps.
- After adhesive cures, spacers are removed and the gaps can be left open for a clean reveal or filled.

Apply Colored Caulk or Silicone Sealant
- Use a color-matched or contrasting silicone caulk to fill the gaps for a grouted appearance.
- Choose metallic, black, or neutral caulk colors to complement your tile finish.
- Bonus: It adds flexibility and prevents moisture getting behind the tiles in kitchens or bathrooms.

Paint the Wall Behind for a Faux Grout Line
- If installing with a slight gap between tiles, paint the wall surface in a contrasting color (like black, charcoal, or soft gray) before installation.
- The gaps between tiles will show the painted surface, mimicking the look of grout lines without filling them.

Use Metal Edge Trim Between Tiles
- Thin metal trim strips (like schluter trims) can be inserted between rows or around edges to break up the pattern and give a refined, grout-line effect.
- Works well with stainless, brushed aluminum, or anodized finishes.

Create a Grid Pattern with Routed Channels
- On large feature walls, you can add shallow V-grooves or channels into backing panels before adhering the tiles.
- This creates a faux grout grid effect between the tiles, giving depth and dimension to the installation.

Pro Tip:
Leave a small 1/8" gap at perimeter edges and fill with color-matched caulk for a clean, professional finish and to allow for thermal expansion.

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