

Benchmarks/Lead Times

To help you better plan for using Clear Hue Design Glass Finishes we've written down some useful lead times and benchmarks below.

To make sure you and your client are getting what you expect in regard to prompt delivery and the design you want there is a verification process we use in terms of benchmarks.

Of course, each project is unique, the list below is a good barometer of the process but could be slightly different for you project.

Benchmark 1: Creating your design.

- Lead times for Benchmark 1: (1 to 5 weeks)
 - Completely custom: This route has many variable on how long it may take.
 - Some of these variables would be:
 - Are you bringing us an idea and/or sketch (4 to 6 weeks)
 - Is it a photo or image from Shutterstock or a site similar (3 to 5 weeks)
 - Will it be a vector file from Shutterstock or a site similar (2 to 4 weeks)
 - Is it one of our Clear Hue Patterns with customization (1 to 3 weeks)
 - Is it one of our Clear Hue Patterns without customization (1 to 2 weeks)
 - 3rd party or your inhouse designer vector file (1 to 2 weeks)

As you can see, there is a wide range of times listed above. This is a collaborative process and some of the variables are how fast we get input/changes back from client and how clear of an idea we have at the very beginning.

Typically, it takes from 2 to 4 rounds of electronic proofs to have a final approval of a design concept.

If you do have a deadline to deliver the final design concept to your client, please let us know upfront and we'll devise a plan to make that happen.

Benchmark 2: Samples

- Lead times for Benchmark 2: (2 to 5 weeks)

Once the design has been approved, the next step is to deliver 1' x 1' or 1' x 2' (typical but could be different depending on design).

We've all been looking at the design on a computer screen until this point and the colors, & opacity may differ on the film.

Usually it takes from 2 to 4 rounds of sample to get final approval from client. Each round of samples takes about 7 business days to produce and deliver.

Plan on 2 to 5 weeks for final approval on sample(s).

Benchmark 3: Onsite Mockup

- Lead times for Benchmark 3: (2 to 5 weeks)

Now that you and your client have seen the samples at your respective office(s), the final verification is to see it onsite on a glass panel it is to be installed on.

No different than the samples potentially looking different than your monitor, the mockup could look different installed on the glass it was spec'd for because of interior lighting, background color, and glass type.

It typically takes 6 business days to produce and deliver the mockup film and then has to be scheduled with your installation company, whether it is ours or a 3rd party.

Normally it takes 1 to 3 rounds of mockups for final approval.

Please note It is at this time we require the project manager for the installation company to take onsite field measurements. This is important for film production and to ensure the design lays out the way it's intended.

Benchmark 4: Film production

- Lead times for Benchmark 4: (2 to 5 weeks)

The lead times for film production directly correlate to the size and scope of your project.

Benchmark 5: Arranging installation

- Lead times for Benchmark 5: (4 weeks)

If this project is being handled by a GC, the installation company has already been hired by this point and has had communication and involvement with this project.

If you're working without a GC and directly with the installation company, you would want to reach out to them when you schedule the mockup installation to find out what their lead time(s) are for this project.

If you've hired Clear View Window Film Solutions as your installation team, we'll be working with you every step of the way to ensure we reach every benchmark on time.

Benchmark 6: Film installation

- The length of time it will take to perform the installation for your project is determined by the overall size and scope of the project.
- Work with your installation team on the project installation duration.
- It's always a good idea to consider if the space will be occupied or not. If occupied, it may be more efficient and less invasive to install on weekends or evenings/nights.

Summation:

Typically, the entire process takes 8 to 12 weeks soup to nuts. The above lead times and benchmarks are for your planning purposes prior to contacting us. Once we start working together we'll be able to give you a more accurate picture of timelines for your unique project!