WHAT IS IT?

Material ConneXion is the leading global platform for material solutions and innovation. The Academy of Art University has partnered with Material ConneXion to establish a custom library of material samples. The collection provides students and faculty the opportunity to have an interactive experience with physical material samples that are paired with an online database that provides comprehensive information on the featured material as well as other materials in the same category. Material ConneXion was built on the belief that Every Idea has a Material Solution™; they are the trusted advisor for Fortune 500 companies, smaller forward-thinking companies, and government agencies seeking a creative or competitive edge through strategic material selections.

HOW DO I ACCESS IT?

To access the online database go to library.academyart.edu. From the library homepage use the dropdown menu under Find Resources to navigate to Online Resources. You can access the database by clicking on the Material ConneXion link.

HOW DO I CREATE AN ACCOUNT?

To use the database in conjunction with the materials library you need to create an account within the database. Select the Personal Account link in the top right-hand corner of the database homepage.

You will use your Academy of Art University email address (@art.edu, @i.art.edu, or @academyart.edu) to sign up.

Once you are logged in to your personal account you can use a QR code scanning app on a smart phone or tablet to scan the QR code on a material's tabula to access more information about the material sample in the Material ConneXion database.

HOW DOES THIS HELP ME?

Material ConneXion is an important resource for artists and designers – anyone who makes or designs physical objects. Material ConneXion gives you hands-on experience with materials used in the industry as well as access to a comprehensive database that provides important information regarding the material, the manufacturer, and ordering information.

Any more questions? Please refer to the Help button at the top right of the database homepage, or email us through the Ask A Librarian feature on the library homepage.