

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS – GLUE DOWN

SUITABLE SURFACES

Smooth, well-bonded solid floors; dry, clean, well cured concrete; wood floors with plywood. All surfaces must be dust free.

UNSUITABLE SURFACES

Particleboard or chipboard; concrete surfaces which are below grade and where moisture may be a problem and any form of embossed floors. Also check with your glue supplier for unsuitable surfaces.

WARNING: DO NOT REMOVE OLD RESILIENT FLOORING. THESE PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN EITHER ASBESTOS FIBERS OR CRYSTALLINE SILICA, WHICH CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH.

RADIANT HEATED FLOORS

You can install over radiant heating as long as the wires are covered in a skim coat and an appropriate adhesive is used.

PREPARATION

Vinyl planks should be allowed to acclimatize at room temperature (approx 20 °C/68 °F) for 48 hours prior to installation. Carefully check planks for any defects before installation. Check that all ITEM NUMBERS are the same and also that you have purchased sufficient material to complete the job. If you intend to lay planks over existing tiles, ensure that tiles are firmly stuck down – if in doubt remove them. Remove any traces of glue or residue from the previous flooring. Remove any traces of wax or other coatings from well-bonded, smooth surface floors.

All porous surfaces such as cement and plywood should be sealed with a suitable primer. New concrete floors need to dry out for at least 60 days prior to installation. Wood plank floors require a plywood subfloor. All nail heads must be driven down below the surface. Securely nail all loose boards. Scrape, plane or fill uneven boards, holes or cracks using floor-leveling compound. Make sure the floor is smooth, clean, free of wax, grease, oil or dust and sealed as necessary before laying planks.

PLANNING YOUR FLOOR

Begin in the corner of the longest wall. Prior to applying the adhesive, lay a complete row of planks to determine the length of the final plank. If the last plank is shorter than 300 mm (11.8"), then adjust the starting point accordingly; this is necessary in order to achieve the correct staggered effect. The cut edge should always face the wall. Diagram 1.

LAYING YOUR FLOOR

Apply a high tack universal flooring adhesive as recommended by your flooring retailer using a 1.6 mm (1/16") square notch trowel (or an alternative trowel size as specified by the glue supplier) at the corner of the longest wall. Avoid spreading more adhesive than needed, as the adhesive will lose its ability to fully stick to the back of the planks.

Position the first plank at your starting point. Check that this position is correct and apply firm, all over pressure to achieve contact. Lay all planks ensuring a close fit but do not force together. Ensure that the cut edge always faces the wall. Stagger the joints as per Diagram 2, a minimum 300 mm (11.8") apart.

To fit air vents, doorframes etc. make a cardboard pattern as a guide and use this to draw an outline on the plank. Cut to shape and check that it fits. It should fit snugly and should not be forced into place.

FINAL CUTTING LAST ROW

When you reach the last row, you may find that the gap is less than one full plank wide. To ensure accurate cutting of the final row, lay the plank to be cut exactly over the last full plank, lay another full plank against the wall and mark the cutting line where the planks overlay. Before applying the adhesive, check that the cut plank fits correctly. The plank should not be forced into place. Diagram 3.

FINISHING

When you have finished laying your floor, use a three-section 45.4 kg (100 lb) roller to roll across the length of the floor to flatten any ridges and make the seams level. Clean up any remaining or spilled adhesive with a damp cloth.

Allow 5 to 7 days before washing the floor to allow the planks to adhere to the sub floor. Sweep regularly to remove surface grit and dust. Never use excessive amounts of water when cleaning the planks – use a damp cloth or mop and rinse with clean water. When necessary a mild detergent can be added to the water. Never use wax, polish, abrasive cleaners or scouring agents, as they may dull or distort the finish. CAUTION: Planks are slippery when wet.

