

LOOSE LAY ANTI SKID PRODUCT GUIDE

Installation Instructions

BEFORE LAYING

The installation area must be climate controlled for at least one week before installation, during installation, and continuously after installation. Proper conditions are between 18-29° C. This product is not suitable for installation in non-climate controlled areas such as covered decks, porches or outdoors.

Acclimate the product to the climate-controlled location's temperature for a minimum of 48 hours before starting installation. It is important that the flooring be the same temperature as the area it is installed in.

Pull planks from different cartons when installing to ensure a pleasant blending of colors from possibly different production runs. Slight color variations are normal and expected between print runs. This loose lay product is for installing in the interior of any building with minimal adhesives, as long as the subfloor has been prepared to the standard as stated in Subfloor Conditions.

Tools Needed: Utility Knife, Carpenters Square or Straight Edge, Tape Measure. If using adhesive, follow adhesive supplier's instructions.

SUBFLOOR CONDITIONS

Subfloor preparation is very important for a successful installation. Roughness or unevenness of the subfloor may telegraph through the new floor. All subfloors should be smooth and flat with a tolerance of 3 mm over 1,8 m or less. All subfloor and underlayment patching must be done with a non-shrinking, water-resistant Portland cement type patching compound. Product can be installed over most existing hard-surface floor coverings provided the existing floor surface is smooth or can be made smooth. Existing floors must be solid. Fix any loose areas. Deeply embossed existing resilient floors require the use of an embossing leveler to avoid telegraphing to your new floor. Heavily cushioned vinyl flooring or vinyl flooring consisting of multiple layers are not suitable subfloors for installation.

Concrete subfloors must be dry, smooth and free from dust, solvent, paint, wax, grease, oil, asphalt sealing compounds and other extraneous materials. The surface must be hard, dense, and free from powder or flaking. The floor should have a moisture reading of less than 75% RH. New concrete slabs must be thoroughly dry, at least six weeks old and completely cured. The final responsibility for determining if the concrete is dry enough for installation of the flooring lies with the floor covering installer. Holes, grooves, expansion joints and other depressions must be filled with a Portland cement based underlayment and troweled smooth and feathered even with the surrounding surface.

Concrete floors with a radiant heating system are allowed as long as the temperature of the subfloor does not exceed 85°F at any point. The heating system should be covered with a self-leveling underlayment separating the flooring from the heat source by at least 12 mm.

Ceramic tile must be made smooth by applying a cementitious overlay such as patching or leveling compound. All wood and wood composite panels, including plywood, OSB, flake board and particle board are acceptable subfloors as long as they are dry, smooth, flat, structurally sound and free of deflection. Joints should be sanded if they exhibit peaking. In metal and Painted Floors remove any loose paint or ether finishes. Existing adhesive residue must be removed or encapsulated. Never scrape adhesive residue that may contain asbestos.

INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- a) Before installation, make sure the subfloor is dry and dust free.
- b) Flooring should be laid directly against walls, fixed with a bead of silicone after installation completed. Open transition areas with no wall to lay against should be fixed with 10 cm wide adhesive.
- c) It is important for outer planks to fit snug against the wall or cabinets (fixed items), otherwise a 10 cm wide strip of tape or adhesive is required to hold the perimeter in place. It is best to fit tight against any baseboard or trim. If there is no baseboard and the sheetrock does not extend to the floor, then adhesive is required.

d) Make sure each plank is fit tightly to the next piece. Very light tapping to get a tight fit is fine, but take care not to compress the plank you are tapping into. Firm and tight is correct, overly tight will lead to compression and later peaking joints when the compressed planks try to return to normal length or width.

* High traffic areas, areas with large temperature variations, and areas with heavy rolling loads require full spread adhesive.

PLANKS INSTALLATION

1. Decide how you want the floor to run. Plank products usually look best when they run the length of the room. This is all a matter of preference, though, so feel free to lay some planks in different directions to see which way looks better.
2. To avoid narrow plank widths or short plank lengths near the walls and doors, it is important to do some pre-planning. Using the width of the room, calculate how many full boards will fit into the area and how much space remains that will need to be covered by partial planks. Divide the remaining space by two to calculate the width of the partial planks. Do the same along the length.
3. The planks should be installed from one corner of the room working your way out toward the other wall. Planks should be laid tight against the wall.
4. Using a utility knife and straight edge, score the top surface of the plank then use more pressure to cut all the way through.
5. Start the next row. Planks should be installed randomly, making sure end joints are staggered and adjoining planks have end joints at least 150mm from the previous row's end joint. Keep planks tight to the surrounding floor.
6. When fitting around door jambs or other irregular objects first make a pattern using heavy paper or poster board. Trace the pattern onto the flooring and cut with a utility knife.
7. If a seam is not tight you can easily lift the planks and reposition.

*If glued, the recommended adhesive is Mapei Ultrabond Eco 360

Care & Maintenance Guide

Your LVP flooring will provide years of carefree use. You will find that it is not only beautiful, but durable. It is also much easier to maintain than most other flooring products, thanks to its tough protective finish and moisture resistance. It only takes a few simple care and maintenance steps to keep your floor looking beautiful for years to come.

Residential Care & Maintenance Guidelines

To help protect and keep your floor clean, following these proper care and maintenance guidelines:

Preventative Measures:

- Prevent indentations and scratches by the use of non-staining floor protectors on the legs of chairs, appliances and all heavy furniture. Floor protectors should be at least one inch in diameter.
- Do not flood floor or subject to standing water.
 - Protect your floor from tracked-in dirt by using mats at all outside entrances. Mats should have a non-rubberized backing and be marked as non-staining.
- Avoid tracking-in tar or asphalt from driveways.
- Avoid high heel shoes on your floor as they can cause permanent indentations.
 - Protect your floors against burns. Burns from cigarettes, matches or other extremely hot items can cause permanent damage.
- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods, as this can cause discoloration.

Cleaning and Maintenance:

- Sweep the floor regularly with a soft bristle broom to remove loose dirt.
- For every day maintenance, a mop moistened/damp with warm water will suffice.
- For a heavier cleaning you can use a low ph (neutral) cleaner. Example is "Zep" cleaner.
- Spills should be cleaned up immediately.

DO NOT use the following on your LVP floor:

- Soap based detergents
- Wet Swiffer's
- Abrasive or mop and shine products
- Floor wax
- Ammonia or bleaches
- Vacuum cleaner with a rotating beater bar
- Steam mop

Always read the cautionary information on all cleaners prior to use.

IMPORTANT: Never push, pull or drag furniture, appliances or other items across the floor. When moving furniture or heavy items, always lift and carry the items. Place hardboards between the flooring and object to move.

LOOSE LAY WARRANTY

• Lifetime Limited Residential, 20 Year Limited Commercial

This guarantee is for replacement or refund of the vinyl plank flooring only. No labor costs, including the cost of labor for installation of the replacement floor or costs incurred for loss of time, incidental expenses or any other damage are included. It does not cover damage from improper installation or maintenance, burns, tears, indentations, stains or reduction in gloss level due to normal use and or exterior applications. Gapping, shrinkage, squeaks or structural subfloor related issues are not covered under this warranty.

- 1) Maximum temperature for radiant heated floors should be 80 degrees Fahrenheit, 27 degrees Celsius.
- 2) Subfloor imperfections not to exceed 1/8" over 6 feet (3mm over 1.8m) or the subfloor should be leveled.

Product must be installed in climate controlled rooms. Areas that have large swings in temperature will see unusual amounts of movement in the flooring. Rooms that have large windows and expose the flooring to large amounts of sun for long periods of time will see larger amounts of expansion. It is recommended that for these rooms you close drapes or blinds during prolonged sun exposure. Prolonged exposure to direct sun may cause rippling in the floor. These are exclusions from a warranty claim.

• Residential Warranty

Our Residential Limited Warranty for vinyl plank means that for a Lifetime from the date of purchase, your floor will be free from manufacturing defects and will not wear through or permanently stain from common household liquids when installed and maintained according to instructions supplied with each carton. Solvents and such are not warranted for.

• Light Commercial Warranty

Our Commercial Warranty for vinyl plank means that for 20 years from the date of purchase, your floor will be free from manufacturing defects and will not wear through when installed and maintained according to instructions supplied with each carton. Improper installation or workmanship should be directed to the contractor who installed the floor. Many commercial sites require full adhesive glue down installation – areas with heavy traffic, heavy rolling loads, etc.

• Claims

This guarantee applies only to the original purchaser and proof of purchase is required for all claims. Claims for wear must show a minimum dime size area. This guarantee is pro-rated based on the amount of time the floor has been installed. If you wish to file a claim under warranty, contact the authorized dealer where the flooring was purchased.

• Exclusive Limited Warranty

The Manufacturer provides a one (1) year Limited Warranty that the Luxury Vinyl Flooring product is free of any manufacturing defects. If such products are found to be defective, The Manufacturer will supply new products of the same or similar style, size, color, grade and gauge for repair or replacement of the defective area. Non defective products that were damaged by improper installation do not constitute a valid claim under this Limited Warranty. The Manufacturer reserves the right to inspect any claim and request photographs and/or samples prior to approving such claim.

• Pre-installation Limited Warranty

The Manufacturer warrants that this product is free of visual defects. You and/or your installer should carefully inspect each piece before installation. Any pieces that appear to have defects should not be installed. The Manufacturer will not be responsible for any claim for product installed with visual defects.

• EXCLUSIONS TO LIMITED WARRANTY

- Dissatisfaction due to improper installation or maintenance. For additional information for proper installation and maintenance, please review the information on the product packaging.
- Damages resulting from misuse or abuse including, but not limited to, scratches, cuts, burns, stains, indentations, improper or insufficient maintenance, and lack of proper floor protector.
- Damages or failure of floor to adhere to subfloor resulting from excessive moisture, alkali and / or hydrostatic pressure.
- Color variations between samples or printed illustrations and the actual production runs.
- Discoloration due to use of rubber-backed mats, coco-fiber mats, solvent-based polishes or cleaners, or asphalt tracked in from driveways or parking lots.
- Reduction of gloss from use.
- Residential or Commercial installations with heavy wheeled vehicle traffic that permanently indents, or damages the flooring.

This limited warranty is made solely to the original purchaser of Vinyl Flooring products and is not transferable under any circumstances. This limited warranty is expressly in lieu of any other expressed warranty whether oral or written.