



# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

## GLUE DOWN LUXURY VINYL FLOORING

### BEFORE THE INSTALLATION

#### CONDITIONING

Store your luxury vinyl flooring in the same room as the installation for minimum of 24 hours prior to the installation. During this time, floorboards should remain in the carton and be laid horizontally on a flat surface. Room temperature should be maintained between 18° and 27°C (65° and 80°F) and humidity between 30% and 50%. It is also recommended to cut the carton on the short side to allow airflow inside the box. If your luxury vinyl flooring is exposed to significant temperature changes (delivery during cold days and installation in a room with heating system on), it should not be installed without conditioning.

#### PREPARATION

- Make sure that the subfloor is flat, dry, clean and stable. It is recommended to use self-levelling compound. Only interior installation is allowed.
- Luxury vinyl flooring should be installed directly on concrete (or anhydrite) subfloor.
- It is allowed to install luxury vinyl flooring on other hard floor coverings such as: resin floors, wood-based boards (OSB or MFP), wooden floors, natural stone, even ceramic tiles (joints <2 mm deep and <4 mm wide). The existing floor must be flat, dry, clean, stable and attached to the ground. Any damage or unevenness of the existing floor must be removed.
- Installation over floating floors, carpets and other soft floors is prohibited.
- Subfloors should be flat within a tolerance of 2 mm over a span of 1 m (4 feet) and 1 mm over a span of 20 cm (8"). Any unevenness over these parameters must be sanded down or levelled with a floor leveller. Voids or humps in the subfloor will prevent the planks from locking properly.
- It is recommended to make ceramic tiles smooth by applying a cementitious overlay such as patching or levelling compound to smooth out grout joints.

- Although luxury vinyl flooring is waterproof, it is not to be used as a moisture barrier. Your subfloor should be completely dry prior to installation of the luxury vinyl flooring (<2,5% moisture degree for concrete subfloor and <0.5% for anhydrite or in case of underfloor heating <1,5% moisture degree for concrete subfloor and <0.3% for anhydrite). Moisture will not damage the product but it might get into walls and structure of the home. If there is a risk of moisture and installation is performed directly on the subfloor, it is also recommended to use vapour barrier film.
- Expansion joints should be made around the perimeter of the room, as well as around permanent objects (columns, pipes, kitchen furniture, kitchen islands, sliding wardrobes, etc.). In the case of humid rooms (bathroom, kitchen), use MS or PU polymer sealant under the finishing profile.
- It is recommended to use expansion gaps in doors, especially in the following situations: temperature differences between rooms (large windows and a lot of sunshine in one room), underfloor heating system only in one room, differences in shapes and sizes of the two areas (narrow corridor and large, open room) or large and heavy objects in one room.
- The final responsibility for determining if all conditions are met for the proper installation lies with the floor covering installer. Glue down installation of luxury vinyl flooring is not an easy task. It is recommended to use certified flooring installers.

## INSTALLATION

### GENERAL RULES

- Use the adhesive that is appropriate for PVC or vinyl flooring. Before applying the adhesive, read the adhesive instruction and follow it carefully. Each instruction has precise and detailed information on how long you need to leave the adhesive before installing the luxury vinyl flooring and what is the right application tool (A1 or A2 trowel). Should you have any questions about the adhesive, please consult your adhesive supplier.
- When installing the luxury vinyl flooring you must remember to leave a 3 mm (1/8") gap around the perimeter of the room. When first starting the installation, you can install against the wall and after 2-3 rows, adjust the distance from the wall by 3 mm (1/4") and insert spacers to maintain that gap. Begin installation and place the first floorboard in the left corner remembering to leave a gap of 3 mm (1/4") from the left wall.
- Place the short side of the next floorboard and lay down. Make sure you do not leave any gaps between the floorboards. Continue in the same manner until the row is completed. Cut the last floorboard accordingly and keep the distance to the wall at 3 mm (1/8").

- Start the second row with the leftover cut part of the last plank of the previous row. The starter piece should measure at least 30 cm (12"). If not, start with a new plank and cut it larger than the required 30 cm (12"). Please note that end joints should always be at least 30 cm (12") from each other from row to row. While laying down the first floorboard of the second row, make sure you do not leave any gaps between the floorboards on the long side.
- Place the short side of the next floorboard in the second row and lay down. Make sure you do not leave any gaps between the floorboards. Complete the second row and the following rows in the same manner as the first row.
- After 2-3 rows adjust the distance to the front wall by placing spacers of 3 mm (1/8"). Keep the spacers in position during the entire time of installation and remove once the installation is completed.
- If the wall is uneven, the floorboards must be adapted to its contours. Mark the floorboards with the contour of the wall. Do not forget to leave 3 mm (1/8") of gap from the wall. This procedure shall be used also for the first row if necessary.
- Upon completing the installation, roll the entire installation area with a 45 kg (100 lbs) roller. It is recommended to re-roll the entire floor after one or two hours then again after the installation in both directions.
- Remember to remove any excess adhesive immediately with soapy water. The floor can be cleaned to remove residual surface dirt with a damp mop after 48 hours after installation.

## IMPORTANT

- Luxury vinyl flooring may be installed over water-based and electrical underfloor heating systems according to above mentioned instructions, provided the surface temperature of the floor does not exceed 27°C (81°F). It is mandatory to follow gradual temperature increase rule and thermal seals. Due to the speed of sudden temperature changes, which has potential to negatively affect the construction of luxury vinyl flooring, electrical underfloor heating system must include a temperature increase steering device. Both water-based and electrical underfloor heating systems have to be installed in the subfloor and the distance between the heat source and the floor should be at least 15 mm (5/8").
- If the installation area with underfloor heating system installations is larger than 40 m<sup>2</sup> (430 ft<sup>2</sup>), it is recommended to use 8 mm (5/16") expansion gap.
- When installing in a bathroom, it is recommended to use MS or PU polymer sealant to fill gaps in the bathtub, shower or other wet areas to prevent water from getting under the floor surface.
- It is not recommended to install luxury vinyl flooring in areas exposed to intense direct sunlight and temperature greater than 60°C (140°F).

- If the installation is performed without taking into consideration above recommendations, product warranty might be voided.

## AFTER INSTALLATION

### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

In order to maintain your glue down vinyl flooring in a good condition:

- keep the temperature in the room between 18° and 27°C (65° and 80°F),
- sweep or vacuum daily using soft bristle attachments,
- it is prohibited to use high-pressure and steam cleaners,
- clean up spills and excessive liquids immediately,
- protect floor from constant direct sunlight,
- use proper floor protection devices such as felt protectors under furniture, soft wheels for office chairs or an entrance mat,
- make sure pets have nails clipped regularly,
- do not drag or slide heavy objects across the floor.

Additionally, we recommend using cleaning and maintenance products from Dr. Schutz. For the everyday use, we recommend the active PU Cleaner agent that removes dirt and grease residues. It is an agent that cleans the floor from dirt, while leaving a polyurethane film that additionally protects the surface of the floor. Cleaning and maintenance instructions for cleaning and maintenance products from Dr. Schutz are available at points of sale offering Dr. Schutz products and on the following websites: [www.vinyltechlab.pl](http://www.vinyltechlab.pl) and [www.dr-schutz.eu](http://www.dr-schutz.eu).

The latest technical documents are available on [www.vinyltechlab.pl](http://www.vinyltechlab.pl). For more information, please contact [help@epuflooring.com](mailto:help@epuflooring.com).

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