



GLUE DOWN

## Installation and Maintenance Instruction

### Focus points

1. Check all planks in daylight before and during installation. Planks with minor defects can be used for cuts.
2. LVT in the unopened packing should be stored on site for at least 48 hours before installation at room temperature not less 14C° and not greater than 30C°. This temperature should be maintained during installation.
3. LVT is only suitable for internal use.
4. It is strongly recommended that the application of a pressure sensitive adhesive be applied.
5. Do not install cabinets and counters on LVT.

### Preparing the subfloor

#### Wooden subfloors

Wooden subfloors should be of construction quality and be flat and smooth and must always be swept clean to remove any debris before installation. Any split or lifting joints must be secured and/or filled prior to commencement of installation.

#### Concrete subfloors

Concrete subfloors should be free of any dirt, cement laitance, cleaning products or any other products. Any significant cracks or unevenness should be treated by applying a coating of screed.

New concrete subfloors should be checked for moisture content in accordance with building regulations and if dampness at a rate greater than 7% exists then a damp proof system is recommended prior to installation.

#### Existing subfloorings

LVT may be installed over most smooth, single layer, hard surface existing floor coverings, including polyvinyl and ceramic tiles. It is not suitable to install over existing flooring including carpet, which must be removed and the subfloor prepared as necessary. Do not install LVT over any foam underlay.

#### PVC Floor coverings & Ceramic Tiles

Ensure at least 90% of the surface is in good condition, then remove any loose material and repair locally as necessary. Fill any holes with suitable floor leveling screed or patching compound and wait until dry before commencing installation. It is recommended to skim coat deep grout lines (greater than 2mm) with a suitable floor leveling screed to reduce risk of "show through".

## Installation

- 1.** The planks should be installed in the direction of the traffic flow in your room. It is recommended to lay the planks parallel to the longest room dimension.
- 2.** Carefully measure the room to determine the squareness of the walls and also to determine the width of the last row of planks. If the width of the last row of planks is less than 50mm, the width of the first row of planks will have to be cut accordingly.
- 3.** Begin laying planks from the left hand side of the starting wall to the right.
- 4.** Lay the first row ensuring the ends are pushed tightly together.
- 5.** The last plank in the row will need to be cut. To do so measure the distance between the wall and the end surface of the last plank. If this plank measurement is less than 300mm then the length of the first plank in the row should be cut ensuring that the first and last planks in each row are at least 300mm long.
- 6.** LVT planks are cut using a sharp utility knife and a straight edge. Score the surface of the plank with the knife and then snap the plank at the score line.
- 7.** The off cut part of plank can be used as the first piece in the second row of planks provided it is more than 300mm in length. Always stagger end joints from row to row by at least 300mm.
- 8.** Then repeat the installation process working from left to right, row by row. Remember to offset all end joints by at least 300mm.
- 9.** Cutting shapes around objects can be easily done with your utility knife. Simply make a pattern out of heavy paper to fit round any irregular objects. Place the pattern upon the plank and then make one or several cuts on the plank surface with the blade. Then bend and snap the plank to break it to shape and trim any rough edges with the knife.
- 10.** Fit appropriate transition mouldings where planks meet other types of flooring.
- 11.** Install matching colour quad trims around the perimeter of the installed rooms. Quad trims should be secured to the wall or skirting, not to the planks.

## Maintenance

1. Sweep or vacuum your floor regularly (at least once a week) to remove loose dirt and dust.
2. Prevent stains by wiping up spills immediately.
3. Regular mopping using a neutral detergent or with a regular vinyl cleaner which you add to water then mop as usual.
4. It is not recommended to use wax on LVT planks as this can cause a slip hazard.
5. Maintain the use of floor protector pads under the legs of all furniture.
6. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods. During peak sunlight hours use blinds or drapes to minimize direct sunlight.
7. If your LVT planks floor gets exposed to excessive water due to flooding as a waterproof product this will not cause damage. Simply remove the water as quickly as you can by hand or mechanically and ensure the room is well ventilated.