

INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ARTIFLOOR VINYL PLANKS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USE.

PRE-INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE FLOORING PRIOR TO INSTALLATION FOR COLOUR, FINISH AND QUALITY. ENSURE ADEQUATE LIGHT FOR THOROUGH CHECK. IF FLOORING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR RETAILER IMMEDIATELY AND ARRANGE FOR REPLACEMENT. ARTIFLOOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FLOORING INSTALLED WITH VISIBLE DEFECTS.

SUBFLOOR PREPARATION

- SUBFLOORS MUST BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1884-2012 STANDARD GUIDELINES.
- THE FLOOR SURFACE MUST BE SMOOTH, HARD, CLEAN, DRY AND STRUCTURALLY SOUND BEFORE INSTALLATION. ITS HUMIDITY LEVEL MUST NOT EXCEED 3.5 %, AND THERE MUST BE NO TRACES OF PAINT, VARNISH, WAX, OIL, SOLVENTS OR OTHER FOREIGN SUBSTANCES THAT COULD CONTAMINATE THE FLOOR COVERING.
- THE ARTIFLOOR FLOORING MUST BE STORED IN THE ROOM WHERE IT IS TO BE LAID FOR AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFOREHAND, TO ALLOW IT TO ADAPT TO A TEMPERATURE BETWEEN 18°C AND 26°C.
- FLOORING CAN BE LAID ON THE EXISTING RESILIENT TIMBER BASED FLOORING SUCH AS TIMBER, PLYWOOD OR PARTICLEBOARD AS LONG AS DAMAGED OR LOOSEN PLANKS ARE EITHER FIXED OR REPLACED, JOINS ARE LIGHTLY SANDED, PRIMED AND SKIMMED. FOR INSTALLATION ON THE EXISTING CERAMIC TILES, ENSURE GROUT LINES ARE FILLED.

LAYING

FLOORING SHOULD BE INSTALLED STARTING FROM THE CENTRE OF THE ROOM. MEASURE AND MARK THE CENTRE OF EACH END WALL THEN CONTINUE LAYING THE PLANKS. PLACE PLANKS TIGHT AGAINST THE ADJOINING PLANKS AND ENSURE PLANKS ARE WELL SEATED INTO THE ADHESIVE AND CONTINUE LAYING IN EITHER PYRAMID FASHION OR ROW BY ROW. WHEN INSTALLATION IS COMPLETE, ROLL FLOORING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS USING A HEAVY SECTIONAL FLOOR ROLLER. APPLY TRIMS TO COVER ANY EXPOSED SPACE OR UNEVEN CUTS AT WALLS OR VERTICAL OBSTRUCTIONS. FOR PATTERNED OR DECORATED FLOOR COVERINGS.

IN CERTAIN CASES, THE INSTALLER WILL HAVE TO DECIDE ON THE MOST ATTRACTIVE POSITIONING OF THE LENGTHS BEFORE CUTTING.

ARTIFLOOR RECOMMENDS A FULL COVERAGE OF HARD-SET ADHESIVE AS PER THE ADHESIVE MANUFACTURER'S GUIDELINES . THE RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING THE QUALITY OF THE ADHESIVES AND ITS USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADHESIVE MANUFACTURER IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADHESIVE MANUFACTURERS AND THE INSTALLERS, RESPECTIVELY.

ARTIFLOOR CAN NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE RESULTING FROM USE OF THE ADHESIVE CHOSEN.

- USE A FINELY NOTCHED TROWEL (1.5MM X 5MM) TO APPLY THE ADHESIVE.
- TO ENSURE THAT THE SUBFLOOR SURFACE IS PERFECTLY PREPARED, PRIMERS, PROPRIETARY SHEET PRODUCTS AND SELF-LEVELLING

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

FIRST USE

WHEN THE INSTALLATION IS COMPLETED, CLEAN THE SURFACE OF THE FLOOR COVERING WITH WARM WATER TO WHICH A PH NEUTRAL DETERGENT HAS BEEN ADDED. FOOT TRAFFIC AND THE INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE ARE NOT PERMISSIBLE UNTIL 24 - 28 HOURS HAVE LAPSED FROM THE TIME THE INSTALLATION WAS COMPLETED.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

DAILY CLEANING: USING SOFT DRY BROOM OR VACUUM CLEANER.

WEEKLY CLEANING: USING PH NEUTRAL DETERGENT IN WATER WITH FRINGED MOP OR FLOOR CLOTH.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

FOR GRAINED OR TEXTURED SURFACES, A MANUAL OR MECHANICAL IN-DEPTH CLEANING IS RECOMMENDED AT SUITABLE INTERVALS, USING A PH NEUTRAL DETERGENT IN WATER AND A NYLON BRUSH. AFTER BRUSHING ELIMINATE THE DIRTY WATER USING A FLOOR SCRAPER, RINSE WITH CLEAN WATER, REMOVE THE SURFACE WATER AND DRY WITH A FLOOR CLOTH.

HAVING TINTED WINDORS OR WINDOW COVERS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO PROTECT FLOORING FROM DIRECT SUNLIGHT. DIRECT SUNLIGHT MAY CAUSE FADING.