



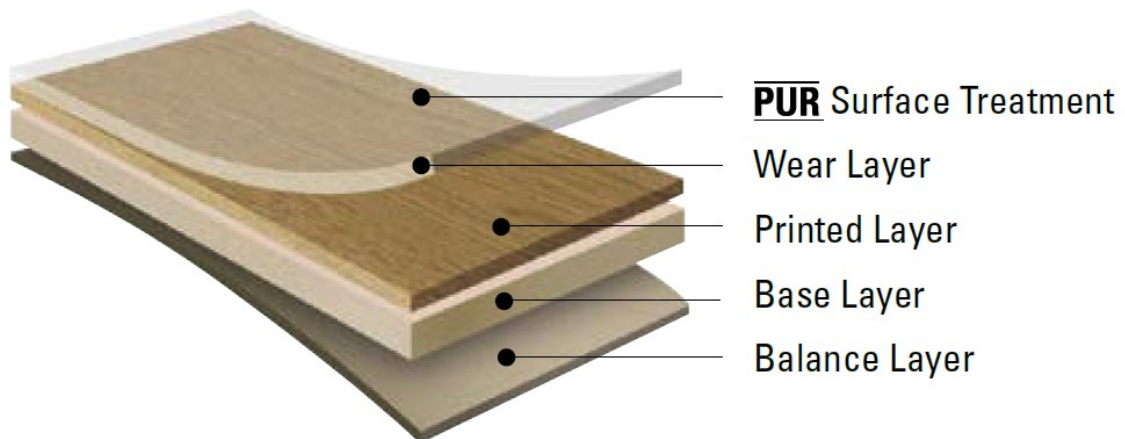
IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT YOUR FLOORING

PLEASE READ BEFORE INSTALLING

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

ENGRAVE

LUXURY VINYL FLOORING



ACCLIMATISATION AND STORAGE

Your new flooring has to be acclimatized for at least 24 hours before installation begins. The flooring must be removed from its packaging and checked for defects and discrepancies, stacked horizontal and flat away from windows and sunlight and any sources of heating or cooling in the room which it is to be installed into. This will allow a gradual acclimatization. Please note the room must be between 18° and 28°, heat sources or other direct radiant heat exceeding 50° are not allowed.

SUBFLOOR

It is of the utmost importance that the subfloor is dry, clean, solid and flat. You can find appropriate electronic moisture meters in DIY stores. The subfloor must be flat and the flatness tolerances must be observed. The installer must always and in particular with renovation work check the current status of the subfloor, if it does not meet the requirements stated here extra work will need to be carried out to level the subfloor out, to determine the flatness of your floor apply these tolerances over 3m length the floor must not be more than 3mm difference.

UNDERFLOOR HEATING

Engrave can be used in conjunction with electric and water based underfloor heating systems with a temperature not exceeding 28°C and an average running of 20°C. The heating must be turned off 48hrs prior to installation and once the flooring has been installed turned on with an increase in working temperature of 5°C per day until normal operating temperature has been reached. Underfloor heating pipes are to be fitted a minimum of 3cm below the subfloor surface.

TOOLS

Having the correct tools and equipment and understanding of how to use them safely is key to a successful installation. Broom and or a vacuum cleaner, tape measure, pencil, set square, ruler, utility knife, hand roller, floor roller (50 - 65kg), chalk line and adhesive trowel.

PLEASE NOTE

- All flooring will **CHIP, DENT** and **SCRATCH** unless care is taken to **PROTECT** it, **FELT PADS** should be used on all moveable furniture. Matting at room entrances will greatly reduce grit and dirt from being transferred onto your flooring.
- Liability for the installation remains with the installer following the fitting instructions and guides supplied and ensuring that the product and area are both suitable to be installed.
- Prevent the flooring from coming into contact with water for the first 72hrs following the installation.
- Your floor must be protected from heavy traffic for the first 72hrs following installation to allow for the adhesive and flooring to stabilize.
- Avoid using rubber or latex mats, castors or furniture protector caps, they mainly leave stains on the flooring.
- Conservatories and rooms with excessive light should be avoided unless protection screens are used, this can be glass protection or blinds.

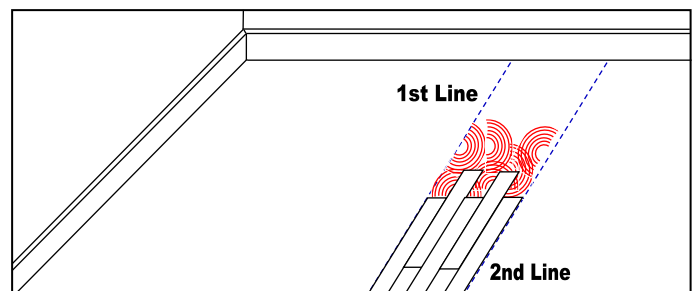
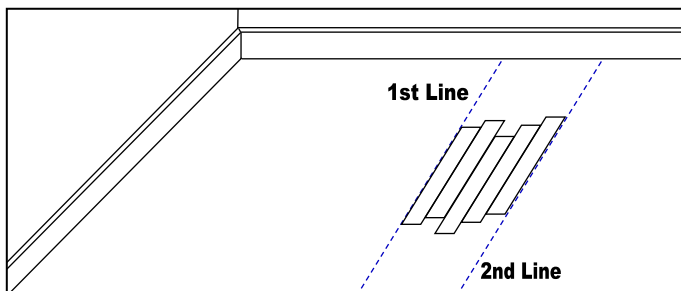
It is the responsibility of the installer to ensure that the location for the fitting of this product is suitable prior to it being installed

Preparation

1. This flooring should be installed between a room temperature minimum of 18°C / 62°F and a maximum of 28°C / 82°F
2. Its recommended that the flooring is acclimatised for 24 hours before the installation starts
3. Before fitting the floor carry out checks in daylight for possible defects or any discrepancies in the batch, colour or shine
4. Check that the edge profiles are undamaged
5. When possible its recommended working from two packs of the same batch to avoid pattern repetitions while fitting
6. The sub floor must be prepared sufficiently in advance to ensure a successful installation, it must be dry, firm, smooth, level and free from defects. If the sub floor has an uneven surface in excess of 3mm over a 3m length then further action will be required with an appropriate levelling compound on a concrete or stone based sub floor or overlay of 6mm plywood for timber based sub floors. The finished appearance of this or any vinyl product will only ever be as good as the sub floor over which it has been laid, if you are in any doubt of the requirements please contact the retailer for full instruction.

Installation

1. Select the direction in which the flooring is to be laid, taking into consideration on how the planks or tiles will balance and finish at the edges of the installation area. With a chalk line or similar strike a straight line across the subfloor, using some of the planks, 5 in this example and strike a 2nd to create an area of which the adhesive will be applied.
2. Ensure the correct adhesive has been selected for the area and its conditions and that the instructions for it have been read and understood, working to the adhesive's open or working time is crucial to a successful installation. Do not spread more adhesive than can be used for the open time period.



3. Spread the adhesive evenly across the area until it reaches its optimum bonding strength, Planks or tiles can then be laid into the adhesive, remember to observe the direction arrows printed on the underside of the plank or tile.
4. Planks or tiles will need to be cut to allow finishing up against a static object such as a wall, skirting board or Radiator Pipe, when cut make sure that the board fits free of the static object.
5. To make sure there is full contact between the board and the adhesive once laid use a had roller to press the board in.
6. Wipe any excess glue off the boards using a damp cloth
7. Once a section or area has been finished use a floor roller (50 - 65kg) in different directions to ensure a good bond
8. Repeat this process to build up the area of flooring until complete.



How To Care For Your Floor

1. Remove all loose dirt and debris from the flooring by using a vacuum cleaner, broom or a dust pan and brush, electro static wipes, if you are using a vacuum cleaner please refer to the manufacturers guidelines and make sure that it will be suitable for cleaning Engrave vinyl flooring.
2. We recommend that only PH Neutral cleaners and disinfectants are used during the cleaning of your new floor, try to remove spills as soon as they arrive on the floor and rinse down with warm clean water, please be aware no flooring product will be impervious to every chemical or solvent and to avoid rubber and petroleum based products such as tyres, casters, floors mats and asphalt sealers which may contain chemicals that could react and permanently stain your floor.
3. We recommend to fit a suitable non rubber backed door mat as this can prevent upto 80% of tracked in dirt debris
4. Avoid swamping the floor area with detergent and rinse water, take care to remove all liquids off the surface as re-deposited rinse water with dirt and detergent can settle on the surface and give a hazy appearance.

Helpful tips

Avoid dragging or sliding heavy items of furniture, carousels and point of sale across the floor.

Spending a small amount of time looking after your new vinyl floor will ensure that it continues to look at its best and provide you with many years of carefree use without the need of costly maintenance and repairs.

Never use abrasive cleaners or scourers

Never use wax's or floor polishes during cleaning

Do use Mop and water for cleaning

Do use drip trays underneath pot plants

Do use PH Neutral cleaners

Do remove any spills as soon as they occur