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Aqua Plank Tile Installation & Care Guide



IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT YOUR FLOORING. READ BEFORE INSTALLING

Care Guide

Acclimatization and Storage

Your new flooring has to be acclimatized for 24 hours before installation begins. The flooring must remain in its packaging stored horizontal in the room, which it is to be installed into. Please Note the room must be between 18° and 24°, room conditions should never exceed 50° or fall below 10°.

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

We can recommend water based underfloor heating systems be used with Aqua Plank Ultra flooring with a temperature not exceeding 27°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. Water Based heating pipes are to be fitted a minimum of 30mm below the subfloor surface and electric based cables and grids a minimum of 10mm.

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, rubber mallet and a tapping block.

Expansion

Depending on the climate conditions your flooring will expand or contract, it therefore needs to be kept a suitable distance away from any fixed structures such as walls, supports, door frames, radiator pipes etc., this is called the expansion gap. This gap should be a minimum of 8mm, for areas larger than 60m² it is recommended to increase this minimum size to a 10mm gap, if the run of a single wall exceeds 20 linear metres then expansion profiles must be used.

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 a large amount of water, or from being submerged as the click connection is not waterproof.

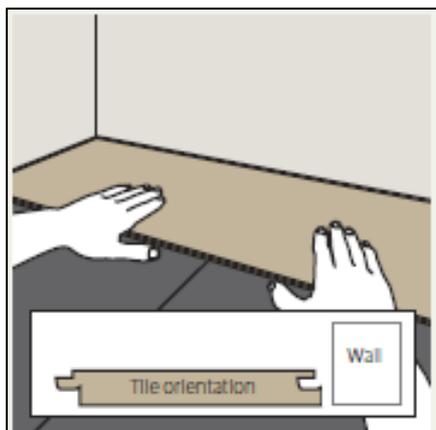
Conservatories and rooms with excessive light should be avoided unless protection screens are used, this can be glass protection or blinds.

Always inspect materials for faults or damage as no claims on surface defects can be accepted after installation.

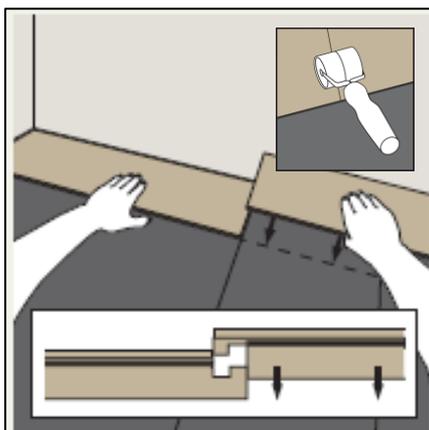


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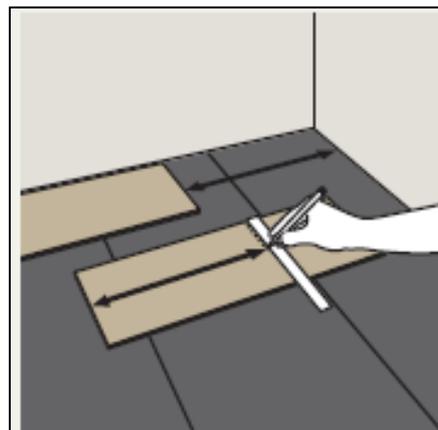
leave an expansion gap between the wall and the board in accordance with the finished run size. Always work from left to right with the longer tongue joint facing you. (Fig1)



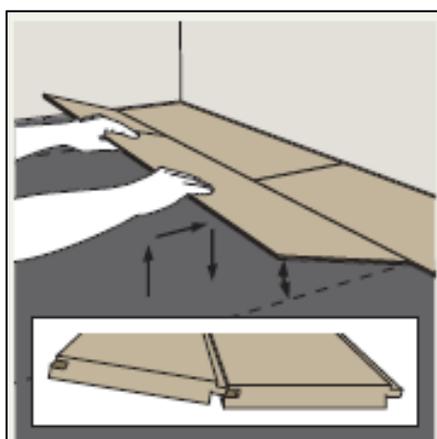
It is recommended that you start on the longest straight wall and from the left hand side with the longer tongue edge facing the installer and out into the room leave a Gap for expansion between the wall and the board in accordance with the finished run size. Always work from left to right with the longer tongue joint facing you.



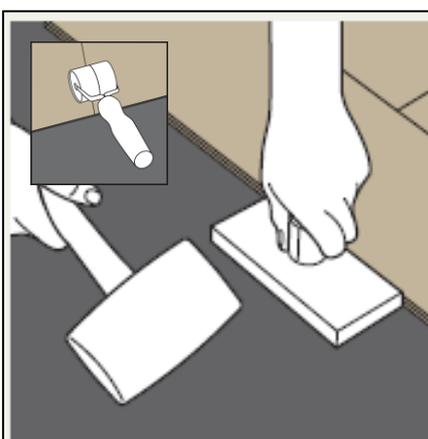
The first row is laid in a straight line by clicking the (short) head joints of each board together put the shorter side of the profile into the head joint of the previously laid board and press the panel with vertical downward pressure use of a hand roller is recommended so that the head joints connect firmly and securely.



Continue laying the first row until you reach the last panel, take a measurement don't forget to allow for the expansion gap and with a utility knife and a straight edge mark and cut the panel with the knife (Fig 3) scoring a few times to cut through the wear layer of the board, this will allow you to break the panel into two. The off-cut from the first row, providing it is over 1/3 of total panel length can be used to start the next row, if not a new starter board will need to be created.



The next row is also Started from the left hand side, place the longer tongue edge into the groove edge of the first row panel at an angle less than 25°, the panel is slid to the left allowing for expansion and then lowered to the floor while keeping pressure pushing firmly against the first board.



The second panel is fitted by placing it into the groove of the first row again and then sliding it to the left to meet the first board fitted in the new row. Position the corner of the head end against the head end of the previous fitted panel and then lower to the floor, use the hand roller to secure the joint, once a row has been completed take a rubber mallet and tapping block and gently strike along the row edge to ensure that the click mechanism has been firmly locked during installation



to install the last row they will normally need to be cut down in size, to do this lay a panel on top of the previous row with the groove towards the wall, lay another panel upside down and place by the edge of the wall, allowing for expansion, this will give you a line to mark and cut, allowing the final row to be fitted.



Aftercare

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 aqua plank 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 fitting a suitable non-rubber backed doormat as this can prevent up to 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 click 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 waxes 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 OR EXCESSIVE LIQUIDS AS SOON AS THEY OCCUR

