AREA OF USE SUBSTRATES INSTALLATION FIRST USE MAINTENANCE

Residential use, temperature-regulated interior room + 8° C < T < + 35° C.

Loose laying is allowed as long as the ambient temperature is regulated and only if floor temperature never exceeds 60°C. If possibility of floor temperature >60°C, please contact Gerflor.

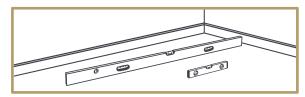
This floor covering cannot be laid on verandas.

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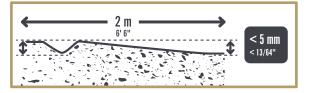
1. GENERAL



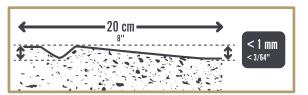
The flooring must be laid on a flat, clean, sound, dry and solid substrate.



The moisture content must not exceed 7% with a carbide moisture test.



The flatness tolerance must be < 5 mm under a 2 meters straight edge.



The substrate must not have any uneven areas > 1 mm every 20 cm.

Conditions

2. RECOMMENDATIONS BY SUBSTRATE TYPE

Substrate

| Ceramic Tiles | ✓ | If joint < 5 mm width and < 2 mm depth. Otherwise, apply a grouting product or levelling compound to eliminate irregularities. |
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| Concrete Floor, Painted Concrete, Levelling Concrete, liquid cement-based screed | ✓ | Substrate moisture content < 7%. If necessary, apply a levelling compound to eliminate any surface irregularities. |
| Anhydrite | / | Substrate moisture content < 1 %. |
| Compact Vinyl | V | |
| Acoustic Vinyl , Carpet , Laminate | × | Removal mandatory. If necessary, apply a levelling compound to eliminate any surface irregularities. |
| Nood (parquet/panels) | ✓ | If not glued, nailed onto spaced battens. If glued, removal mandatory. If the existing floor is too flexible, cover with 19 mm lining board and fix down. |
| Oriented Strand Board | X | Cover with 19 mm lining board and fix down. |
| Jnderlayer | V | Only Gerflor acoustic underlayers Silence Plus 19 dB (in residential area only) and Gerflor Acoustic 15 dB. Refer to corresponding installation guidelines. Installation on any other underlay is not possible. |
| Water underfloor heating | ✓ | Reversible underlfoor heating or underfloor heating with circulating water, max temperature 28°C. |



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1. BEFORE LAYING

All floor and wall coverings should be examined prior to installation for any visible defects.

To ensure colour uniformity, the floor covering laid in any one room should be from the same manufacturing batch, marked on the packaging.

The room temperature during installation must be between 15 $^{\circ}$ C and 26 $^{\circ}$ C.

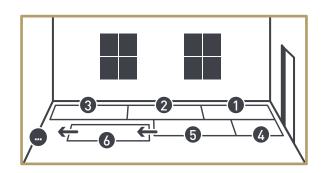
The planks or tiles must be stored in the room for 24 h before installation.

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3. LAYING DIRECTION

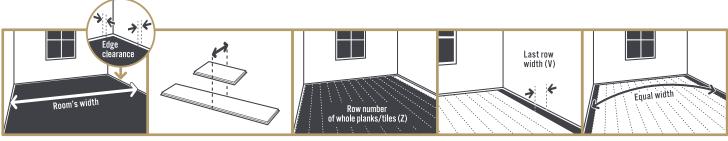
The planks / tiles must be oriented towards the wall with the main window, or lengthwise.





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X = room's width-(edge x 2)

Y = X / plank's width

Z = round Y to the lower integer

W = Y · Z V = W x plank's width (plank's width + V) / 2 = size of the first and latest row

Example:

My room is 2 m wide, 2000 mm. I know, I have to allow an edge clearance of 4 mm.

 $X = 2000 - (4 \times 2) = 1992$

My plank is 20,4 cm wide, 204 mm.

Y = 1992 / 204 = 9.7

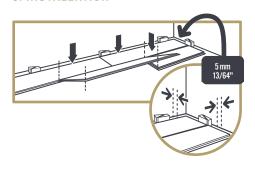
Y = 9.7so Z = 9 W = 9.7 - 9 = 0.7 V = 0.7 x 204 = 142.8

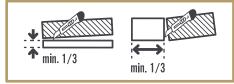
So, the width of the last row has to be 14.28 cm.

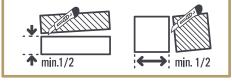
(204 + 142.8) / 2 = 173.4

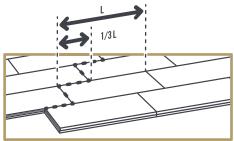
Or, the sizes of first and last row has to be 17.34 cm to be the same.

5. INSTALLATION









TIP: Use offcuts of planks or tiles as spacing wedges.

Start laying in a corner of the room. Move backwards as you lay,with the grooves facing towards you.

A minimum edge clearance of 5 mm should be left around the edge of the room, fixed objects and door thresholds.

In case of a room with an area exposed to direct sunlight (e.g. bay windows), leave an edge clearance of 8 mm minimum.

Very heavy equipments (kitchen elements, shelves,...) should be installed before the flooring, and the edge clearance must be respected around the equipment's base or feet.

Planks must be offset by at least 25 cm, ideally 1/3 of plank.

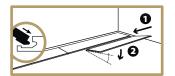
Tiles must be offset by half.

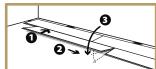


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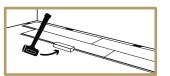
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6. ASSEMBLY





Start assembling the long edge, then move the tile towards the previously installed one, and assemble the short edges together.

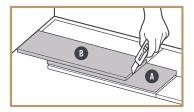


Finish the interlocking with a tapping block and non-rebound mallet.

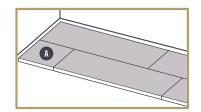


To assemble the last row, use a pull bar and a non-rebound mallet.

7. CUTTING AT THE END OF A ROW





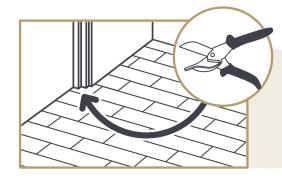


Cuts are made using a utility knife:

- With the straight blade, make one or more cuts along the surface of the plank.
- Bend the plank / tile to snap it.

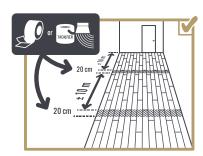
End of rows: length of planks/tiles >25 cm

Room edges: width > 1/3 plank or 1/2 tile



TIP: For cutting around door frame bases and areas which are difficult to access, use gripper shears.

8. LAYING RECOMMENDATIONS



In large rooms, planks/tiles should be ideally installed towards the lentgh of the room.

Up to 150 m^2 , no sticking down required.

In a corridor /narrow room of more than 10 m long, it is recommended to stick partially over 20 cm using double-sided adhesive tape.

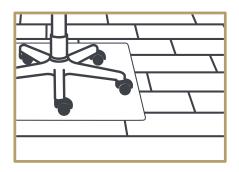
In bathrooms we recommend applying a silicon sealant around the edges of baths and showers.



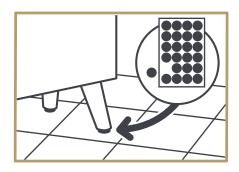
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The flooring can be used **as soon as it is laid.**

Take precautions before use of heavy furniture and chairs with castors (felt caps or protective mats) – Do not use rubber feet (risk of yellow/rust stains).









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Cleaning your floor: vacuum cleaner or damp mop. Regular non-abrasive detergent.

Tough stains: diluted liquid bleach, white spirit, ethyl alcohol, or lemon juice.

Stubborn stains (ink, tomato, mustard, blood, beets, Mercurochrome): let diluted liquid bleach sit for several minutes, without rubbing. Rinse thoroughly. Rust: clean using a textile rust remover. Rinse thoroughly.

Grease, pen, felt pen: rub lightly with a cloth soaked in white spirit. Rinse thoroughly.

Maintenance precautions: do not use acetone or chlorinated solvents (e.g. trichloroethylene). Never use waxes or vitrifying varnish.

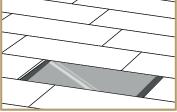
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To replace a plank / tile:

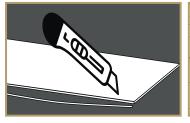


Cut the damaged plank along the indicated lines, and remove carefully the plank pieces.

If necessay, heat slightly to facilitate cutting.



Lay down a double sided tape on the free substrate, slightly overboarding under the adjacent planks.



Cut the groove of the plank to be installed, and the corresponding tongue on the installed plank. Install the new plank (non rebound mallet) and roll.

