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# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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### Hybrid Glue Down Plank Installation Guide:

Please read all the instructions before you begin the installation. We recommend that you use a professional installer to install this flooring. For warranty purposes, the installation of this flooring must comply in accordance with AS/NZS 1884-2012 Floor coverings Resilient sheets and tiles-practices.

### Tools required for the installation:

Stanley Knife, Tape Measure, 1.6 mm V Notch Trowel, Straight Edge Square, String/Chalk Line and Vinyl Plank Adhesive.

### Installation to Hybrid Glue Down Planks:

1. Take all the planks out of the box and stack them in piles of about 5 boxes high and allow them to acclimitise and level out for 48 hours prior to laying them between a recommended controlled temperature of 18°C- 28°C (Do not attempt installation in severe conditions if it's less than 10°C or more than 35°C). Ensure the surface in which you lay them on is level/straight.
2. Make sure you thoroughly clean your floor from all contaminates, (Sweeping, vacuuming and damp mopping may be required).
3. Repair any damaged areas, holes, gaps and indentations by using a compound or anything recommended by your specialist. The floor will need to be level throughout the area that will be covered with Adhesive and the Vinyl Planks.
4. Plan out the direction the planks will be laid in the required area and think about how you will stagger the planks and what lengths you will be using. Please note: Do not use a piece shorter than 15 mm for the staggering of the planks.
5. Begin by removing existing molding/skirting or undercut the jambs so planks can slide underneath for a clean finish. Alternatively, you can put them up against the molding/skirting leaving 3-5mm gap to allow for movement during severe temperatures.
6. To ensure your wall is straight, use a string/chalk line from one end of the wall to the other to ensure your first row of planks is laid straight. It is recommended to start laying the first row from the corner of your wall, however, you can begin laying at another point if you are required to. Make sure to measure the total width between the walls divided by the width of the plank, to ensure the last piece is reasonable in size when laying it down.
7. Using a 1.6mm V notch trowel, spread the adhesive on to the floor (evenly spreading the adhesive). Please note: It is important to know the type of adhesive you are using as each adhesive type/brand may have different structures, therefore, may need to be applied differently. Please ensure you follow the directions advised by the adhesive type/brand you are using.

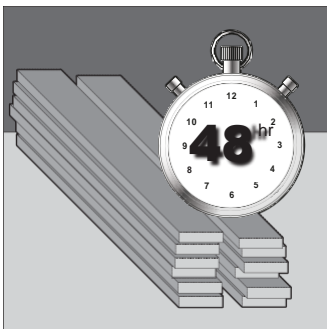
8. Once the adhesive has become tacky (the adhesive will have a chewing gum like consistency if you touch it), the planks can then start to be laid on the adhesive. It can take 10-15 minutes to become tacky, the warmer the temperature, the quicker it will become tacky. The time it takes for the adhesive to become tacky depends on the substrate porosity and ambient temperature in the room. If planks are being laid over a non-porous surface such as vinyl, Pressure Sensitive Glue will need to be used instead. If you require further instructions please contact us.

9. Lay the first row of planks in position, remember to face any planks that have been manually cut towards the wall to ensure the planks join in nice and tight. If you are starting from the corner of the wall do not forget to leave 3-5mm gap to allow movement in severe temperatures. Apply hand force pressure over the top of the plank evenly moving your hand in a forwards and backwards motion. This ensures the plank will get a strong bond with the adhesive. Ensure your first row is straight before commencing with the second row as this is vital to sustain a straight line in successive rows. To cut the planks use a straight edge or a plank and place it on the marked area where the cut needs to be made keeping the front image facing upright. Score the plank with your Stanley knife and snap it down on a hard edge.

10. Begin laying the second row of planks down, at this point you need to use different size pieces to begin staggering the floor to create a random appearance. You can potentially use the last cut piece from your first row as the first piece for your second row. Keep in mind the piece you are using is not to be less than 150mm as all the joints in the floor need to be apart by a minimum of that distance.

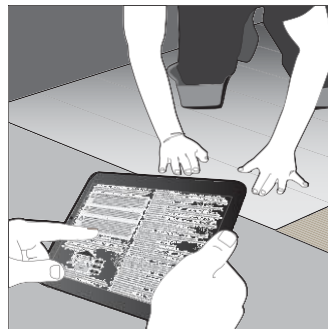
11. Continue installing the remaining rows following the same instructions above and keeping note of all the requirements. Once all the flooring is laid you can go over the floor with a heavy roller to ensure the plank has bonded to the adhesive successfully (this is optional). Re-install the removed molding/skirting. If you have undercut the jambs or laid the planks up against the molding/skirting, you can install beading to cover the gaps around the perimeter for a clean finish. Be careful not to secure the skirting or beading to the planks or to lay the skirting or beading too tightly against the planks, this can stop the planks from expanding and contracting from the edge of the wall as it's supposed to, and gaps can appear where the boards meet.

### Installation steps:



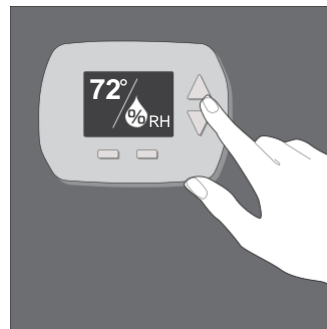
**Acclimatise:**

Completely Acclimatise your flooring to internal room temperature for at least 48 hours



**Installing Correctly:**

Take time to review installation guidelines to ensure that your installation goes well from beginning to end.



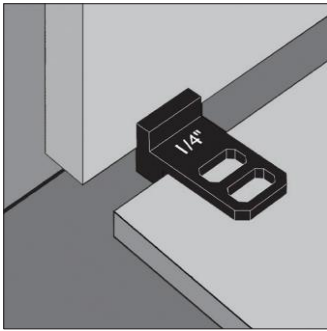
**Maintain Environment Temp:**

Interior temperature should be maintained between 18°C- 28°C during the service life of the floor.

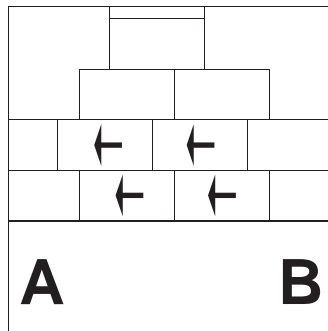


**Subfloors:**

It needs to be clean, flat and dry. If not, then self levelling is strongly suggested where usable.



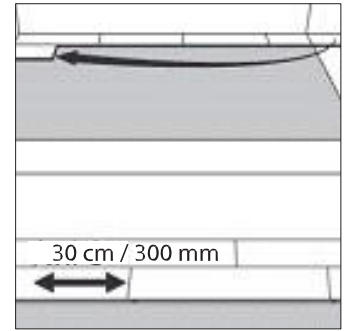
**Expansion Space**  
A gap of 1/8th" to 1/4" is required between the flooring and all vertical obstructions



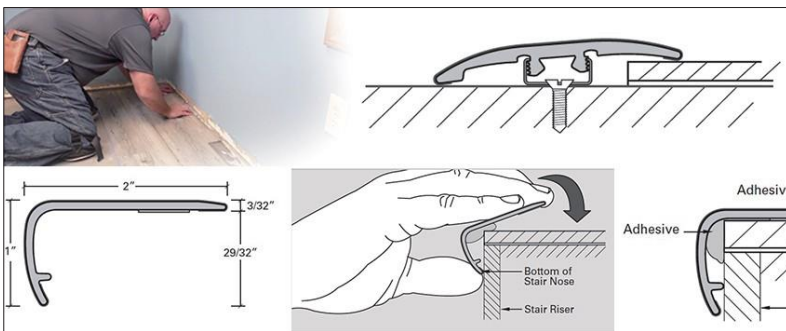
**Layout**  
Adjust layout lines as necessary to minimize perimeter planks less than 6". Make sure lines are square



**Apply Adhesive**  
Spray adhesive or Spread adhesive evenly with the proper trowel as described in manufacturers guidelines.



**Installing planks (Planks and/or tiles)**  
Lay the first few planks perfectly on the guided line as this will affect the entire installation if not done correctly.



**Transitions**  
In areas where new floor is ended or meets other types of flooring, such as wood, carpet or ceramic tile, select an appropriate molding to give it a good finish.

## WARRANTY & MAINTENANCE

We offer a 20 Year Residential Warranty and a 10 Year Commercial Warranty for our 2.5mm thick Hybrid Glue Down Plank. We offer a 10 Year Residential Warranty for our 2.0mm thick Hybrid Glue Down Plank, for further information about our warranty policy please refer to our website: [www.xqfloors.com.au](http://www.xqfloors.com.au)

- Sweep or vacuum the floor after installation using soft bristle attachments. Regular vacuuming or sweeping of the floors is necessary.
- Clean up any spills immediately to reduce the possibility of ingress.
- Damp mop the floor regularly or as needed and use cleaners that are only recommended for vinyl-based flooring. Alternatively, the best way to mop the floor is using warm soapy water.
- Use correct floor protection for furniture such as felt protectors to prevent scratching and scuffing.
- Place an outdoor mat outside at all entry points to reduce the amount of dirt brought onto the floors. Do not use mats with a latex or rubber backing internally on the flooring since these backings can cause permanent marking and discolouration.
- Protect your floor from harmful UV rays and direct sunlight in order to prevent fading and discolouration from exposure. Preventative measures could be the use of your curtains to block out the direct sunlight or any type of blockers that reduce the harmful UV light and heat on the floors surface.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, bleach or wax to maintain the floor (warm soapy water is best).
- Do not drag or slide heavy objects across the floor.

## PREVENTIVE CARE

- When moving appliances or heavy furniture it is always wise to lay a plywood panel, or similar, on your floor and “walk” the item across it. This protects your floor from scuffing, gouging and tears.
- Frequently moved furniture should be equipped with felt pads to avoid scratching the floor. Heavy furniture and appliances should be equipped with non-staining large surface floor protectors. Furniture with castors or wheels must be easy swiveling, large surface non-staining and suitable for resilient floors. Do NOT use ball type castors as they can damage the floor.
- Caster wheeled chairs should have wide, rubber casters. Place protective mats under of office chairs.
- Use floor protectors under furniture to reduce indentation. As a general rule of thumb, the heavier the item, the thicker the floor protector needed.

## Contact

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