



VinylCork Installation Instructions

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES BEFORE YOU START INSTALLING YOUR VINYL CORK FLOORING: (these instructions can also be found on the rear side of the product packaging)

Acclimatization:

VINYL CORK floating floors must be stored unopened at room temperature for at least 48 hours before installation. Do not open packages before starting installation.

Installation should be carried out at normal room temperature, not below 16 °C, and relative humidity between 45%-65%.

Sub-floor:

The sub floor must be perfectly dry, solid, even and clean (and moisture contents recorded). Unevenness in the sub floor of 2mm over a distance of 1m is acceptable. Before installation a 0.3mm polythene sheet must be laid first. The rolled length of poly should overlap about 20 cm running up the walls about 3cm, and then be fastened with adhesive tape. The poly is a protection against moisture and it also helps the movement of the plank when room climate changes. All soft fitted carpets must be removed, but the planks can be laid on existing hard surface floor coverings like wood, linoleum, vinyl, etc. Old floor boards have to be screwed down, and any unevenness needs to be leveled using appropriate filler.

Planning the layout:

Before installation, please inspect the planks under adequate lighting conditions. If you come across damaged planks, sheen and color variance, do not install them. The planks should preferably lay lengthwise in the room or in the same direction as the light falls.

Expansion joints of 10-15 mm should be maintained at walls and also around pipes and door frames. After installation, expansion joints can be covered with baseboards or quarter rounds.

Tools:

Saw, Pencil, measuring tape, spacer blocks, pull bar, tapping block, and hammer.

Installation – First Row:

Due to the patented glueless UniClic system, an easy and simple installation is guaranteed. Start installing the floor from one corner, working from right to left. The first panel should be placed with the tongue side towards the wall. Do not forget the spacer blocks (to ensure a perfect expansion joint, the tongues along the edges of the panels that go against the wall need to be sawn off). Now “click” the next panel rotating and pushing the tongue of a panel into the groove of a previous one at the angle of 20-30 degrees until both panels click together on the short side. Do this for a few panels of the first row. Make sure that panels are perfectly aligned to one another. This is very important for installing the next rows. The last panel of first row should be shortened accordingly. The minimum length of a panel should be 30 cm. Therefore, the width of the room has to be measured before starting the installation and, if necessary, the first plank should be trimmed. Do not forget the set spacer blocks in regular distance.

Following Rows:

Start on the second row with the leftover piece of plank from the previous row if the plank length is at least 30 cm. If not, use a new plank, which has to be cut in the middle so the joints will be staggered. Rotate and push the tongue of the long side of the panel into the groove of one on the previous row, until both panels click together. Now take another panel and fit it on the groove of the one on the previous row leaving a space of +/- 1cm from the short edge of the previous panel. Then tap it until the short edge of the first two panels of the second row fit together. Install the third panel of the second row. Using the technique, install one row after the other (do not forget spacer blocks around the walls). The width of the planks of the last row should have a minimum of 10cm. Therefore, measure the length of the room before stating the installation and if needed, adapt the width of the first row.

In case it is necessary to join planks in horizontal position (door frame, heating pipe) use a puller bar (stroke iron) and a hammer. After installing your floor, you can immediately walk on it. Remove all spacer blocks. Finish by installing baseboards, fastened to the wall, never to the floor.

Sub-floor heating:

VINYLCORK floating floors may also be used in rooms with floor heating. In this case it is especially important to note that the surface temperature of the flooring may not exceed 28° C. When the rooms are heated, relative air humidity is often below 40% and this may lead to gapping. Please avoid dry air by installing humidifiers.

Cleaning:

Regularly use a dry-cleaning method on your floor using a broom, or vacuum cleaner or dry mop. Dust and dirt are abrasive and recommended to be cleaned immediately. When a deeper clean is required use a mild cleaner specified for Vinyl floors – contact your local dealer for approved products.

Do not use detergents, abrasive cleaners or "mop and shine" products - they may leave a dull film on your floor. Do not use paste wax or solvent-based polishes. Do not use a beater bar when vacuuming because it can visibly damage the floor surface. Do not use highly abrasive scrubbing tools.