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## **INSTALLATION GUIDELINES**

### **ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks**

#### **Glue Down**

#### **General**

1. We recommend ordering all planks for the same flooring project at the same time. Compatibility of planks in repeated orders cannot be guaranteed.
2. Make sure the planks are sufficiently mixed when you install them, so that you don't end up with too many identical, light or dark planks in the same area.
3. Check all planks in daylight before and during installation. Defective planks must never be used.
4. The floor should preferably be installed parallel to how the light enters the room.
5. Ensure that the end joints of the planks in 2 successive rows are never in a line. Always ensure that the joints are staggered by at least 15cm (6 inches).
6. Ensure that the indoor climate conditions are always kept between 18 - 25°C.
7. It is also important to keep the subfloor in the above mentioned temperature range to counteract dimensional variations.
8. Floor heating can be used with ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks up to a maximum contact temperature of 27°C. Switch off your floor heating 24h before and after installation. For subfloor preparation see floor heating instructions below.

#### **Storing and handling**

- Always handle, store and transport ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks carefully to prevent distortions. Store and transport cartons on a flat surface in neat stacks, store cartons flat, never put them upright.
- Do not store ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks in moist or dusty rooms or places with extreme temperatures.
- ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks must be allowed to acclimatise in the room of installations. Planks must be stored between 18°C - 25°C, for a period of at least 48 hours before installation. The temperature needs to be maintained prior to, during and for at least 24 hours after installation is completed. Cartons should be acclimatised next to each other on a flat surface.

#### **Subfloor**

To be in accordance with the current **Australian Standard "Floor Coverings - 1884-2012 Resilient Sheet & Tiles - Laying & Maintenance Practices"**

All surfaces to be bonded shall be absorbent, dry, smooth, sound and clean.

Subfloors should be free from; wax, grease, paint; previously used adhesive, curing compounds, hydrostatic pressure and any other impurities that may affect adhesion.

The minimum subfloor temperature before commencing surface preparation and application is 10°C.

It is recommended test all concrete substrates for moisture content, according to the current Australian Standards prior to the installation of any works.



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It is recommended indentations and uneven concrete subfloors should be treated with the appropriate cementitious screed or levelling compound and be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and guidelines.

Uneven subfloor will leave marks in U Lay Luxury Vinyl Planks

### **Prior to installation**

#### Soft floorcoverings:

All soft floor coverings and its debris should be removed before installation. (eg. Vinyl, carpet, linoleum, cork).

#### Concrete floor:

Test all concrete substrate flooring for moisture content, according to the current Australian Standard "Floor Coverings - 1884-2012 Resilient Sheet & Tiles - Laying & Maintenance Practices" prior to the installation of any floorcoverings.

The moisture content of the subfloor should not exceed 75% RH (In-Situ Probe test method.)

If the moisture content is higher, an appropriate moisture barrier / sealer is recommended to be applied and in accordance to the manufacturer's instructions.

Always measure, record and keep your test results.

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#### Wood flooring (timber):

Carefully remove all debris (including loose nails), sweep and vacuum. The timber floor now needs to be sheeted with a timber underlayment such as Ply Board or Masonite.

*Refer to Timber Underlayment manufactures installation guidelines and recommendations*

#### Tile flooring:

If necessary, use a levelling compound to level all joints between the tiles. Preferably apply a second levelling layer.

### **Install planks and roll to ensure good adhesion**

1. Preferably install the panels parallel to the direction of the sunlight.
2. Measure the room and find the centre line. Starting the installation from the centre line ensures a straight and symmetrical installation. If necessary you can shift the starting point to prevent any unnecessary small cuts. U Lay Luxury Vinyl Planks can easily be cut with a cutter or utility knife with the décor side face up.



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3. Dry lay one plank per row (without adhesive) from this centre line to the wall and ensure no small cuts are needed. Take away these planks.
4. Then start the installation from the centre line. Mix up the panels to become a nice pattern.
5. It is strongly recommended to stagger the rows so that the short edge seams are not in a straight uniform line.
6. Now all panels of the rows are ready to be installed on the glue without unnecessary waiting time.
7. Pull back the rows of panels and apply glue to the floor using an V1 ( 1.6mm x 1.6mm ) Notched trowel. It is strongly recommended to use Roberts R285 FR glue, which has especially been developed for the installation of ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks.
8. Respect a minimum evaporation time of the Vinyl glue of 5 to 10 minutes.
9. Then place planks into the wet film of adhesive and roll to ensure good adhesive transfer has occurred. All glue residues should immediately be removed with a damp cloth, never use detergents.
10. Use the same procedure to complete the other side of the room.
11. Roll the complete floor to ensure good adhesive transfer.
12. Leave the floor for 24 hours after installation between 18°C - 25°C.

#### **Precautions**

1. ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks are designed for interior installations and only in temperature controlled environments. ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks cannot be installed in solariums, over carpets, or any exterior application including seasonal porches, camping trailers and boats.
2. It is recommended to avoid direct sunlight exposure as much as possible. Direct sunlight exposure may damage the floor as colour changes might occur.
3. ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks can have a dimensional deviation. Visually perceiving joints is a characteristic of the product.
4. Flooring mats and furniture should be moved from time to time to avoid permanent colour changes.
5. ULay Luxury Vinyl Planks are not intended for use on any vertical surface.
6. Provide furniture feet with appropriate feet protectors.
7. Castor chairs must be provided with soft free-turning, non-rubber wheels and/or office castor mats can be installed.
8. Do not allow pets with sharp nails to walk on the floor as these nails may cause deep scratches.
9. Make sure furniture legs have a large surface and are provided with non-straining floor protectors. The taller and/or wider the furniture feet are the greater the repartition of the weight will be on the floor and the less chance there is to damage the floor. This will reduce the damage
10. Prolonged contact with rubber can cause a permanent stain.
11. Do not allow cigarettes, matches or other very hot items to contact the floor as this may cause permanent damage.



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12. Place mats at outside entrances to prevent dirt, grit and soil from being tracked onto your floor. This will reduce damages, the maintenance requirement and extend the life of your floor.

## **Maintenance**

### *First cleaning after installation*

First remove all dirt and dust from the flooring with a brush or vacuum cleaner. Then clean with water and a neutral appropriate cleaning agent, at least twice until the water stays clean.

### *Periodic cleaning and maintenance*

Regular cleaning keeps your floor beautiful. Clean the floor frequently in function of its use. Always remove immediate grit, sharp objects, staining agents, moisture or aggressive substances from the flooring. Routine cleaning can easily be done by sweeping, vacuum cleaning or damp wiping.