

CLICK LVP INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

HomeStyle Tools Needed

- Utility knife and straight edge
- Measuring tape
- Tapping block
- Pull Bar
- Shears for cutting around irregular shaped objects (pipes)
- 1/8" spacers
- Planks needed to complete your project

General Information

- The floor covering should be stored and installed in climate constant or climate controlled indoor location with an average temperature of between 65°- 85°F or 18°- 29°C.
- Do not store directly on concrete, allow for air circulation. Do not open the cartons but spread them out and protect corners from damage.
- To minimize shade variation, mix and install planks from several cartons.
- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods; such exposure may result in discoloration, and excessive temperatures can cause the flooring to expand and lift off of the subfloor. During peak sunlight hours, the use of the drapes or blinds is recommended.
- All subfloor patching must be done with a Portland based compound and allowed to dry completely prior to installing flooring.
- This product can be installed on, above, or below grade.

Subfloor Information

- All subfloors must be clean, flat, dry and structurally sound. The correct preparation of the subfloor is a major part of a successful installation. Roughness or unevenness of the subfloor may telegraph through the new floor covering, resulting in an unsightly surface and may cause excessive wear on high spots. Subfloor must be flat- 3/16" in 10' or 1/8" in 6'.
- Carpet staples or adhesive residue must be removed to insure proper installation.

- Any unevenness over 1/8" (3 mm) must be sanded down or filled with a floor leveler. Voids or humps in the subfloor will prevent Click LVP from locking properly.

Wood Subfloors:

1. Do not install Click LVP over wood subfloors which lay directly on concrete or over sleeper constructions.
2. All wood and wood composition panels are suitable for the use under Click LVP providing that they are smooth, flat, structurally sound and free of deflection. The panels include plywood, particle board, oriented strand board (OSB), flake board and wafer board.
3. If the surface of the wood subfloor is not smooth, a 1/4" or 6mm underlayment panel must be installed over the subfloor.
4. Basements and crawl spaces must be dry. Use of a 6 mil. black polyethylene is required to cover 100% of the crawl space earth. Crawl space clearance from ground to underside of joist is to be no less than 18" and perimeter vent spacing should be equal to 1.5% of the total square footage of the crawl space area to provide cross ventilation. Where necessary, local regulations prevail.

Concrete Subfloors:

1. The concrete subfloor must be dry, smooth and free from dust, solvent, paint, wax, grease, oil, and any other extraneous materials. The surface must be hard and dense, and free from powder or flaking.
2. New concrete slabs must be thoroughly dry (at least six weeks) and completely cured. The final responsibility for determining if the concrete is dry enough for installation of the flooring lies with the floor covering installer. Although Click LVP is not susceptible to damage from moisture, excessive subfloor moisture is an ideal breeding ground for moldiness, mildew and fungus. The limited warranty does not cover discoloration from mold or from any kind of water damage caused by flooding, leaking or similar conditions.
3. Holes, grooves, expansion joints and other depressions must be filled with a latex underlayment, and troweled smooth and feathered even with the surrounding surface.
4. Concrete floors with a in-floor radiant heating systems are allowed, provided the temperature of the floor never exceeds 85°F or 29°C. Before installing the flooring, the heating system must be turned on to eliminate residual moisture.

Existing Floor Covering:

1. Click LVP can be installed over most existing hard-surface floor coverings, provided that the existing floor surface is smooth or can be made smooth.
2. Ceramic tiles should be made smooth by applying a cementitious overlay such as patching or leveling compound.

3. When the removal of the existing resilient floor covering is not an option then it must be covered with an embossing leveling compound or an equivalent to provide a smooth subfloor surface. Otherwise, telegraphing may occur.

4. Existing sheet vinyl floors should not be heavily cushioned and must consist of only one layer.

5. Never use solvents or citrus adhesive removers to remove old adhesive residue. Solvent residue left in and on the subfloor, may affect the new floor covering.

WARNING! DO NOT SAND, DRY SWEEP, DRY SCRAPE, DRILL, SAW, BEAD BLAST OR MECHANICALLY CHIP OR PULVERIZE EXISTING RESILIENT FLOORING, BACKING, LINING FELT, ASPHALTIC "CUTBACK" ADHESIVES OR OTHER ADHESIVES. These products may contain either asbestos fibers and/or crystalline silica. Avoid creating dust. Inhalation of such dust is a cancer and respiratory tract hazard. Smoking by individuals exposed to asbestos fibers greatly increases the risk of serious bodily harm. Unless positively certain that the product is a non-asbestos-containing material, you must presume it contains asbestos. Regulations may require that the material be tested to determine asbestos content and may govern the removal and disposal of material. See current edition of the Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI) publication Recommended Work Practices for Removal of Resilient Floor Coverings for detailed information and instructions on removing all resilient covering structures. For current information go to www.rfci.com

CAUTION: Do not install Click LVP over carpet or any foam underlayment. This product is not suitable for any outside use, sunrooms, solariums, sauna, or rooms that have the potential of flooding. We also highly recommend you do not install in rooms or homes that are not temperature controlled. Exposure to long term direct sunlight can cause damage to your floor.

INSTALLATION

Click LVP is designed to be installed with the floating method. Never secure the planks to the subfloor. Always undercut all doorjambes. Never fasten wall moldings and or transition strips to the Click LVP planks.

HELPFUL HINT #1: For best results it is important to install product (cartons) from the same batch number (dye lot). Different batch numbers can have shade variations. Every case has the batch number printed on the end of the carton. Batch number example: AS01. If you do have more than one batch number, we highly recommend you install planks from 4 or 5 different cartons from different batch number at one time and randomly mix them into the installation as you go. This will insure a more natural looking floor.

HELPFUL HINT #2: Before laying out the floor, check the wall you are starting from and make sure it is square to the opposite wall. Simply measure the room from opposite ends of the wall to the far wall. If the measurements are different you can make adjustments on the first row of by scribing the plank.

1. Lay a row of loose planks without securing them to each other first to determine if you need to adjust the length of the first plank to avoid a small piece of less than 12" on the opposite

wall from where you started, or measure the length of the room and divide by 48" (length of one plank). If the remainder is less than 12" calculate 1/2 of the remainder and trim this amount off the first plank. The last plank should be the same length as the first one. To cut a plank, simply measure and mark the plank, then using a straight edge and utility knife, simply score the plank and snap. It is that easy!

2. Installation should start in a corner (right hand) and proceed from the wall with the groove facing out away from the wall. Allow a minimum gap of 5/16" (8 mm) for subfloor movement or product expansion, which should be covered by molding.

3. When laying the first row in a straight line interlock the short ends by inserting the tongue into the grooves at an angle of approximately 15 to 20 degrees. Install each sequential plank on the short end (7") and be sure to line up evenly. This is very important for a good installation.

4. Be sure to keep the seams tight. You will feel and hear the click when locking the planks together to create a tight seam. There should be no gap visible between planks. If your seam appears not to be tight, you can immediately pull apart the planks and reapply it. Slowly lift the top plank away from the bottom plank and simply apply then repeating Step #3. Be careful not to pull the planks apart too fast or you could rip or damage the Locking Strip.,

5. When installing Click LVP, it is strongly recommended to stagger the rows so that the short edge (7") seams are not in a straight uniform line. We recommend the staggered to try other "patterns" of planks to suite your taste.

6. To start the second row with the plank cut at about 2/3 length (32"). Measure and mark the plank then using a straight edge and utility knife score the plank and snap.

7. Interlock the plank tightly against the first row (long side) again at a 15-20 degree angle. The next plank interlock the short side first leaving it slightly away from the long side and then slide into the long side.

HELPFUL HINT #3: When cutting Click LVP for length, be sure to always cut the short side of the plank with the groove edge. The remaining piece can then be used on the opposite side of the room at the end of that row if layout permits.

8. Start the third row with the plank cut at 1/3 of a length (16") against the remaining piece can be used at the opposite end of the row. If the layout of the room permits

9. Continue this pattern for the remainder of the rows to be installed. Always place the cut end of the first plank against the wall

10. Fitting around irregular objects no problem. Simply make a pattern out of heavy paper to fit around pipes or irregular objects. Place the pattern upon the plank and trace. Cut along trace lines using a utility knife or heavy duty scissors and lay plank. Be sure to leave a minimum of 5/16" expansion space around all fixed objects, floor vents, and door frames.

11. Protect all exposed edges of the Click LVP by installing wall molding and/or transition strips. Make sure that no plank will be secured in any way to the sub floor.

12. Protect the finished Click LVP installation from exposure to direct sunlight.

HELPFUL HINT #4: Expansion **MUST** be left at all doorways. Do not install flush to any metal tracks of sliding doors. Use of quarter round or transition is required.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not install in rooms or homes that are not temperature controlled. Exposure to long term direct sunlight can cause damage to your floor.

CARE GUIDE:

- Use doormats outside each entrance to your home to prevent dirt, sand, grit and other substances from being tracked onto your floor. Use non-staining mats on your floor. Do not put rubber-backed, latex-backed or coco fiber mats on your floor because they will stain or damage the surface.
- Close your curtains or blinds where extreme sunlight hits the floor. Exposure to long term direct sunlight can cause damage to your floor.
- Support furniture with wide-bearing, non-staining floor protectors. Ideally, the protectors should be at least one inch in diameter, made of non-pigmented hard plastic, and rest flat on the floor. Non-staining felt protectors are also acceptable. Casters (type W), felt pads or floor protectors are recommended for all moveable furniture. Use protection mats under chairs with casters to avoid abrasion of the vinyl flooring. Make sure that any metal protectors are rust-proof.
- If you need to move heavy furniture and/or appliances across the floor, always use strips of wood or hardboard runways to protect the floor. Always use runways even if you have an appliance dolly, or even if the heavy objects are equipped with wheels or rollers.
- Occasional mopping with Rinse-Free Cleaner is recommended when dirt builds up and sweeping alone is not sufficient. Follow strictly the guidelines given on the bottle. Do not use wax, polish, soap or detergent products.