

Fitting, Care and Maintenance advise for your new vinyl flooring

Installation

Fitting sheet vinyl is a skill. Unless you are competent to carry out the fitting yourself, we recommend you employ the services of a professional flooring fitter.

The following guidelines can be used.

Skill level: Moderate level

Tools required:

- Metal ruler
- Trimming knife or vinyl cutter
- Spatula
- Double sided tape (for installations less than 30m²)
- Suitable vinyl flooring adhesive (for installations over 30m²) and a notched trowel.

Vinyl flooring must be laid on a perfectly smooth and level floor. If the floor is damaged, take extra care in the preparation.

Concrete floors- remove all dust. Fill any cracks and rub down any uneven patches. If required, apply a screed to fully level the floor.

Old tiling- remove any loose tiles and fill the spaces with concrete. Scrub the floor with detergent before applying a screed to ensure a perfectly flat surface.

The day before fitting, unroll your vinyl in the room where it is to be laid and leave for 24 hours at room temperature. If your home has underfloor heating, turn it off preferably 24 hours (including preparation time) before fitting the floor. Cover the entire surface of the room leaving a 5cm excess at the base of the walls. Joint can be made by laying the edges side by side or by overlapping the edges and cutting to fit.

Follow the direction of laying (in general, the lengths are reserved). Try not to leave any gaps at the joints or lay the edges to tightly together.

If your room is less than 30m², you only need to use double sided tape to secure the flooring. Lift the flooring and place double sided tape around the perimeter of the room and under the joints to preserve them. Lay the vinyl down and press firmly ensuring a good contact.

If your room is more than 30m², you will need to use adhesive over the complete surface. Fold the flooring back partially and apply the adhesive using a notched trowel (this stops furrows appearing). Observe the recommended amounts (approx. 250g/m²) and the sticking time required for the smooth application and drying of the adhesive: to be sure, refer to the manufacturer's instructions on the packaging. Fold down each length and fix firmly moving from the centre of the room towards the walls. This will repel any air trapped between the floor and the flooring.

Loose laying can be considered if the location is a small area and is not subject to heavy traffic.

To finish off along the skirting boards, remove any excess material using a trimming knife and scissors, or vinyl cutter.

Caring for your vinyl

Vinyl is tough yet practical. Cleaning only requires a quick wipe over with a cloth. Vinyl is Waterproof, rot proof, vinyl is very hygienic and suitable for any location from kitchens, conservatories and bathrooms.

Thanks to their suppleness vinyl floors absorb most of the impact noise, created by walking on them.

Vinyl floors are among the toughest surfaces around, providing excellent resistant to normal wear and tear and stains.

Looking after your new vinyl-

Simply remove dust with a brush or vacuum cleaner as part of your cleaning routine. Use a mild household detergent with water for a more thorough clean. Diluted bleach can be used to remove stubborn stains.