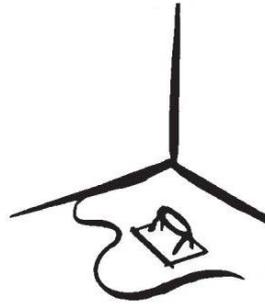


# Installation and Maintenance Guide – SELF ADHESIVE PLANKS & TILES

Gerflor's self adhesive planks and tiles are comfortable underfoot, durable, and easy to maintain. Designed for quick and easy do it yourself installation in indoor domestic flooring applications, these products are suitable for both wet and dry areas.



## IMPORTANT:

- Read all instructions before proceeding.
- Self adhesive planks and tiles are only suitable for indoor domestic use. Do not use outdoors, or in cabins, caravans or vehicle garages. Do not use on walls.
- Check for any visual defects or damage before and during installation, and return any damaged product to place of purchase. *Gerflor will not be responsible for installation cost claims where flooring was installed with obvious defects.*
- Subfloors must be perfectly dry, smooth, level, sound, clean and dust free.
- Installation temperature should be between 15 to 28°C, ideally at a room temperature of 22°C.
- The flooring should be maintained in this temperature range thereafter. Protect your floor from excessive direct heat, temperature variation or direct sunlight using curtains, blinds and temperature controls.

**For best results assess the site and building conditions carefully. If you are unsure about any aspect of the installation, contact Gerflor customer service.**

## BEFORE YOU START

These products are suitable as indoor flooring only. Self adhesive tiles and planks must not be used outdoors, or in caravans, cabins, or vehicle garages. Do not use on walls. Check each pack to ensure that batch numbers are the same.

Before starting, planks or tiles must be removed from their packaging and laid flat for 24 hours at a normal room temperature between 15 to 28°C.

Suitable subfloors include concrete, timber, and ceramic tiles. Check that the subfloor is perfectly dry, smooth, level, sound, clean and dust free. Do not install on asphalt, bituminous surfaces or over existing floor coverings.

For best adhesion all surfaces must be primed. We recommend using a dilute solution of Dunlop floor primer or similar as per manufacturer's instructions.

**Concrete** floors must have a damp proof membrane. New concrete floors must be completely cured (dry).

**Ceramic** floors can be prepared using a levelling compound.

**Timber** floors must be overlaid with a masonite or plywood flooring underlay. Wet areas with wood subfloors must be overlaid with a cement sheet underlay. Underlays should be

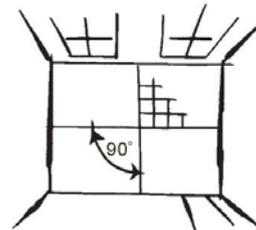
installed to manufacturer's instructions.

## Underfloor heating

Planks and tiles may be installed over floors with underfloor heating if the heating system is turned off 48 hours before installation and only turned back on 48 hours after installation. The heating must not exceed a floor temperature of 28°C.

## Tools & Products

- A water based primer such as Dunlop floor primer or similar
- Roller or broom to apply primer
- Tape measure
- A straight edge (eg metal ruler)
- Stanley knife
- Pencil
- 45 kg floor roller or hand roller



## PLAN YOUR FLOOR

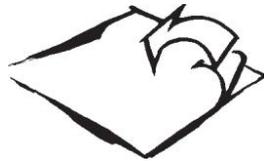
Divide the room into 4 sections by drawing 2 perpendicular lines across the floor and use these lines as your guide to ensure you are laying the planks or tiles perfectly square.

Once the floor has been primed and after a final vacuum for dust, you are ready to start.

It is recommended that when laying the flooring, you start from the middle of the room and complete each section one at a time. For best results lay in a staggered pattern.

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NOTE: Grout lines or borders on tiles vary marginally; rotate the tiles to achieve the best appearance.



## **LAYING PLANKS AND TILES**

Peel the backing from a tile or plank and CAREFULLY place it at the centre point. Check that it is correctly positioned and then apply firm all-over pressure to achieve. Complete contact. Gerflor recommends the flooring be rolled with a 45 kg roller or hand roller to ensure maximum bond strength.

Lay each quarter of the room separately, making sure the planks or tiles are a close fit but do not force them together.

Leave a 1 mm gap around the perimeter of the room.

Warning: The backing paper on this product is slippery, once removed, dispose of immediately.



## **CUTTING PLANKS AND TILES**

To cut planks and tiles, simply mark the cutting line with a utility knife and snap in a downward motion.

To fit edge planks or tiles that need to be cut, keeping the backing paper on, lay the plank or tile to be cut exactly over the last full plank or tile; place

another full plank or tile against the wall and mark the cutting line where the planks or tiles overlap.

Cut and remove backing paper to fit plank or tile in position. Always place the cut edge to the wall.

## **Shaped cuts**

To fit around doorframes, pipes etc., just make a cardboard template as a guide and use this to draw an outline onto the plank or tile. Cut to shape and check that it fits before peeling the backing paper.

## **Finishing**

When you have finished laying, go over the floor once again to check that all planks or tiles are firmly stuck down.

Do not wash the floor for 48 hours .



## **MAINTENANCE**

For best results apply Gemini vinyl floor polish or similar, this will protect your vinyl flooring and help maintain an 'as new' appearance. For general cleaning we recommend a damp mop using a mild neutral detergent such as Versadet vinyl floor cleaner or similar.

Never use abrasive pads or cleaners, strong alkaline detergents, ammonia, chlorine detergents or undiluted bleaches.

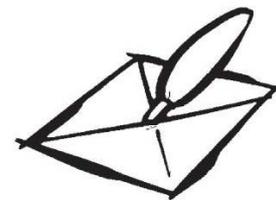
Always wipe spills away immediately with a damp cloth or sponge.

Use a non-rubber backed mat in doorways and entrances to inhibit any excess dirt, grit etc.

Protect the flooring with MDF or Masonite boards when moving furniture or heavy objects.

Ensure the proper use of floor protector pads under the legs of furniture etc. to limit any scratching.

Be aware that bitumen, and rubber can permanently mark your floor, leaving a yellowish stain. This includes rubber used in rubber-backed mats, rubber wheels on trolleys, rubber feet on stools and other furniture, rubber soles on low cost shoes or slippers.



## **REPLACING PLANKS AND TILES**

Starting from the outside in, cut the plank or tile diagonally from corner to corner. Gently warm the plank or tile using a hairdryer and then using a blunt knife simply peel away. Clean sub-floor, reprime and install replacement plank or tile.

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