



IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE READ AND UNDERSTOOD BEFORE COMMENCING TO LAY CARPET TILES/CARPET

Preparation before laying commences

- 1. Lot number** Before commencing to install our products please check that tiles, broadloom or sheet are from the same production lot number. This number is stamped on the back of each tile and on the cartons/roll labels. In view of slight colour variations occurring in production, it is important that batches are not mixed.
 - 2. Temperature** The room temperature (min 18°C) and humidity should be constant at least 24 hours before and after the floor is laid. Tiles should be removed from their outer boxes and laid out loosely on the floor. Broadloom and sheet should be removed from its packaging and rolled out flat. Products should then be left for 24 hours to acclimatise before laying.
 - 3. Underfloor Heating** If carpets are to be installed on an underfloor heating system, then the maximum surface temperature of the heating system must not exceed 27°C. The underfloor heating should be switched off for 48 hours before and after installation.
 - 4. Sub Floors** Carpet must be laid on a sub-floor that is dry (less than 75% RH), flat (to BS 8203 + or - 3mm on 3m), hard, not slippery and in accordance with BS 5325). All grease, wax, or polish must be removed. When laying on uneven timber floors or on floors with gaps between boards, lay plywood or hardboard (rough side uppermost) over existing floorboards and nail or staple them down in a 6' grid pattern. If the subfloor is concrete and is uneven or has broken plastic or vinyl tiles, which cannot easily be removed, it should be made level with a latex screeding compound. Carpet may be laid on wood parquet or quarry tile floors providing the subfloor is prepared adequately and has a functional damp-proof membrane.
 - 5. Adhesive** – Tiles should be installed on a surface tackifier. In extra heavy wear areas, including areas where there will be wheeled traffic, or where intense stiletto heel traffic is anticipated, we recommend the use of a permanent adhesive.
- Broadloom** Gel or Foam backed ranges should be fully bonded to the floor using a suitable permanent adhesive. Textile backed products can be stretched on underlay, or adhered to special underlay systems, if installed in an appropriate location, please contact us for advice.
- Sheet** should be fully bonded to the floor using a suitable permanent adhesive.