

## METRO SERIES – 3mm PLANK – INSTALLATION AND MAINTANCE GUIDELINES

### INSTALLATION METHODS

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**Caution:** This flooring is NOT recommended to be used over radiant heated floors or where chemical staining could occur ie. Hair salons. Remove all old flooring and prepare subfloor with leveling compound to ensure a smooth, dry and even surface.

### PREPARATION

The material must be allowed to *acclimatize at room temperature (approx. 20 °C) for 48 hours* prior to installation. New concrete floors need to dry at least 60 days prior to installation. Make sure the floor is smooth, clean, and free of wax, grease, oil or dust. Fill any cracks, pits, joints with a proper leveling compound. Secure any loose subfloor boards.

### HOW TO INSTALL

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Identify that the production lot of planks are all the same (found on side of box). Inspect flooring prior to installation. Do not install damaged flooring. Maintain site room temperature (18-22°C). The material must be allowed to *acclimatize at room temperature (approx. 20 °C) for 48 hours* prior to installation. Substrate moisture content must not exceed 8% ensure installer checks prior to installation.

**COMPLETELY REMOVE ANY EXISTING FLOORING AND ADHESIVES PRIOR TO INSTALL. USE ONLY RECOMMENDED ADHESIVE – MIX WELL.**

Evenly apply an adequate amount of the specified adhesive on a small area. Do not attempt to apply adhesive on a larger area at once or adhesive may harden. Install planks in the same direction to the *arrow mark* on the back maintain stability. Begin laying your floor tight along the longest wall. Lay a complete row of planks and cut the last one to fit against the opposite wall. The cut edge should always face the wall. When you reach the last row, cut the last plank to fit tight. The plank should not be forced into place. For best visual effect, always stagger the planks from row to row. Do not kneel on installed flooring to avoid gapping as you work. Immediately remove adhesive on the product surface (follow adhesive guidelines)

### After Installation:

Allow 24 hours before walking on and 48 hours before adding furniture to allow the adhesive time to cure.

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Do not drag or move a heavy object over the newly installed flooring or planks may become loose or gapping may occur.

Do not expose newly installed flooring to direct sunlight immediately after installation for 1 day.

### **MAINTENANCE**

By following the precautions below, our strong polyurethane wear layer coating will protect your floor for many years.

Use plastic, glass or other non-staining cups or padding under surfaces legs of heavy appliances and furniture. Use proper floor protectors on all chairs. Remove all small diameter buttons from legs of straight chairs and replace with medal glides no smaller than 1" in diameter. Examine your protectors periodically, check for burrs, debris or wear ensuring the surface is smooth. Do not drag furniture across your floor! Avoid rolling type caster chairs if possible. If not, make sure the rollers are the double type wheels at least 2" in diameter or have castor protectors. These precautions will prevent scratches and indentations from appearing on your floor.

Do not expose floor to frequent standing water and wipe up all spills quickly. Watch for tracked in dirt and grit particles. Use walk off mats at all room entrances. Do not use rubber or latex back mats. Certain chemicals in backing can stain vinyl. Use non-staining vinyl mats or woven rugs that are colorfast. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolong periods. The use of drapes and blinds are recommended. Direct sunlight over long period of time can cause discoloration.

No finishes are needed. Our flooring has a strong permanent polyurethane finish. Do not use any type of harsh detergent or solvents like lacquer thinner, abrasive cleaners, which can leave a film. Avoid vinegar as a cleaning agent. Use pH neutral cleaners that are recommended for vinyl. Do not use vacuums with beater bars.

**Commercial Maintenance:** Follow same recommendations as above.