

ETX Surfaces Cork Flooring Installation Instructions

PLEASE READ ALL THESE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH RELEVANT COUNTRY STANDARDS BEFORE INSTALLATION.

General Information

TRANSPORT, STORAGE, ACCLIMATIZATION

- Transport and store cartons in laying position.
- Store planks at room temperature for at least 48 hours in their packaging prior to installation.
- Remove plastic wrapping from packaging only when ready to install.
- Room temperature must be at least 18°C (65°F) before & during installation.

SUBFLOOR REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL:

- Floating floors can be laid on top of most hard surfaces (e.g. concrete, ceramics, wood).
- Soft subfloors (e.g. carpets) must be removed.
- The subfloor must be even, flat, dry and variations should not exceed 3 mm in 2 m (0.12" in 6.6 feet).
- All type of hard subfloors must be dry (concrete screeds < 2.0 %, anhydrite screeds < 0.5 % - CM instrument).

MOISTURE PROTECTION

- All types of subfloors require insulation against moisture.
- Use PE film with minimum thickness of 0.2 mm (.008").
- On ground/basement subfloors we recommend laying 2 layers crossways for better protection.

RADIANT-HEATED SUBFLOORS

- Subfloor surface temperature must not exceed 28°C (82°F).
- For detailed information, follow instructions of the subfloor heating system manufacturer/contractor or contact your supplier.

PREVENTIVE CARE

- If works will take place in the room where the floor is installed, protect with craft paper, plywood or hardboard.
- Do not drag furniture across the floor.
- Use felt pads on chair and furniture legs.
- Office roller chairs must comply with DIN 68131.
- Place quality walk-off mats at all entrances to retain tracked in dirt, grit and moisture.
- Never use latex or rubber-backed mats as they can permanently stain the floor.
- Avoid moisture on the floor.
- Ideal and healthy room conditions are 35- 65% R.H. at 20°C (68°F).
- If necessary use a room humidifier.
- Cork, as a natural material, tends to fade when exposed to sunlight. Use blinds, curtains or other sun screening system to minimize this effect.
- Cork Floating Floors are intended for indoor use only.
- Flooring products are based on natural materials, and will expand and contract through heating and non-heating seasons, thus experiencing some separation between the planks/tiles at different times during the year. Such separations are not considered a product defect.

LAYING INSTRUCTIONS

INSPECTION

- Prior to installation, inspect planks in daylight for visible faults/damage.
- Check if subfloor/site conditions comply with the specifications described in these instructions.
- If you are not satisfied do not install, and contact your supplier.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Electric saw
- Spacers
- Pencil
- Set square
- PE film
- Adhesive tape

MOISTURE PROTECTION

- Lay the PE film, allowing for at least 20 cm (8") overlapping and tape.
- Turn the film upward 5 cm along the walls.
- Trim after the skirting boards are fixed.

BEFORE LAYING

- Measure the room at right angle to the direction of the planks.
- Planks in the final row should be at least 5 cm wide.
- For this purpose, planks in the first row can be cut to smaller size.
- Shuffle planks in order to obtain a pleasant blend of shades.
- Lay planks preferably following the direction of the main source of light.
- We recommend laying on wooden floors crossways to the existing floorboard.
- Planks must not be nailed or screwed to the subfloor.
- Skirting boards must not be fixed in a way which restricts the movement of the floor.

EXPANSION GAPS

- Provide 10 mm expansion gaps to the walls and other fixed objects.
- Areas greater than 100 m² (900 sq. ft) or 10 m (30 feet) in either direction, transitions between rooms and asymmetrical areas require extra expansion gaps.