

WOVEN VINYL - LOOM+

Installation Instructions

Godfrey Hirst LOOM+ Installation Guidelines should be reviewed by installers prior to commencement of installation. All installations should be in accordance with these instructions. Any variation to these instructions by installers may affect the Godfrey Hirst warranties.

Should you have any queries in relation to the below recommendations, please contact your retailer or Godfrey Hirst Floors representative.

PRE-LAYING CHECKS

It is the installer's responsibility to verify that the product and accessories supplied is the correct product, colour, pattern and quantity. Godfrey Hirst LOOM+ tiles are marked with a lot number. Prior to installation, check whether the tiles are of the same lot number. As with all woven floorings, shade variations may occur within the fabric due to natural structural differences.

Prior to installation and in good natural light, check for any obvious visual defects. If the product is incorrect or has any visual defects or damage, contact the retailer or Godfrey Hirst representative. Generally, Godfrey Hirst will not be responsible for any visible defects after the flooring has been cut and/or installed.

CONDITIONING

Godfrey Hirst LOOM+ products (and any adhesives) must be allowed to condition on site for a minimum period of 24-48hrs before commencing installation. The room should be dry and well ventilated with an air temperature between 18°C and 28°C and ambient relative humidity of 40-60%. The conditions must remain within this range for the entire installation period and a minimum of 48 hours after installation completion.

The ambient relative humidity of the area where the products are to be installed needs to be assessed given this can strongly determine the most suitable adhesive. This may require covering the windows to prevent any fluctuations of temperature during or after the installation to prevent thermally induced changes to the product.

During the service life of the floor, temperatures should never fall below 13°C otherwise flooring and adhesive performance may be adversely affected.

SUBFLOOR PREPARATION

Warning - Asbestos - Any previously installed resilient floor coverings and/or adhesives may contain asbestos. If it is known or suspected the previous flooring contains asbestos, you should avoid creating dust and the previous flooring should be only be removed by an appropriately licensed asbestos removal contractor.

Subfloors must be level, smooth, dry and free of any surface irregularities including dust, dirt, oil, grease, paint or any other materials or roughness or other contamination which could adversely affect the adhesion of the Godfrey Hirst LOOM+ to the floor.

Concrete floors must be cured, completely dry, with a surface free of irregularities. Concrete sub floors must be tested in accordance with AS 1884-2012 for moisture using the relative humidity in-situ probe test and PH. RH levels should not exceed 75% and pH levels should not exceed 10. The surface quality should be checked as set out in AS 1884:2012. Depressions and cracks must be filled using a suitable (taking into account the traffic loads) approved levelling compound in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All irregularities must be levelled.

Existing timber, plywood and particleboard sub floors, must be checked and prepared as set out AS 1884:2012. Do not lay the floor directly on any timber treated with wood preservative.

Resilient sheet and tile finishes are not considered a suitable surface for adhering resilient floor coverings and should be removed. If this cannot be achieved, careful assessment is required as to whether the existing floor is to acceptable standards to adhere the new flooring.

For installations where underfloor heating is used, please contact your retailer or Godfrey Hirst Floors representative to confirm suitability and further installation recommendations.

ADHESIVES

Installations should be fully adhered by a professional floor layer. Use only adhesives recommended by the manufacturer for use with vinyl tiles and relevant to specific site conditions.

Special consideration should be given to the type of adhesive used in areas subject to extremes in temperature (>28°C) or prolonged direct sunlight. It is highly recommended you contact the relevant adhesive manufacturer to confirm adhesive suitability and application.

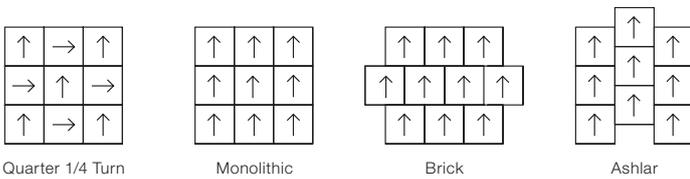
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INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

Directional arrows are printed on the back of all tiles. It is the responsibility of the installation contractor to confirm the required installation method/direction with the client. Godfrey Hirst LOOM+ can be installed with 5 installation methods:

Mix & Match – a creative and unique installation concept with different patterns and colours for attractive results – if interested, ask your Godfrey Hirst representative.



Quarter 1/4 Turn

Monolithic

Brick

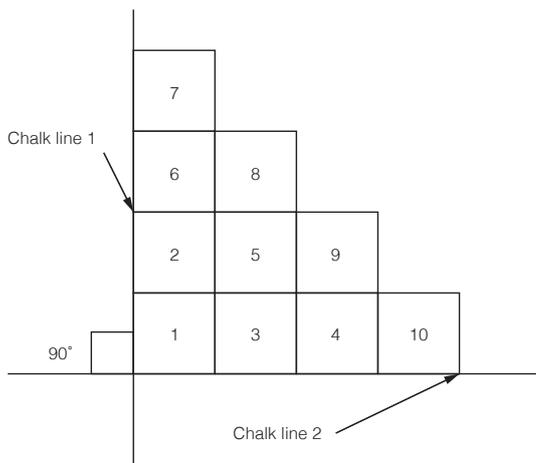
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Please refer to either the Godfrey Hirst Product Specifications or the Project Specifications in relation to the direction of the installation. Direction of the installation will not affect the performance of the product.

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Installation should commence at the intersection of two chalk lines at 90° as shown in the diagram below. Chalk lines must be as close as practicable to the centre of the room/area, running parallel to the longest wall. It may be necessary to shift the centre line to ensure border tiles are a minimum of 1/2 width, unless otherwise specified in the overall design scheme.

Installation must continue until the completion of a quadrant prior to moving onto another adjoining quadrant. Installing tiles using the pyramid method allows multiple alignment checks.



Roll the floor with a 45kg roller to ensure adequate adhesive transfer, typically within 45 minutes of installation.

POST INSTALLATION

Traffic should not be allowed on the installation for 24 hours, and deep cleaning and placing of furniture should not be allowed on the installation for 72 hours, to allow the adhesive to reach its full bond strength.

If construction work is still underway, the floor should be protected from site debris, dirt, soil, traffic etc. by use of a protective surface (e.g. sheet plastic, hard board etc.). It is recommended that plywood or MDF be placed over the floor during the removal or replacement of furniture or any heavy objects within a 72 hour period of installation.

Wait at least 48 hours after completion of installation before turning any heating systems back on. Avoid all drastic shifts in temperature, gradually adjusting the thermostat in stages of no more than 5°C per day.