



# **IMPORTANT!**

## **MUST READ BEFORE INSTALLATION**



- % **Inspect your shipment:** Verify packing slip ensuring that the edge finish, color, thickness and quantity are correct. **Any discrepancies or defects should be reported to Summit International Flooring immediately and must NOT be installed. Summit International Flooring is NOT responsible for freight, replacement rubber floor tiles, and labor if the wrong material is installed**
  
- & **Store products in a clean, dry, temperature-controlled area:** Remove all banding upon receipt of order. Recover materials after inspection has been complete to protect from dust and dirt prior to installation.
  
- ' **Acclimation:** At least **48 hours before** starting the installation **lay out ALL tiles on the sub-surface, in piles of two or 3, to allow them to acclimate.** Acclimation is complete when the products have reached a consistent dimension; they must be consistent for at least a 24-hour period. **Do not install** the tiles if they are not square and the appropriate thickness has not been reached.
  
- ( **Dry Lay: Prior to installation lay out ALL** the tiles for a thorough visual inspection. This will allow for any uneven color distribution to be seen and mats can be adjusted before final installation. For glue down applications each tile is marked with an orientation label stating **THIS SIDE DOWN** (square cut only). Make sure that all tiles are laid down with the "label" pointing in the same direction. Rotating the tile 90° may help improve any color variation. **Summit International Flooring is not responsible for material, freight, and labor cost to REPLACE a floor that was NOT installed properly and in accordance with our guidelines.**
  
- ) **Shading:** Uneven distribution of color granules may appear in a tile. **This may be improved by rotating the tile 90 degrees** (square cut only) **or installing it in a less visible area. Be sure to mix tiles from several different pallets to blend minor shade variations.** Install tiles same side up as received, **DO NOT FLIP OVER.**
  
- \* **If Applicable: Adhesive: Do not get adhesive on the top surface of the rubber flooring as it is virtually impossible to remove.** Contact your supplier immediately for suggested cleaning methods if this happens. Summit International Flooring will not be responsible for the replacement or cleaning of rubber tiles that have adhesive on the surface. Do not use mineral spirits in attempt to remove adhesive. The recommended trowel size for adhesive is V-notch 1/16 x 1/16 x 1/16 in.
  
- + **The recommended method of installing the tiles is the ASHLAR METHOD. STRAIGHT LAY CORNER TO CORNER installation can be done when a customer or designer calls for it, but it is NOT the recommended method.**
  
- , **DO NOT USE TAPE** to help secure seams during glue down installation. Many tape residues cannot be removed from the face of the rubber flooring. If you determine that tape is going to help you keep the seams together, then blue painters tape or green frog tape can be used. Do not leave the tape for extended periods of time. Remove approved tapes as soon as the adhesive is cured.

9. **Cleaning:** When flooring installation is complete, sweep floor to remove any debris, then dry vacuum thoroughly to remove all surface dust and dirt using a high CFM vacuum. Damp mop with a neutral cleaner diluted with warm water; use a microfiber mop. Use a two-bucket system and change the water frequently.
10. **Please read complete installation guidelines** prior to starting installation process. This document is only a brief overview as does not provide complete information that will result in a successful

**Product Acclimation/Dry Lay Checklist must be completed and returned**

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