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LAYING INSTRUCTIONS

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The installation of carpet is a precise process that requires proper preparation and the right conditions to achieve a neat and attractive result. These installation instructions from Van Besouw provide the essential guidelines for correct installation.

1 \ Preparation

- **Delivery check:** Before installation, verify that the carpet's quality, colour, and dimensions match the order details. This helps prevent misunderstandings and disappointment.
- **Acclimatisation:** Allow the carpet to acclimatise in the designated room for at least 24 hours. This is important to avoid unwanted shrinkage or expansion due to temperature and humidity differences.
- **Pre-installation inspection:** Unroll the carpet completely and carefully check for visible damage or manufacturing defects. Any issues must be reported before installation begins.

2 \ Indoor climate

- Ensure that the temperature of both the room and the subfloor is between 17°C and 25°C.
- The relative humidity should be between 35% and 75%.
- Avoid direct exposure to sunlight on the carpet and subfloor during and shortly after installation.

3 \ Subfloor

- The subfloor must be level, stable, and free from cracks or irregularities.
- Height differences may not exceed ± 2 mm over a length of 2 meters.
- The surface must be clean, dry, and free of contaminants such as grease, oil, and loose debris.
- The moisture level of a concrete subfloor must not exceed 75–90% relative humidity, in accordance with the specifications of the adhesive manufacturer.
- If underfloor heating is present, it must be switched off at least 48 hours before installation and may only be turned back on 48 hours after the installation is completed.

4 \ Underlay (optional)

- The underlay must be resilient and have a smooth top surface.
- The underlay must be securely fixed to prevent shifting.
- For optimal performance, the use of a high-quality underlay is recommended, such as Black Magic by Estillon or an equivalent alternative.

5 \ Installation

Stairs

- Tread edges should be fitted with stair nosings for protection.
- The pile direction of the carpet should face downward and be perpendicular to the front edge of the tread.

Laying direction

- Install carpet strips in the order they come off the roll and in the same direction.
- Preferably align the pile towards the main light source to achieve the best aesthetic result.

Knitted carpets

- **Length seams:** Trim the production edges from the pile side. Preferably use the GT Loop Pile Cutter (Roberts, type 10-152) and cut between the pile rows for a clean, straight finish.
- **End seams:** If walkable, end seams must be covered with a suitable profile. When cutting, all construction threads are severed.

Woven carpets

- **Length seams:** Trim the production edges from the pile side. Preferably use the GT Loop Pile Cutter (Roberts, type 10-152) and cut between the pile rows for a straight finish.
- **End seams:** If walkable, end seams must be covered with a suitable profile. Cutting will sever all construction threads.

Tufted carpets

- **Length seams:** Remove the production edges and carefully cut from the pile side along the pile threads.
- **End seams:** Cut from the backing side, cutting only through the backing structure with a sharp, straight knife.

6 \ Installation methods

Stretching

- Stretch the carpet as tightly as possible.
- For large areas or limited fixing options, it is recommended to use extra-wide or double stretchers.

Gluing

- Glue the carpet fully and evenly with a suitable adhesive, such as Uzin 2570, Uzin UZ 90 Ökoline, Thomsit T 490 EasyTex, Eurocol 609 Eurostar Tex, or a comparable product.
- Strictly follow the adhesive manufacturer's application instructions and use a B1 notched trowel.

7 \ Important points to note

- Carpet protection: Cover the carpet immediately after installation to prevent contamination and damage.
- Colour variations: Be aware of possible colour differences between production batches. Colour samples are for indication purposes only.
- Cutting: Cut carpet strips individually to ensure a consistent and neat finish.
- Installation conditions: Maintain stable climate conditions during installation.
- Pile direction: Maintain a consistent pile direction across multiple strips for a uniform appearance.

8 \ After Installation

- Protect the carpet from foot traffic and other work until the adhesive has fully cured.
- Do not place furniture or equipment on the carpet before the adhesive is completely dry.
- Only use protective covering materials that leave no marks or release harmful substances.





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