

# IMPORTANT

## Must Review Before Installation

### Rubber Flooring Installation & Acclimation Guidelines

Proper storage, acclimation, and installation procedures are required to ensure optimal product performance and appearance. Please review the following guidelines before beginning installation.

#### Installation Checklist

Before installation:

- Inspect shipment
- Store in temperature-controlled area
- Acclimate products for 48 hours
- Dry lay all tiles
- Blend tiles from multiple pallets
- Review full installation guidelines

#### 1. Inspect Shipment Upon Arrival

Verify that the packing slip matches the received material, including:

- Edge finish
- Color
- Thickness
- Quantity

Inspect all products for visible defects or discrepancies before installation. Any issues must be reported to Summit International Flooring immediately. Materials with visible defects or incorrect specifications should not be installed.

Summit International Flooring is not responsible for labor, freight, or replacement costs associated with the installation of incorrect or defective materials.

#### 2. Proper Storage Conditions

Store all products in a clean, dry, temperature-controlled environment.

Upon receipt:

- Remove all pallet banding
- Inspect materials thoroughly
- Re-cover products after inspection to protect from dirt and dust prior to installation

#### 3. Product Acclimation Requirements

Products must acclimate for a minimum of 48 hours prior to installation.

To properly acclimate:

- Lay out all tiles on the substrate
- Stack materials in piles of 2–3 tiles maximum
- Allow products to stabilize to room conditions

Acclimation is complete once the material has reached consistent dimensions for at least 24 hours. Do not install tiles that are not square or that have not reached the appropriate thickness.

### 4. Dry Lay & Visual Inspection

**Before adhesive installation:**

- Dry lay all tiles for visual inspection
- Check for color distribution and shade variation
- Adjust tile placement as needed prior to final installation

**For square-cut glue-down installations:**

- Each tile is labeled "THIS SIDE DOWN"
- Install all tiles with labels oriented in the same direction
- Rotating tiles 90° may help improve color variation

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### 5. Shade & Color Variation

Minor shade and color variation between tiles is normal.

**For best visual results:**

- Blend tiles from multiple pallets during installation
- Install tiles same-side-up as received
- Do not flip tiles over
- Use tile rotation when appropriate to improve overall appearance
- Use the recommended sealant, which may help blend visible shading and create a more uniform appearance

### 6. Adhesive Guidelines (If Applicable)

Avoid getting adhesive on the finished surface of the rubber flooring, as it can be extremely difficult to remove.

**If adhesive contacts the surface:**

- Contact your supplier immediately for recommended cleaning procedures
- Do not use mineral spirits to remove adhesive

**Recommended adhesive trowel size:**

- V-Notch 1/16" x 1/16" x 1/16"

Summit International Flooring is not responsible for replacement or cleaning costs resulting from adhesive contamination.

### 7. Recommended Installation Pattern

The recommended installation method is the Ashlar installation pattern. Straight lay corner-to-corner installation may be used when specified by the designer or end user, but it is not the preferred installation method.

### 8. Tape Usage During Installation

Do not use standard tape products to secure seams during glue-down installation, as many tape adhesives may damage the flooring surface.

**If tape is necessary:**

- Use blue painter's tape or green FrogTape® only
- Remove tape promptly after adhesive curing
- Do not leave tape on the surface for extended periods

## 9. Post-Installation Cleaning

**After installation:**

1. Sweep the floor thoroughly
2. Dry vacuum using a high-CFM vacuum
3. Damp mop using:
  - A neutral cleaner
  - Warm water
  - A microfiber mop

**For best results:**

- Use a two-bucket cleaning system
- Change water frequently during cleaning

## 10. Additional Installation Information

These guidelines are intended as a general installation overview and do not replace the complete installation instructions.

Please review all full installation documentation prior to beginning installation.

Product Acclimation & Dry Lay Checklist must be completed and returned.

