

INSTALLATION GUIDE

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Overview

Reasonable time should be spent to ensure that your subfloor is smooth and level. Olympact tiles can be loose laid and locked in place in suitable areas that are bordered with suitable edge strips or walls to butt to. Loose lay installations must give consideration to temperature variations during and after installation. Environments with conditioned air require the Olympact tiles to be acclimatised if the ambient temperature at installation will be higher than when in service. Olympact tiles can be installed over timber, however they should not be installed over carpet. Olympact tiles should be adhered to the substrate in areas where they can't be locked in place by surrounding fixtures - in this case use PU Kit 2-part adhesive and apply using a V2 notch trowel. All tiles should where possible be installed in a brick pattern and should not be flipped; install face up as they come off the pallet.

Step 1

Once the subfloor is prepared, establish your starting point by laying out one row of loose tiles horizontally at the front entry point of the area. Form a line across the room with the intention of working horizontally backwards to the rear of the room. The front row of tiles should be the first row of tiles that will be walked onto. Adjust their position to give equal gaps at the walls, trying to avoid thin slivers. This first row of tiles should always be glued down along the front leading edge or a protective rubber or timber strip can be installed to hold the position of the front row of tiles.

Step 2

Lay the next row of tiles horizontally directly behind and offset to in a stretch bond pattern (brick pattern). Attempt to push firmly against the first full row of tiles and over cut at the walls by 20mm or more [dependent upon length of run] to cause a horizontal direction force reduction tight fit. Continue laying horizontally down the room in stretch bond pattern until the floor is complete. Ensure the tiles are tightly laid and over cut along the back wall to cause a vertical direction force reduction tight fit.

Step 3

To mark tiles for cutting, (in instances where the walls are square) place the tile pushed forward into the wall and lay it under the adjacent already laid tile. The edge of the top tile provides the line along which to mark for cutting. Using a straight edge, over cut the line by 20mm or more [dependent upon length of run] with a very sharp Stanley knife to enable a force reduction tight fit. Other specialist cutters such as a lightening upright fabric cutter, or jigsaw with rubber blades can also be used. Install the cut tile with cut edge to the wall. If the walls or the cut requirement is not square simply take measurements from the installed tile to the wall and mark the tile appropriately for cutting. Remember to over cut the tiles for a compression fit.

Step 4

Blow or vacuum clean the surface of any debris. Cut off any high or raised particles that may affect the installation of the top surface.