

Marmoleum Installation Guide



In order to get a perfect floor it is important to pay attention to a proper installation of the floor covering. Forbo offers an assortment of high quality installation products , which helps you obtaining the desired result. Key factors in the installation of a floor are:

Sub floor preparation

The installation of a resilient Forbo floor starts with the sub floor, which must be dry, rigid and smooth. Egaline and MDF boards are both perfect systems for levelling sub floors. The sub floor is sanded and vacuumed and, if insulation is required, two thin layers of Forbo Seal are applied.

Installation plan

It's important to make a good plan before beginning an installation. Rooms, materials and sub floors must have a minimal temperature of 17 degrees Celsius (63 degrees Fahrenheit). Allow the materials to acclimatise for at least one night before installation. Forbo offers specially designed tools for transportation and unrolling, such as the Forbocar and the Forbo Carryset.

Scribing and cutting

A good start makes all the difference: pay extra attention to the first sheet of floor covering! A set of professional tools contributes to a perfect result. We recommend templating the floor area before cutting to avoid cracking. You should avoid bending the flooring in a close proximity as this will cause the flooring to crack.

Adhering

A perfectly installed floor requires perfect adhesion. Elastocol is recommended for adhering Forbo floorings to the sub floor. The seams can also be made to fit using the Forbo Trimmer .

Lay the sheet onto the wet adhesive bed and press it firmly into place, the sheet end in particular. If prescribed, use a roller to roll the surface, first width wise, then lengthwise. Remove any excess adhesive. After installation, make sure that the room will be ventilated in order to allow the adhesive to dry. It is preferable not to use or load a freshly installed floor until the adhesive has set thoroughly, which in normal conditions takes two days.

Welding

Welding is done for decorative and/or hygienic reasons. After the adhesive has set, which usually takes a day; the floor can be welded by means of Forbo's patented welding system.

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