

Loose Lay Flooring Installation Manual



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Instructions for Use – Polymax Flooring

Please read carefully before using the product.

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Important Notes:

- Refer to the relevant Installation Guide.
- It is the responsibility of the installer to ensure that the substrate is properly prepared, level, and suitable for the flooring prior to installation. Polymax is not liable for product failure due to unsuitable substrates.
- Polymax will not accept claims arising from damage caused by exposure to direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, or chemicals not compatible with the product.
- Products may vary in finish, size and shade, particularly between different production batches.
- It is not guaranteed that edges of rolled products will be completely straight.
- Patterns or textures may not line up exactly to those of adjoining pieces or rolls.
- It is recommended to install a dirt barrier at entry points to flooring areas.
- Avoid sharp bends during installation. Use cove formers and tread risers where applicable.
- Colour may fade over time.
- Natural rubber based products do not resist oil or grease.

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Substrates

The first pre-condition to get a good, durable and reliable installation of any resilient flooring is connected to the characteristics of the substrate. Whatever the substrate is constructed from, the installer is responsible for ensuring that the substrate is properly prepared, level, and suitable for the flooring prior to installation, and that any corrective actions are carried out prior to commence the laying of the floor covering.

Where required, we would advise that levelling compound is used on solid floors, and 6mm Marine ply on wooden flooring.

Prior to installation of the floor covering, the substrate should be thoroughly cleaned, with any loose debris removed, and any residual oil grease or any other agent which may impact the effectiveness of the adhesive or installation removed. Once the substrate has been cleaned it is important to ensure that condition is maintained during the installation process.

Receipt and storage of the flooring material:

These instructions are applicable to all flooring products.

A good installation starts with a proper storage of products:



Check quantity, colour and quality on delivery



Rolls to be stored in upright position



Flooring to be stored in the room where it will be installed for 24 hrs before installation, with a minimum temperature of 18°C

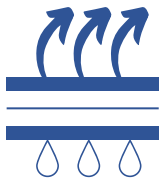
Conditions to be checked prior to installation



18°C - 30°C
Room temperature for 24 hrs
before and after installation



Relative humidity of
less than 75% in the
room where flooring to
be fitted



Max floor moisture of
2% for glued, and 5%
for loose lay flooring



Substrate to be crack and
defect free, with a smooth
surface, 6mm ply or levelling
compound can be used to
achieve the desired surface,
always follow the
manufacturers instructions



The substrate is fully cleaned with any
debris, grease or oil removed prior to
installing the flooring

Installation

Introduction

The notes in this manual are produced in good faith as a guide only, the person in charge of installing the flooring, is responsible for choosing the best procedure based on the actual site conditions of the work area.

Tools Required for Installation



Stanley Knife & Spare Blades



Tape Measure



Straight
Edge



Dust Pan & Brush



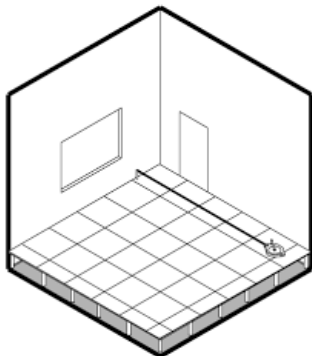
Notched Adhesive
Trowel
(if flooring is being glued)



Chalk line or Laser Line

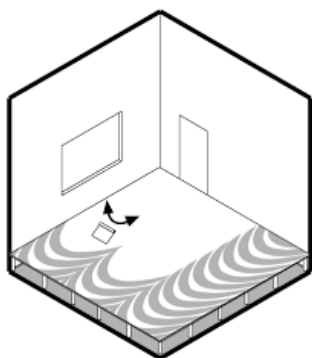
Setting Out

1. Measure the room and mark the centre lines, plan the laying in a way to reduce the number of cuts.

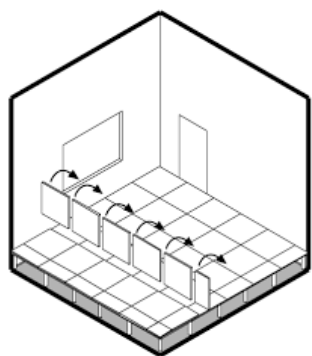


Installation

2. Although designed to be installed without the need to use adhesives, loose lay tiles can be stuck to the floor using a permanent tacky adhesive. Which provides stability and whilst not adhering the tiles permanently to the floor. In this instance, Apply the “tacky” adhesive with a notched trowel in accordance the manufacturers instructions.



3. Lay the tiles starting along the centre lines and work out to the perimeter. Where the tiles are marked follow the arrows printed on the back of the tiles. Care should be taken with the alignment of the joints. Cut the perimeter tiles to fit, alternatively fit edging strips for comfort and safe access.



Finishing

1. Leave a 5mm expansion gap between the tiles and any fixed point.
2. The Expansion gap between the tiles and walls, can be covered by skirting board.
3. Undercut wood doorjambs and slip the tiles underneath
4. Using Edging strips can create a mat or provide safe access to wheeled traffic.

After Care and Cleaning

Once installation has been completed, the tiles may require cleaning.

The reason for this is during the manufacturing process the flooring may have a protective layer applied as a barrier to protect against oil, dirt, and other environmental factors from affecting the flooring in transit.

To remove this, a quick clean using the Polymax Flooring Care Kit (details below) is advised.

Cleaning Guidelines

It is advised to implement a regular cleaning schedule to ensure a clean, safe, and long life for your flooring.

Every floor and application is different, due to factors like, the amount of traffic, if the flooring is laid in business, public building or residence, as a result it is important to establish a customised approach to cleaning the floor. However, as a minimum we would recommend:

Daily: Brush/Sweep up debris, spot clean spills and stains

Weekly: Damp Mop, with a suitable cleaner, always check the manufacturers guideline to ensure the cleaner is suitable for the flooring. Ensure that all excess water is removed.

Periodically: Perform a Deep Clean, This can be undertaken by using the Polymax Floor Care Kit (details below), alternatively by using a floor cleaning machine. Prior to commencing it is important to ensure that the cleaning liquid is suitable for the floor covering. For studded and raised flooring you may need to use a studded rubber floor brush to achieve the best result. This type of brush has two bristle lengths to reach the upper and lower levels of the flooring.

Should you wish to restore a sheen to your rubber flooring, using a professional grade buffing machine. Select a machine ensuring that it has settings to operate at less than and up to 350rpm, which is the upper limit for buffing without risking damage to the floor.

Polymax Floor Care Kit

Stage 1 – Prepare Floor Polish Stripper

Prepare is a rinse free stripper which will save up to 50% labour time throughout the stripping process as it dries without leaving a film or residue. The advance soil suspension system and low foaming formulation means quick and easy recovery and pick up.

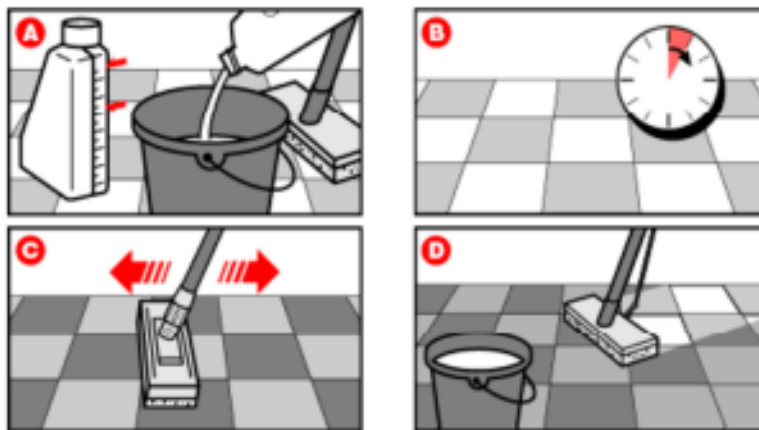
Preparation: Before using Prepare you should sweep the floor with a soft brush.

A: Dilute Prepare approximately 1:4 (Prepare: Water) for normal use in a bucket (One litre of Prepare, with this dilution, will approximately cover 300m²). Spread the solution liberally over the floor with a mop.

B: Leave to work for approximately 5-10minutes.

C: Scrub the floor with the green applicator and white pad.

D: Allow the floor to dry. No rinsing necessary.



Stage 2 – Protect Acrylic Floor Sealer

This incredibly tough floor polish is ideal for fast drying and low maintenance situations. Protect produces a beautiful, long lasting shine that resists black marking and scuffing. Protect will not discolour even the lightest floors. The deep shine that is produced also has excellent slip resistance.

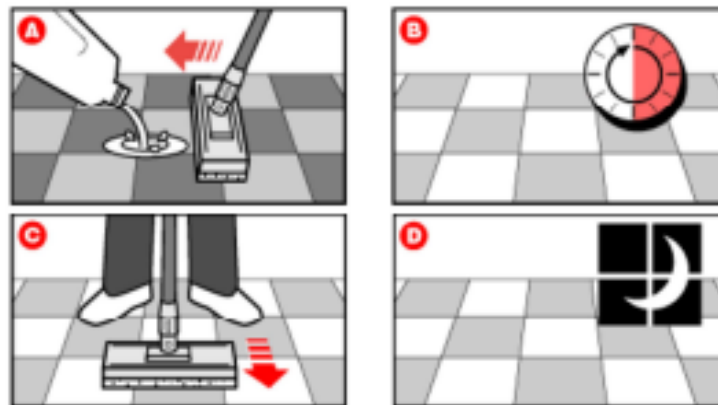
Make sure stage 1 has been completed and the floor is completely dry.

A: Apply a thin and even coat of protect using the green applicator and white pad in one direction. (One litre of Protect covers up to 75m²).

B: Leave the coat to dry for approximately 30minutes.

C: Then repeat the process in the transverse direction. Additional coats are recommended for added gloss and protection. For the best result use 2 coats of protect.

D: Leave to dry without walking on the surface for at least 6 hours or preferably overnight.



Stage 3 – Prolong Flooring Maintainer

Floor maintainer has a neutral pH and will not harm or blush emulsion polish films. It is a clear bright blue free flowing liquid with a refreshing mint fragrance. It is used for cleaning and maintaining polished floor surfaces with the green applicator and white pad leaving a clean shine.

A: Loose soil & debris should be swept or vacuumed from the floor prior to cleaning with Prolong. The low foaming product should be diluted at approximately 1:10 (Prolong: Water), into a bucket, for mopping lightly soiled floors (One Litre of Prolong, with dilution, will approximately cover 750m²).

B: Keeping the mop damp, not wet, mop over the entire floor area.

C: Leave to dry.

