

“Swimming Pool/Wet Area” Matting 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 clean dry area for 24 hrs before installation, with a min temperature of 18°C. If you are in a cold environment, a heat gun can be used to relax the matting.



Delivery will be palletised, therefore ensure that there will be sufficient access space for the delivery vehicle and space to store the product.

Conditions to be checked prior to installation



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



Substrate to be crack and defect free, with a smooth surface. This matting can be installed on a substrate that included gentle undulations, but no sharpe edges



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



Heat Gun



Dust Pan & Brush



Straight Edge



Flooring Weights

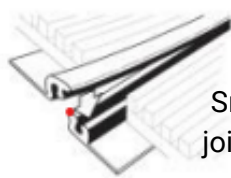
Setting Out

1. Measure the area where the flooring covering is to be laid. Identify the best way to cut the matting to minimise the number of cuts. Ensure the area where the matting is being installed is free from debris

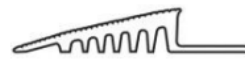
Installation

2. Cut the matting using the knife and a straight edge. It is always good practice to measure twice, cut once.

3. The matting is designed to be loose laid. However, where multiple mats are to be used in the same area, they can be joined together using snap track or connector clips. To prevent trip hazards along the edges an edging strip can be fitted.



Snap Track
jointing strip



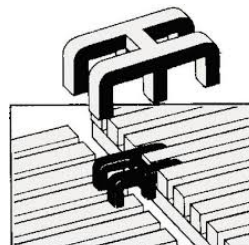
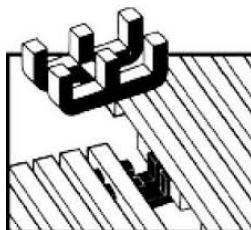
Edging strip profile

4. To fit the matting together using Snap Track measure the length required, it is advisable to include an additional 20 - 30 mm for each end, this will be trimmed off later. Use the knife to cut the snap track,

5. Apply Cold Weld glue to the Snap Track, firmly push the Mat down onto the glue. Use the weights to hold the mats in place during the drying period. Repeat this across all the joints which need to be glued. Leave the weights in place for a minimum of 30 mins.

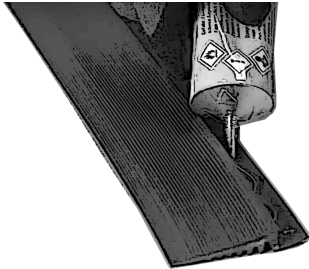
If joining the matting using connector clips, they can be used on both the top to join the matting side by side or the bottom to join the matting end to end. Connector clips to be spaced as required.

Connector Clips



6. If you are fitting edging strip to the matting, accurately measure the matting and cut the edging strip to the correct size, corners should be mitrered, therefore it is important to allow for the width of the edging strip when measuring and cutting the edging strip.

7. Apply Cold Weld glue to the lip on the edging strip, firmly push the matting onto the glue. Use the weights to hold the mats in place for a minimum of 30 mins.



8. Once the edging strip has dried , gently bend the edging strip and fill the gaps between the edging strip and the matting, with the cold weld glue. Once completed use the weights to hold the matting in place and leave to dry for 24 hrs.

After Care and Cleaning

Cleaning Guidelines

Heronrib has both anti-bacterial and anti-fungal properties to protect against fungal and bacterial contamination, but regular cleaning is also recommended to remove light grease and oils, food fat, wax and acrylic polishes.

Preparation

Check the matting is free from any loose items like litter and clothing fibres.

Hand Cleaning

Regular hand cleaning should be done as required, using an alkaline cleaning fluid as per the manufacturer's instructions. The matting can be cleaned in position – simply apply the cleaning solution with a sprayer or mop and allow to penetrate any grease or dirt. You can then use a stiff deck brush to work the cleaning fluid into the surface dirt. Allow to soak before rinsing with clean water.

If you're deep cleaning or cleaning the flooring below, the mats should be rolled up. They shouldn't be folded or pulled or dragged, as this will damage the matting over time.

Machine Cleaning

How frequently you machine clean will depend on how much traffic the area gets. Spray the surface with the alkaline solution and then, using a cylindrical brush machine, clean the top surface in the direction of the top ribs. If there's an etched pattern on the top ribs where dirt can easily collect, make additional cross passes to ensure a thorough clean.

If the underside of the matting also needs a clean, roll it up and then roll back out, leaving the underside facing upwards. Repeat the spray and above cleaning instructions.

Steam Cleaning

Any type of steam cleaner can be used. Good results have been obtained with nozzle pressure of approximately 1000 lbs p.s.i. (6894.8 kN/m²) and water temperature of approximately 100°C. Cleaning fluid should be diluted according to the manufacturer's recommendation.