INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

(Interlocking Rubber Tiles)

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SUGGESTED TOOL LIST:

Standard tape measure
Utility Knife
Chalk line & chalk
Metal straight edge or Drywall T-square
Rubber mallet
Broom or vacuum

I. JOB SITE CONDITIONS & SUBFLOOR

A The area to receive the Interlocking Tile rubber flooring should be weathertight and maintained at room temperature 68° F (20° C) before, during, and after the installation.

B Interlocking Tiles are intended for indoor use only and should not be installed in areas where the temperatures are not maintained at a uniform rate of 68°.

C Acceptable subfloors for Interlocking Tiles are: any wood, laminate or concrete surface, or existing resilient flooring.

D Subfloors should be smooth and level to a +/- 1/8" in a 10' radius

II. STORAGE & HANDLING

A Store the Interlocking Tile material in its original, unopened packaging with all labels intact.

B Inspect all materials for visual defects before beginning the installation. Verify the material delivered is the correct style, color, and amount. Any discrepancies must be reported to the retailer where the material was purchased.

C Remove from cartons and allow them to sit in the area to be installed. Tiles must be acclimated at uniform room temperature for a minimum of 24 hours before installation.

D Mix tiles from several boxes or skids. Ensure the job site and subfloor conditions are met.

III. AREA RUG LAYOUT

A For an area rug installation, lay down the tiles to the desired length and width and interlock the tabs. Gently tapping the tabs in with a rubber mallet will speed up the installation instead of pressing them in by hand. Use pre-cut border tiles (1 square edge) and corner tiles (2 square edges) around the perimeter of the center tiles for a finished look.

B Alternately, an area rug can also be created by trimming the tabs from the center tiles using a sharp utility knife and a metal straight. This method will allow for area rugs to be created in any dimension.

IV. WALL TO WALL LAYOUT

A It is customary to begin tile installations from the center of the room and work toward the walls.

B Measure the width of the area to be covered on each side of the room. When laying out the floor, take into consideration how the final cuts of the tile will fit into the room against the walls. Try not to leave small finish cuts of tile against the wall. Balanced tile installation will have equal finish cuts against the walls.

C Mark the center of the area at two points, one or each side of the room.

D Snap a chalk line, line #1 through these two center points.

E Determine the center point of the chalk line.

F Using a drywall t-square or another method, snap a second chalk line, line #2 will be perpendicular to the first chalk line. The line should intersect at the center of the area.

G The room is now divided into 4 equal quadrants; begin the installation at the center of the area where the two lines meet.

H Install the tiles by interlocking the tabs together. Gently tapping the tabs in place with a rubber mallet will speed up the installation instead of pressing them in by hand.

I Lay whole tiles and fill each quadrant working from the center toward the walls.

J The last tile will likely have to be cut to fit against the wall.

K Cut the last piece to fit against the wall using a metal straight edge and a sharp utility knife.

L Do not compression-fit the tiles against the wall. Allow a 1/4" around the perimeter for expansion and contraction of the tiles.

V. CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

A Remove all surface soil and debris by sweeping or vacuuming.

B Damp-mop to remove dirt using a neutral pH detergent diluted per the manufacturer's instructions. DO NOT flood the floor with water, as Interlocking Tiles are permeable and will allow water to pass through. For tough stains or dirt (build-up), use a nylon brush to scrub the stained area with the recommended low pH detergent. Rinse the floor with clean water and vacuum any excess water with a wet vacuum.

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