

# Do's and Don'ts



Read Carefully  
before installation.

Thank you for purchasing our Rigid Core Vinyl product. We have included some helpful hints to ensure that your Rigid Core Vinyl flooring is installed properly.

- **DO** leave an expansion gap of 1/4" around the perimeter of the room. Your flooring will expand and contract with temperature changes within the home as well as direct sunlight.
- **DO** avoid exposure to long periods of direct sunlight. These rigid core vinyl planks are extra stable to sun and heat. Blinds or drapes should be closed during peak sunlight hours. Long periods of direct exposure could cause the boards to expand or warp, jeopardizing the click system and integrity of the floor.
- **DO** install only in a climate controlled interior area. After installation, make sure to keep the room within a temperature range of 60° - 85° degrees fahrenheit. Excessively higher or lower temperatures may cause this product to expand or contract and lead to visual defects.
- **DO** work from 3-4 cartons at a time when installing the variable colored flooring. Pull planks from alternating boxes to ensure a more natural appearance in the floor.
- **DO** make sure your subfloor is clean, flat and level. You must fill in low spots (dips in subfloor) and flatten high spots (bumps in subfloor). Any subfloor that is not flat and/or level can cause the joints of the planks to break and the floor to separate over time.  
(NOTE: Your floor must be level within 3/16" over a 10' radius).
- **DO** use chair protectors, mats and rugs to help prevent scratching. This is a high quality vinyl floor that if maintained, will last for years. If not protected properly, as with other floor covering such as hardwood and laminate, it will scratch. Scratches may be caused by pets, furniture, rocks from shoes, and many other abrasive items.
- **CAN** be installed over most existing hard surface floors.

**CONCRETE:** DO NOT USE THE PLANKS AS A MOISTURE BARRIER. Concrete subfloors must be fully cured and should have a 6mil (0.15mm) poly-film as a moisture barrier between the concrete subfloor and the floor.

**TILE:** Make sure to fill up grout wider than 1/4" with a leveling compound. If the click overlaps with a grout line it may compromise the integrity of the click system.

**WOOD:** Be sure the wood floor and stable, repair any loose or squeaking planks before installing the floor.

- **DO NOT** install your flooring over subfloors with non-embedded electrical radiant heat.
- **DO NOT** install outdoors or over carpet.
- **DO NOT** install kitchen cabinets directly over floor.