

## VINYL INSTALLATIONGUIDE

When Decoline Loose Lay is installed; the subfloor must be flat, solid, smooth, clean, dry, dust and laitance free. Should the surface be ready for laying of traditional vinyl products you may proceed. Decoline Loose Lay may be installed over any existing hard flooring however care must be taken in certain situations.

When laying over Ceramic Tiles ensure the grout joints are no more than 5mm in width and the joints are flush to the face of the tile. Ensure that the tiled floor is level before installation. If joints are not flush to the surface of the tile depressions may appear through the surface of the Decoline Plank. Ensure that all tiles are adhered to the substrate and there are no drummy or hollow sounding areas.

When laying over existing timber flooring ensure the planks run 90\* to the original flooring. Ensure that the timber floor is sound and level before installation.

Being a rigid product Decoline Loose Lay will contour to the original subfloor. Should the subfloor area be out of level shadowing may appear on the plank ends. Floor preparation is recommended. A flooring expert or trade person should be able to assist in this.

- The surface of the floor must be completely dry. Please note even though the floor may appear dry, it might still retain moisture. Moisture testing is a mandatory step of subfloor preparations. (Moisture reading less than 4.5% is necessary for installation.)
- In newly constructed buildings, it is necessary to allow for appropriate curing times, i.e. new concrete should be allowed to cure for 28 days, screeds should be allowed to cure for 7days
- Any polish, loose paint, dirt, finishes, etc. must be completely removed from the floor before installation. Mop, dry and sweep the entire floor to remove sand, soil and debris from the surface.
- Ensure that the floor surface is flat, solid, smooth, clean, dry, dust-free and level. Use a scraper to smooth the floor surface or a putty knife to remove gum and / or labels.
- Maintain the room temperature between 18°C to 29°C before installation. Flooring products must be kept in the same environment for at least 48 hours prior to during installation. Should the product not be acclimatised some movement may occur.

### Installation

Decoline Loose Lay contains a 0.5mm fibreglass layer which ensures the plank will not be affected by normal fluctuating temperatures in the environment. For this reason, we recommend for the best result Decoline Loose Lay be laid with no gaps between any plank or perimeter surface. However, for the best result we recommend using a suitable amount of glue according to the size of the area. For detailed instructions on where to use the glue, please refer below.

- Residential Area The surface of the floor must be completely dry. Please note even though the floor may appear dry, it might still retain moisture. Moisture testing is a mandatory step of subfloor preparations. (Moisture reading less than 4.5% is necessary for installation.)
- Commercial Area The non-slip rubber backing allows for easy installation. For best results we recommend the planks laid at both ends of the area be glued and laid as tightly together as possible. This will ensure the installation of the product will not move over time. In high traffic commercial areas or areas where a lot of movement is expected it is recommended to adhere the entire floor with PS adhesive.

## Cleaning and Maintenance

Decoline Loose Lay is easy to clean and look after. Our enhanced surface treatment, Nano Silver protection, gives you complete peace of mind that your floor will look great for years.

## Floor Care at Home

Our floors have no grime and dirt traps, unlike many of the materials it faithfully replicates. Our Nano Silver protection system defends against those damages that can easily spoil the look of traditional floorings. Maintaining our floors is polish-free, greatly reducing both chemical and water usage (making it more environmentally friendly) compared to traditional maintenance routines.

### *Helpful tips:*

- Avoid dragging or sliding heavy items e.g. furniture.
- Place non-rubber matting on entrances.
- Mop up spillages as soon as possible to prevent stains.

## Cleaning after Installation

Avoid walking on your new floor until the adhesive has dried, your floor fitter will advise on how soon you can do so. After it has dried, you should remove all loose debris from the floor using a vacuum, brush or dust mop. Ensure that all dry adhesive is removed from the surface and use a damp mop with a pH neutral detergent.

## Routine Clean

Vacuum, sweep or mop to remove all dust and loose debris. Damp mop with a neutral detergent. Stubborn stains can be removed by spot cleaning with a concentrated pH neutral detergent and a kitchen non-abrasive scouring pad. Please do not use cleaning products that contain bleach or other household chemicals as they could make your floor unsafe and/or damage the floor.

## Acclimitisation of Material

Material should be removed from packaging and allowed to condition in the room where the material will be installed, at a constant temperature of between 18°C~29°C for a period minimum of 48 hours prior to the installation. A constant temperature should be maintained for up to 48 hours after the installation.

## Sub Floor and Preparation

All sub-floors must be prepared to be permanently dry, smooth, level, sound and free of dust or laitance and installations carried out in accordance with AS 1884-2012.

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| • Damp Subfloors                                                      | Material must ONLY be laid on sub floors that are compliant with AS 1884-2012. Where sub floor moisture levels exceed a moisture barrier must be installed prior to the installation of the material.                                                       |
| • Ceramic / Porcelain / Terrazzo / Polished Concrete / Metal Surfaces | Ensure existing surface is sound, dry and free of any dust or laitance. Any self-levelling compound must be installed to manufacturer's directions and in accordance with AS 1884-2012. Ensure that all grout joints are filled with no visible depression. |
| • T & G Solid Timber                                                  | Floorboards must be sound, dry and covered with a minimum 5.5mm flooring hardboard or fibre cement sheeting.                                                                                                                                                |

- Fibre Cement Sheetting Generally only used in wet area subfloors. Cement sheeting is extremely porous and should be primed prior to application. For wet area installations a moisture proof barrier must be installed prior to the installation of the material and the material must be fully adhered with a polyurethane adhesive.
- Particle Board / Chipboard These substrates are only suitable when covered with a minimum 5.5mm flooring hardboard to eliminate later potential movement in changing climatic circumstances.
- MDF Provided the board is a minimum of 6mm thickness and sanded and primed prior to installation of the material this sub floor is suitable.
- Painted Concrete / Painted Floors Mechanically remove all paint, dust and laitance from the sub floor and apply a minimum 3mm self-levelling layer.
- Cork Tiles Cork tiles must be uplifted and the residual adhesive removed prior to installation of the material. The exposed sub floor should then be treated in the manner described above.  
EXISTING FLOOR COVERINGS/LINOLEUM/PVC/CARPET  
Remove all existing floor covering and adhesive from the sub floor. The sub floor should then be treated in the best manner highlighted above.
- Underfloor Heating Decoline is suitable over a range of underfloor heating. The underfloor heating must be switched off 48 hours prior, during and 48 hours after the installation of the material. After installation increase the temperature by a maximum of 3 degrees per hour until at the serviceable working temperature.
- Adhesives Decoline will not be liable for any loss, damage or complaint arising from incorrect use of adhesive systems and its instructions are not met or strictly followed. Contact your flooring professional for advice on the correct adhesives. Decoline is recommending to use Decobond CT-90 for all the Loose lay planks.

## Installation

- Lay the tiles onto the floor being sure to square up the room being installed in.
- Pour the DecoBond on the substrate and spread it evenly with a roller. Wait till the glue gets tacky and lay floor coverings. Please confirm the Decobond Technical Data.
- Depress tiles onto the sub floor by hand or by using a light hand roller. Should there be any excess adhesive wipe this clear with a damp cloth.
- Planks should be laid in a staggered brick bond pattern leaving no less than 250mm as the smallest piece.
- Roll after installation with a heavy roller.
- Heavy traffic, wet cleaning and other trades must be delayed for 24 hours after installation of the material or the material protected (core flute, floor protection system).
- Clean Up any excess adhesive with a damp cloth whilst the adhesive is still wet. To clean up tools either use water whilst adhesive is still wet or mineral turpentine if the adhesive has dried.