



Viva luxury Vinyl Plank

Installation Guidelines 4.5mm (Use Hard Set Adhesive Only)

Carefully read the Adhesive manufacturer's instructions to ensure the surface you are bonding to is covered by their warranty provisions. Ensure the adhesive is suitable for the application and location of the flooring install, for example, wet areas, kitchens etc. Familiarity with floor preparation as noted in Australian Building Regulations, AS 1884-2021 is essential before installation of Viva Luxury Plank flooring.

Installation of Viva Luxury Plank flooring requires the bonding of planks using a reputable brand of highly moisture resistant Hard Set (HS) adhesive. Hard Set adhesive is recommended throughout your installation. Pressure Sensitive (PS) adhesive installations are not covered by warranty as they can be impacted by excessive heat exposure.

It is important that all safety precautions are employed while installing Viva Luxury Plank flooring. Always use protective eyewear and safe footwear during installation. Dust extraction and respiratory protection should always be used during installation. If using ancillary products like leveling compounds and glues, always adhere to their specific safety requirements.

Tools needed:

- Commercial quality sharp Utility Knife
- V1 Notched Trowel
- 3m Straight Edge / Spirit Level

- Shears of metal sheet cutter (tin snips) for cutting around irregular shaped objects

CAUTION: This product is not suitable for any outside use, sunrooms/solariums, saunas, or any other rooms that have the potential of flooding. We also highly recommend you do not install in rooms of homes that are not temperature controlled. Exposure to long term direct sunlight can cause damage to your floor. Viva Luxury Plank can have a dimensional deviation. Visible joints between planks are characteristics of the product.

General:

It is always recommended to order all flooring for a particular project at the same time. Compatibility of flooring from multiple batches cannot be guaranteed. Make sure flooring panels are mixed before installation.

Always check flooring panels in daylight before and during installation. Defective panels must not be used. No claims relating to visual defects can be accepted after installation.

Flooring should preferably be installed parallel to the light entering the room. Flooring joints must be staggered by a minimum of 15cm on adjacent rows.

Ensure that indoor climate conditions are always kept between 18-25°C.

It is also important to keep the subfloor in the above-mentioned temperature range to counteract dimensional variations.

Acclimatization and storing conditions:

Always handle, store and transport Viva Luxury Plank Vinyl with care to avoid plank distortion. Store and transport cartons on a flat surface in neat stacks, never stand planks/packs upright.

Never store Viva Luxury Vinyl in moist or dusty rooms or places with extreme temperatures.

Viva Luxury Vinyl must be allowed to acclimatize in the room of installation. Planks must be stored between 18°C-25°C, for a period of at least 48 hours prior to installation. This temperature needs to be maintained prior to, during and for at least 24 hours after the installation is completed. Flooring cartons should be acclimatized next to each other on a flat surface.

Acclimatization of Viva Luxury Plank flooring is critical because vinyl is reactive to temperature change. As flooring heats up, it will grow, while cooling will cause panels to shrink. As such the planks must be brought to the correct temperature range before installation. Flooring then must be kept at this temperature until the adhesive has fully cured. Doing this will minimise gapping and peaking of your planks while the adhesive is drying.

Subfloor preparation:

All subfloors and preparation for the installation must comply with the current Australian Standard for the installation of resilient floor coverings – current AS1884 Floor coverings.

Floors must be solid, clean, dry, smooth and level. The better the substrate, the better the end installation of Viva Luxury Vinyl will appear.

We can warrant the product for its integrity but not the subfloor as this is beyond the products control.

Subfloors should be flat and level within a tolerance of 3mm over a span of 3m. Any unevenness over the tolerance must be sanded down or filled with a floor leveller. Subfloors must be carefully checked for moisture problems. Any moisture problems need to be addressed prior to installation. New concrete floors need to cure a minimum of 60 days prior LVT floor installation.

Tile flooring:

All prep work including floor levelling (to fill in grout lines for instance) and application of a suitable primer must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's directions as well as the current AS 1884.

If necessary, use a levelling compound to level all joints between the tiles.

If you are not certain about the quality or suitability of your subfloor for installation of Viva Luxury Vinyl, contact your flooring supplier for advice.

It is usually necessary to apply a primer, to ensure the levelling compound has a good adhesion to the subfloor. Use the recommended applicator, following the instructions of the primer compound. Once dry, apply a levelling compound with a thickness of 3-5 mm. Use an appropriate trowel, following closely the manufacturer's guidelines. Finish the application with a spike roller to avoid air inclusions. Follow the recommended drying time as indicated by the manufacturer. Prior to installing the vinyl, sand the levelling layer as recommended and vacuum.

Timber Floors:

Carefully remove all debris (including loose nails), sweep and vacuum. Loose planks should be nailed or screwed. The timber floor now needs to be sheeted with MDF or Masonite. Fix the sheets in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines. Then use a feathering compound to smooth out any open sheet joints to achieve a flat, even surface. Sweep and vacuum the MDF or Masonite to remove dust and debris before installing the flooring.

Concrete:

Concrete surfaces should be flat and dry, please check for slab moisture content, approx. 2.5 % MC content is required for optimum performance. Moisture seal with a water-based moisture sealer compatible with the adhesive selected. Leveling compound should be left to dry before installation. Always follow manufacturer's instructions before installing the Vinyl planks.

OTHER FLOOR COVERINGS:

Viva Luxury Vinyl cannot be installed over carpet, linoleum, carpet tiles, cork tiles, or any type of floor coverings. These floor coverings must be removed, and the subfloor prepared in accordance with current AS1884 prior to installation.

INSTALLATION:

It is good practice to make a final check of the subfloor for minor defects. Install planks and roll to ensure good adhesion. Carefully clean any excess adhesive if it appears on the surface of the planks. Use a damp cloth or PH neutral cleaning wipes. Naturally, workmanship is not covered by the product warranty.

Preferably install the panels parallel to the direction of the sunlight.

Measure the room and find the centre line. Start the installation from the centre line to ensure a straight and symmetrical installation. If necessary, move the starting point to prevent unnecessary cuts. Viva Luxury Vinyl can easily be cut with a cutter or utility knife with the décor side faced up.

Start the installation from the centre line. Mix up the panels evenly throughout.

Dry lay the planks of 2 rows at a time. It is strongly recommended to stagger the rows so that the short edge is staggered in each adjacent row. Now all panels of the rows are ready to be installed on the glue.

Pull back the rows of panels and apply glue to the floor using an V1 trowel. Use only a reputable Hard Set Vinyl glue that is compatible with the substrate you are installing over.

After application of glue, allow the adhesive to "tack off" for 5 to 10 minutes (or as per the manufactures guidelines). By doing this it will be easier to install the planks without the glue coming between the planks.

Place planks into the adhesive and roll to ensure good adhesive transfer. All glue residue should immediately be removed with a damp cloth, never use detergents.

Use the same procedure to complete the installation.

Roll the complete floor to ensure good adhesive transfer.

Leave the floor for 24 hours after installation between 18°C-25°C.

FLOOR HEATING:

For installations over Heated subflooring, please contact the manufacturer regarding your specific requirements.

Floor Care and Maintenance:

Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time. During peak sunlight hours, use drapes or blinds to minimise the direct sunlight on the floors. Flooring mats and furniture should be moved from time to time to avoid permanent colour changes.

Always sweep or vacuum your Viva Luxury Vinyl before cleaning to ensure all loose dirt and particles are removed. Some hand wiping may be required to remove tough spots and spills. For best results do not use combination cleaner/finish products.

DO NOT WAX your Viva Luxury Vinyl Floor.

Provide furniture feet with appropriate felt protectors.

Castor chairs are not recommended to be used directly on your floor, office castor mats in this instance must be used.

Ensure pets nails are trimmed to avoid deep scratches.

Make sure furniture legs use non-staining felt floor protectors. Prolonged contact with rubber can cause a permanent stain.

Do not allow cigarettes, matches or other very hot items to contact the floor as this may cause permanent damage.

Place non-rubber backed mats at outside entrances to prevent dirt, grit and soil from being tracked onto your floor. This will extend the life of your floor.

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