

stain the floor • avoid moisture on the floor • ideal and healthy room conditions are 35- 65% R.H. at 20°C (68°F) • if necessary use a room humidifier • cork as a natural material, tends to fade when exposed to sunlight • use blinds, curtains or other sun screening system to minimize this effect • Cork Floors are intended for indoor use only • flooring products are based on natural materials, and will expand and contract through heating and non-heating seasons, thus experiencing some separation between the tiles/tiles at different times during the year. Such separations are not considered a product defect.

LAYING INSTRUCTIONS

Inspection

Prior to installation, inspect tiles in daylight for visible faults/damage • check if subfloor/site conditions comply with the specifications described in these instructions • if you are not satisfied do not install, and contact your supplier.

Tools and Materials Required

- Utility knife
- Extra blades
- 3/8" spacers
- pencil
- set square
- Chalk Line w/ Chalk
- PE film
- adhesive tape,
- 100 lb roller
- 9" Wide - 3/8" (med.) Nap Foam Paint Roller w/handle (for adhesive)
- Rubber Mallet
- Color matched caulk

Adhesives

Green Option

Wakol D 3540 – apply per Manufacturers instructions. If installing on concrete a primer/sealer is recommended, such as Wakol MS 325 Moisture barrier.

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Less Green Option

3m Fastbond Contact adhesive, If installing on concrete a primer/sealer is recommended.

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Laying Cork Parquet

For best installation, **lay cork parquets with staggered joints**. Shuffle cork parquets for best visual mix and identify possible manufacturing defects. Installer must accept liability for installing defective material. **Mix cork parquets from various cartons to maintain natural color and pattern variation. Allow ¼" expansion space between finished floor and all walls, thresholds, water pipes and other vertical surfaces.** Failure to provide adequate expansion space will result in installation failure. When moisture level in the environment is low, parquet tile should not be positioned too tightly against one another. To the contrary, when moisture level is elevated, tiles

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should be installed tightly. When cork parquet tile is properly aligned in place, apply pressure on entire parquet surface. Pressure will cause parquet to adhere firmly and further movement will not be possible. For bathroom installation, use flexible caulk around perimeter and top coat the floor with recommended urethane.

Rolling Floor

After the floor has been laid, it is very important to roll the surface using a three-part, 100-pound floor roller. Roll entire floor several times from several directions. Floor should be rolled again after sitting overnight

Allow glue to set for at least 24 hours before walking on the floor. After 24 hours you may install molding, trim, transition pieces, and/or reducer strips as needed. If dried adhesive is found on the surface of the floor, it can be removed by rubbing gently with a damp clean cloth.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

- Never use an abrasive, oil or ammonia-based cleaning product!
- Please note that pre-finished polyurethane tiles have a characteristic known as "fullness" which appears around the perimeter of the tile. It creates a slight rise along the seams, even though the tiles join flush and squarely with one another. "Fullness" occurs because cork is a natural product that absorbs and emits moisture on the surfaces that are unfinished (tile edges). It is not considered a defect in materials. Once installed, application of polyurethane on the entire floor may reduce the "fullness" effect.
- Vacuum, sweep, dry or damp mop the installed floor regularly. Do not flood the floor with water.
- Clean the floor by using a damp mop regularly with a ph-balanced detergent such as liquid dish soap to clean and keep the surface free of grit or sand.
- Refresh the finish on the cork tiles on a regular basis using our floor polish products. Apply every few months for a residential installation and more frequently for a commercial installation. Frequency is dependent upon usage.
- Steam cleaning is not recommended for cork or wood flooring in general.