

Design your own floors.

USAGE

Floor covering exclusively for <u>interior residential use</u> (bedroom, kitchen, living room, utility room, corridor).

<u>Product compatible with underfloor heating systems</u> (nb.: switch off heating at least 24hr before installation).

Floor temperature must not exceed 27°C. Room temperature must not fall below 10°C.

PREPARATION

Recommended equipment: tape measure, ruler, cutter and pencil or chalk.

Store the strips flat with veneer side upwards 24hr prior to installation (min.15°C).

Very rough floors must be finished.

It is strongly recommended to apply an adhesive primary coat to finished floors.

For slightly irregular sub floors

(eg.: wood or laminate parquet flooring glued to the floor, concrete screed, close-fitting tiled surface), use an underlay such as Tarkoplan to obtain a smooth fitting surface.

Before installation, the surface beneath must be clean, hard, smooth, dry and free of cracks (remove dust and all marks of grease, wax, plaster, paint, etc.).

Equipment



Sub floor surface hard, smooth, dry and free of cracks.



Use an underlay such as Tarkoplan to smooth over any unevenness.



INSTALLATION ON EXISTING SUB FLOOR

Installation on existing flooring:

→ PVC / linoleum coverings

- Starfloor may be installed directly onto compact and hard PVC coverings.
- Starfloor may be installed directly onto linoleum.

It is strongly recommended to apply an adhesive primary coat to plastic flooring or linoleum

! Starfloor is not recommended on very flexible plastic coverings.

→ Textile coverings

! Starfloor is incompatible with carpet and other textile coverings (these must be removed before installation)

→ Glued parquet and laminate flooring

 Starfloor may be laid directly onto glued laminate or parquet flooring (mosaic, woodblock, etc.) where there are no joints.
 The use of an initial adhesive primary coat is desirable for best adhesion to Starfloor.

→ Floating parquet and laminate flooring

For fitting to floating floors, that is, to products that are not glued to the floor, such as laminates
or "click" parquet systems, it is important not to lay Starfloor directly on these surfaces with
wood elements, as these tend to move according to variations of temperature or humidity in the
room.

It is therefore highly recommended to lay an un-glued underlay such as Tarkoplan on the parquet or laminate flooring before proceeding with Starfloor. Starfloor may then be installed on top of the underlay.



Laying an underlay such as Tarkoplan to floating parquet and laminate flooring

→ Tiled flooring and concrete screed

- Starfloor may be fitted to smooth tiled surfaces without joints.

 Prior use of an adhesive primary coat is desirable in order to improve adhesion with Starfloor.
- Starfloor may be fitted to tiled surfaces with joints after the floor surface has been smoothed with a levelling coat.
- An adhesive primary coat should be used in order to improve adhesion with Starfloor.
 - Starfloor may be fitted to a smooth concrete screed. An adhesive primary coat should be used in order to improve adhesion with Starfloor.
- If the concrete screed is uneven, it must be smoothed off. It is strongly recommended to apply an adhesive primary coat to finished floors.

INSTALLATION

- 1. Using a pencil or chalk, draw perpendicular lines starting at the centre of the floor so as to divide it into 4 identical sections.
- 2. Begin installing the system at the centre of the room. The strips should be the same width along the walls on either side of the room.
- 3. Remove the protective paper, position the strip and press from the centre towards the edges.
- 4. To fit the last strips to the edge of the wall, make cut-outs using 2 strips (A and B). Place strip A with its protective paper onto the last fitted and glued strip. Next, place strip B against the wall so that it partially overlaps strip A and completely covers the bare area of floor remaining. Use this strip B as a ruler to mark strip A. Cut strip A along the drawn line and place it against the wall.

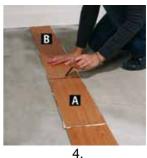
When installation is complete, it is normal to see glue rising through the joints. This ensures a perfect join between the strips.

This excess glue may be removed with a cloth soaked in a neutral detergent.









MAINTENANCE

Weekly maintenance.

Using a vacuum cleaner or damp floor cloth (water + non abrasive detergent).

Do not soak the floor.

Do not use polish or varnish.

Do not use chlorinated solvents, soft soap, linseed oil-based products or acetone.

Replace any rubber feet of furniture with plastic or felt feet.

Treatment of resistant stains:

- Alcohol, rubber, petrol, grease: rub with detergent and rinse
- Paint, tar: rub with alcohol (eg. white spirit) and rinse
- Tomato, mustard, ink, blood: use diluted bleach or white vinegar and rinse
- Rust: clean with a rust removal product or oxalic acid and rinse

REPAIR / REPLACEMENT

To replace a damaged strip, make several cuts with the cutter, heat with a hair dryer to soften the sections, then remove the pieces of damaged strip.

If any strips become loose due to excess humidity in certain parts of the room, use Tarkospray glue or a similar glue to re-glue the strip after having eliminated the source of humidity and ensured that the damp section is completely dry.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FITTING

Below are a few suggestions for laying Starfloor that may help to enhance the appearance of your room.

