

INSTALLATION GUIDELINE

LOOSELAY LUXURY VINYL TILES

COSMO
MEGAPLANK LOOSELAY

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR INSTALLERS

Please read before installing this product

1.0 Pre-Installation

Installation procedures should comply with AS1884-2012 (Code of Practice for the Installation of Non Cushioned Resilient Sheet and Tile) and in strict accordance with these installation instructions. Inovar Cosmo Loose Lay can be laid on the majority of sub floors and substrates, including: concrete and screed bases; quarry and ceramic tiles; timber substrates; existing resilient sheet and tiles; metal and poured floors. On the provision that the moisture level does not exceed 75% relative humidity, that they are level, firm, smooth, structurally sound and without cracks. Any grout lines or joints should be levelled to avoid eventual shadowing.

According to AS1884-2012, sub section 3.2.6.5, resilient flooring shall not be adhered directly to particleboard subfloors. However, there are two types of particleboard — those that have been treated to render them moisture resistant and those that are not, such as yellow tongue. Particleboard manufacturers of the untreated type state that these are not to be used with LVT. Inovar Cosmo Loose Lay can be laid directly onto particleboard, if the particleboard is so approved by the manufacturer for use with LVT. Particleboard not approved for use with LVT by the relevant manufacturer, due to it expanding with dampness and shrinking with dry heat, is unsuitable because the movement of the particleboard will lead to corresponding movements of the flooring affixed to it. No warranty against gapping or related consequences can therefore be provided, although in the case of gapping it will close up when the particleboard reverts to its standard size.

Inovar Cosmo Loose Lay are suitable for installing on heated subfloors / underfloor heating with a maximum surface temperature of 27° C using permanent glue method which is with full grip vinyl adhesive.

2.0 Temperature

All flooring materials must be allowed to condition to the room temperature a minimum of 48 hours before starting the installation. Please note boxes of planks must be stacked no more than four high. All planks must be removed from cartons 30 minutes before use. The room temperature should ideally be between 18° and 26° C for at least 48 hours before and during installation. After installation, the temperature should remain constant.

As extremes of temperature can occur between the day and night times, it is essential that these be avoided. Any windows that are exposed to full strength UV may contribute to premature fading/discoloration and should be covered by blinds or suitable window and/or door treatments to minimize direct heat exposure.

Please note UV fade is not considered a manufacturing issue and therefore excluded from warranty.

3.0 Installation

Ensure colors and quantities correspond to those ordered, product is from one batch and with no visible defect prior to installation. Inovar Pty Ltd will not be liable for products that are installed with visible defects. Also check for distinct gloss difference if installation is carried out with different batches. If found, sort them out, and install products with the same gloss level one area at a time. Check backing to ensure there isn't any damage which may prevent the product from lying flat. When installing, the centre line must be determined and checked to ensure good size cuts will be fitted to the perimeter. Planks should be staggered to obtain a random finish; it is advisable to ensure that plank ends are not within 150mm of adjacent planks. Cut with a sharp knife from the face side, ensuring the cut is 90°, by scoring twice, the second score cuts the glass fibre reinforcement layer. Open up the cut by bending the plank, and then finish the cut at a 45° angle from the back side.

4.0 Smart Grip Application

For all commercial and residential installation, it is recommended to use a full spread of pressure sensitive adhesive to adhere the product. In all types of installation, please fit the planks SNUG not tight against walls and fittings. Areas with high rolling loads should be fully glued down using suitable full grip vinyl adhesives across the total floor area.

5.0 Post Installation & Maintenance

After installation, use a brush, dry cloth or vacuum cleaner for cleaning. Where water / cleaning fluid is required, ensure the minimum is used. Use window coverings, sun blinds and door coverings to help protect your floor from excessive heat and extreme UV light. Dramatic temperature change of the flooring could cause joints to lip or gaps to occur.

- *Daily*

Mop, sweep or vacuum to remove loose dirt and dust. As required, spot clean with vinyl floor detergent to remove stubborn marks.

- *Weekly / Monthly*

As required, clean the floor using vinyl floor detergent, using a sponge or stringy type mop. If a rotary scrubber is used, there is the possibility that some of the Loose Lay product may be disturbed, especially if too much liquid has been used — use an absolute minimum to prevent liquid penetrating into the seams and joints.