



INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

SENSO WOOD DESIGN PLANKS

Usage :

For Domestic Use only

General Information:

Boxes are clearly marked with a batch number and the product should be checked for match before installation.

The ambient temperature of the installation area should be at least 15°C 24hrs prior to, during and after installation.

The material must be allowed to acclimatise unpacked, pattern up, in small stacks in the area in which it is to be installed for at least 24hrs prior to installation

Preparation of Subfloor

On a new subfloor The subfloor must be smooth, hard, clean and dry. (minimum 75% Rh) The installation is covered by BS8203 Code of Practice for the Installation of Resilient Floorcoverings.

Note : The subfloor must contain an effective Damp Proof Membrane.

All subfloors must be primed with a Gerflor Primer prior to installation

Concrete Surfaces (New & Existing):

The surface must be dry, smooth and flat. Please refer to separate SITES & SUBFLOORS data sheet.

A proprietary smoothing compound is recommended to achieve the correct smoothness and porosity for the planks.

Ceramic Tiles/Quarry tiles:

Ensure that the floor has a damp proof membrane. Providing the tiles are in good condition and fully bonded to the subfloor, clean and degrease the surface and apply a proprietary smoothing compound and prime with the Gerflor Primer.

Vinyl flooring :

Remove the existing vinyl floorcovering together with the remaining adhesive residue. Prepare the subfloor as required with a proprietary smoothing compound fully in line with manufacturers instructions and prime as above with a Gerflor Primer.

Wooden subfloors:

Secure all loose boards. Hammer down any protruding

Plywood. Fix with 25mm ring shanked nails at 100mm centres across the boards.

Prime with the Gerflor Primer

Installation of Senso Planks:

Place the material into the room to be fitted and allow to relax for 24 hours at a temperature of not less than 18°C, this will make the floorcovering more flexible and easier to work with. **Do not** install at lower temperatures

Careful planning and consideration is required if the necessary effect is to be achieved.

It is customary to start laying the Senso planks from the centre of the room.

A chalk line should be struck halfway across the width and length of the area to determine the centre point.

Once these two guide lines are struck we recommend that a single row of planks are loose laid widthwise and lengthwise to check both positioning and patterning to ensure equal cuts on both sides.

The guide lines can be repositioned if required to achieve even spacing.

Start laying the planks from the centre point ensuring that the joints are tightly butted together, pressing firmly and evenly from the centre to the edges of the planks to make sure that there are no trapped air bubbles.

When installed in Bathrooms perimeter edges should be sealed with silicone sealer

Different laying patterns are illustrated on the packaging.

Loss of Adhesion

Should any planks start to lift it is possible to re-stick the planks as follows.

1. Heat the Senso plank with a hair dryer to soften the plank and the adhesive
2. Smooth down with a cloth working from the centre to the edges.
3. Apply sufficient pressure to ensure adhesion

Replacing damaged Senso Planks:

Should any planks get damaged they can easily be replaced as follows

1. Cut the plank into strips using a sharp trimming knife
2. Heat the cut plank with a hair dryer to soften it and the adhesive
3. Uplift the strips carefully starting from the centre to prevent any damage to the adjacent planks
4. Install new Senso Plank



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Underfloor Heating:

Gerflor Senso Planks can be installed onto screeds containing water fed or electric heating systems providing the glue line temperature does not exceed 27°C (As per BS8203 Code of Practice)

The Underfloor heating must be turned off 48hrs prior to and during the installation and 48hrs after completion

Lay the material with the excess lapped up the walls and ensure the pattern is running parallel to the main wall, make relief cuts at inside and outside corners, doorways and fittings to relieve tension in the material.

Brush the surface with a soft broom to remove any trapped air making sure the sheet is laying flat to the subfloor, make relief cuts as necessary to remove any bulges. Then press sheet against base of skirting/ fittings using a small block of wood to form an angle. Using a paint scraper hold the sheet vinyl hard to the skirting, cut flooring with a sharp knife. Move knife carefully and remove waste every so often to help you see that you are making an accurate cut.

MAINTENANCE:

For regular maintenance use a vacuum cleaner, a soft broom or damp mop.

CLEANING: Use a neutral floor cleaning detergent with water and rinse thoroughly.

STAINS: White Spirit will remove most stains without causing damage. Do not use solvents.

PRECAUTIONS :

Do not use wax products or rubber castors or protectors on the end of furniture legs. Only plastic one may be used. Use felt pads to protect the floor from the legs of polished wood furniture.

Underfloor Heating Cont/d

Containing water or electric systems. Glue line temperature must not exceed 27°C (as per BS 8203 Code of Practice.

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If alternative underfloor heating systems are present or being considered, advice should be sought from the manufacturer.

Conservatories:

SENSO PLANKS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR USE IN CONSERVATORIES

Caring for Gerflor Senso Planks

It is important to clean the floor regularly to avoid any build up of dirt and grit that can damage the surface.

Sweep the floor thoroughly. Add a small amount of neutral liquid cleaner to warm water and clean the floor thoroughly. After cleaning the floor must be

Ink, Tomato, Mustard Blood, Urine Excrement	Diluted Bleach (let it act do not rub, rinse well)
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Rust	Anti-rust or acid (rinse well)
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Heavy grease, paint	
Rubber traces, hair colour	white spirit
Ball point or felt pen	

rinsed with clean water to remove all traces of the cleaning agent.

Note: Manufacturer's instructions regarding dilution rates, usage and rinsing must be strictly adhered to.

Protect your flooring by placing doormats at entrances to reduce the incidence of dirt and grit on the surface

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2. Take care with cigarettes, kitchen utensils, hot or heavy objects which if dropped can damage the flooring
3. Dragging heavy domestic appliances or furniture across the floor without protection will also damage the floor
4. Take care to wipe up any spillages immediately to