

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES FOR FLOORS4EVER UK LTD VSPC 5G

Product Information - PLEASE READ BEFORE INSTALLATION!

Note: By installing Floors4Ever UK Ltd flooring, you acknowledge that you have read through and understand all of the topics covered in this document.

Storage and Handling:

- Remove flooring from your vehicle immediately after transporting it to the job site.
- Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC must be acclimatized prior to installation. Store flat and fully supported during shipping and storage. Do not store or stack the boxes sideways or on the edge, this will compromise the locking system.
- Climatize package in the room where installation is to take place with a constant temperature of 65°F to 85°F (18° to 29°C) for a period of 48 hours prior to installation.

Installer Responsibilities:

- Inspect Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC for possible defects prior to installation. Complaints can only be accepted before installation. Slight variations in color and texture are designed to enhance the finished product. Mixing the planks creates a more natural appearance. Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC replicates the look of natural products, showing natural variation in color, texture, and gloss. For optimal visual effect, mix planks or tiles by working from several cartons. Blend tiles into the installation, avoiding the placement of similar decors next to one another.
- Ensure you have the correct quantity on hand.
- DO NOT install damaged flooring.
- Be aware that when exposed to excessive temperatures and direct sunlight the Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC may expand and contract causing problems with the locking system using a floating installation. Window coverings should be installed to avoid prolonged sunlight exposure. Please consider sun/heat exposure when deciding if the site will require a glue down installation. Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC is a floating floor installation only; therefore, a different product would need to be specified for glue down installations.
- If the Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC is being installed in facilities where walkers, wheelchairs are present, or in facilities with movement of heavy displays, racks, dentist chairs patient beds, etc. These types of installations may exert extreme stress and compromise the locking system. Therefore, we do not recommend installation of our Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC Click Vinyl in those areas.
- Determine if there is a need for noise reduction required above our tested STC and IIC sound ratings. Many residential applications such as condos and senior living facilities require noise suppression between floors. If the building requires extra sound ratings above our tested sound ratings, Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC recommends using an approved acoustic underlay. Approved underlayments - 2 MM OR 3 MM IXPE foam underlayment or 2mm up to 6mm cork brands that warrant their underlay under IXPE attached VSPC Vinyl. However, the subfloor (Plywood and concrete) must be flat and between our installation guideline tolerance of 3/16" over 10 ft. Also, floor Joist space on 5/8" thickness subfloor- 16" on center, and 3/4" to 7/8" Plywood or OSB – 19" on center. Floors4Ever UK Ltd will not warrant any other products or thickness of underlay for our Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC products.
- Ensure the jobsite is ready for installation prior to install. Check for signs of moisture or alkalinity and anything else that may prevent a proper installation.
- Do not begin preparation or installation of flooring before other trades have completed their work.
- All areas should be fully enclosed, weather tight with permanent HVAC in working operation at least 48 hours prior to installation.
- Radiant heating systems must be set to 15 °C (59 °F) 24 hours prior to Floors4Ever UK Ltd flooring installation.

- Following installation, the radiant heating system can slowly be increased in 5 °C increments, never exceeding 28 °C (82 °F).
- The owner and installer acknowledge that dramatic and sudden increases in temperature should never occur. It is recommended that a dedicated thermostat be installed to allow the temperature of the radiant heating system to be accurately controlled and maintained below 28°C.

Different production runs:

- Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC floors can have slight color variations in between production runs. Before starting the installation, it is best to check the production run # which is indicated on the label on the box. If you find that you have boxes from different production runs, it is highly recommended that you open cartons and install a mix of planks from each different production run on your floor. This will result in a more natural-looking floor.

INSTALLATION

1. From the top left corner of the room put the first plank in place so both the end and side seam grooves are exposed. Planks are to be installed from left to right.
2. Install the second piece in the first row by laying the short-end tongue onto the previously installed piece short-end groove. Fasten the piece together by firmly pressing down with your thumb along the seam to lock the planks together. This will engage the 5G locking clip into the piece you just placed; you will hear and feel the pieces lock together as the locking tab engages in the joint. Use of a soft, white No. 2 rubber mallet is also recommended to vertically engage the joint.
3. Continue in this manner for the rest of the first row. The last piece in the row should be cut to length while maintaining the 5/16" (8mm) expansion space along the perimeter of the room.
4. Cut a plank in half of the length to start the second row or use the cutoff from the previous row, keeping in mind the length requirements above. Install the first piece in the second row by inserting the long side tongue into the groove of the piece in the first row at a low angle (25°) to the installed piece. Then firmly lower the plank while maintaining a slight pressure toward the installed piece. The pieces should fit snugly together and lay flat. Ensure that expansion space is kept along this wall.
5. To install the remaining planks in the second row, first align the long edge tongue into the groove of the previous row at a shallow angle. Slide the piece to the left until the piece meets the previously installed piece.
6. Firmly lower the piece while maintaining a slight pressure towards the installed piece. The pieces should fit snugly together and lay flat.
7. Work across the length of the room installing pieces in the second row. It is critical to keep these first two rows straight and square, as they are the "foundation" for the rest of the installation. Check often for squareness and straightness while installing the floor.
8. Use of several 5/16" (8mm) spacer blocks along the first wall will ensure the proper spacing is achieved and that floor does not 'walk' back towards the wall during installation.
9. Continue installing flooring, being certain to maintain a random appearance (planks) of the pattern and offset end seams by at least 8". Maintain a 5/16" (8mm) expansion gap at all fixed vertical surfaces. Check to be certain all planks are fully engaged; if slight gapping is noticed or the pieces will not lay flat, simply disengage the long/top side joint and then carefully slide the short/end joint apart.
10. Install wall moldings and door transition moldings last. Be sure that all moldings are fastened directly to the wall studs or directly into the flooring; do not place any fasteners through the floating vinyl flooring.

Note: The 5G drop lock joints cannot be "lifted" or angled apart when removing or re-positioning a plank. To remove a plank, first disengage the long joint by lifting at a slight angle while pulling the complete rows away from each other. Then simply "slide" the drop joint apart along the floor. Failure to slide this joint will damage the drop lock mechanism and prevent proper re- installation of the affected plank.

Installation over radiant heated subfloors:

Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC can also be installed on a radiant heated subfloor. **However, installers and homeowners must adhere to the following directions:**

- Radiant heating systems must be set to 15 °C (59 °F) 24 hours prior to Floors4Ever UK Ltd flooring installation.
- Following installation, the radiant heating system can slowly be increased in 5 °C increments, never exceeding 28 °C (82 °F).
- The owner and installer acknowledge that dramatic and sudden increases in temperature should never occur. It is recommended that a dedicated thermostat be installed to allow the temperature of the radiant heating system to be accurately controlled and maintained below 28°C.

Failure to follow these instructions may cause damage to the floor and will void the warranty.

Installation in direct sunlight of heavy load areas:

- For application in direct sunlight or exposure to excessive heat or in areas with heavy rolling traffic i.e., Dentists chairs, wheelchairs or dollies it is NOT recommended to use the Floors4Ever UK Ltd VSPC 5G Click system.

After Installation:

- In bathrooms or other areas where moisture could reach the subfloor by migrating to the perimeter of the installation: caulk around the perimeter of the installation with silicone (or equivalent) caulking. Be careful not to caulk above the flooring height as it may impede the installation of wall base.
- Install specified transition strips where applicable.
- Never slide appliances or other heavy items across the floor. Use plywood and a hand dolly or an approved air-ride moving device.
- To control grit, use walk-off mats with backings that will not stain the floor.
- Use furniture glides and protectors to prevent scratching and indentations.
- Read and understand all maintenance and warranty information.

Disclaimer:

Information provided is for guidance only. Floors4Ever UK Ltd accepts no liability for errors or misuse. Installation and care must be carried out by qualified professionals and in line with industry standards.