

ELITE PLUS, WPC floor with click system

EN Installation Guide

Surfaces which are appropriate for installation, general recommendations:

Surfaces must be clean and dust-free.

Always use the isolating sheet density upper than 125 kg/m³ to optimise the condition of the floor: protection to footsteps, best thermal insulation for resilient floors, acoustic insulation, etc.

It protects against the legs and wheels of furniture and makes the floor much longer-lasting.

Appropriate areas:

Floors with radiant heating up to 33 °C (always consult the distributor about how to adapt the floor to the room).

Even ceramic floors without slopes and breaks in the tiles.

Cement floors correctly treated with resin or suitable paint.

Surfaces which are gently textured or porous in general.

In the case of floors which are parquet wood, tongue and groove joint or nailed, the stability of the surface must be guaranteed, separating those rooms with expansion joints to avoid over-expansion.

Observations:

Ensure that all packages have the same batch number. Packages with different numbers might be slightly different tone or brightness.

Do not install in areas that are permanently exposed to the sun.

Do not install in constantly hot and humid areas like saunas, etc.

We recommend you always consult your distributor about any out-of-the-ordinary use of the floor.

Preparation:

Leave the WPC tiles in the room where they are going to be installed for at least 48 hours before of the installation. The room must have a constant temperature of between 15 °C and 25 °C and a humidity level between 30 and 50 %.

Do a detailed examination of the tiles before install them.

Be sure that the tiles make reference to the model you chose before installing.

Eliminate any trace of glue or residue from the floor.

The concrete plinths should be left to dry for at least 60 days from its installation, being the humidity level less than 3 % (check with specific meters).

Repair any irregularities of over 2 mm/ml

Tools needed for installation purposes:

- Cutter, circular saw or a jigsaw with plastic sheet
- Metre
- Marker
- Installation kit (wedges, lever and adjusting tool)

Installation:

1) Lay out the isolating sheet (we recommend the use of our foam Eva Confort Plus) to cover the entire room, sealing the ends with adhesive tape.

2) Start from one corner placing the first tile with the male side facing the wall.

3) Use the wedges throughout the first line to keep the correct distance between each piece (from 5 mm to 8 mm is enough).

IMPORTANT: Do not place the floor using screws, glues or any other fixing system, as the surface must stay floating and must avoid contact with any obstacle like piping, door frames, and columns. The failure to follow this instruction invalidates the guarantee.

4) To place the following plank, fit it into the slot of the adjacent plank at angle of about 15 to 20 degrees.

5) Keep installing and connecting the first line until you get to the last plank.

6) Rotate this piece at 180 degrees, with the design face up, measure and mark it.

7) The tile can be cut with a cutter supported by a metal ruler. It is always advisable make the cuts with a jigsaw with plastic sheet or circular saw. Keep the utmost care doing this process.

In case of cutting with a cutter, softly repeat the mark up to 3 times and force carefully the both extremes of the plank in the opposite direction of the cut until broke it.

8) Once the first row of planks has been placed, begin the next row the remaining part of a plank from the first row. To make sure that the installation is stable, this piece should be no longer than 20 cm long.

9) To place the second plank of the second row, slot the connecting part of the short side into the first. Keep the piece inclined at 15 to 20 degrees and gently push on the entire plank to make sure that it fits into place perfectly and longitudinally.

10) Continue applying the planks until the row is finished and continue from the last piece of the first row.

11) When you reach the wall, to complete the last row, place the planks with the design face down and use the marker to display the differences between the pieces.

12) Cut the door frames and shape the panels with a handsaw, using the tile as a reference.

In installations where rooms can suffer sudden changes in temperatures is recommended the use of the expansion joints in each room. For installations over 64m² the use of special glue of PVC is recommended on the edges. The use of glue, especially in areas which are exposed to use, will guarantee the optimum use of the product and a homogenous behavior to expansion moves. It is therefore necessary to use expansion joints for installations of over 8 m width x 8 m length. Complaints are not accepted for open-joints or damages in the product by effects of expansion if prior recommendations have not been followed.

Important: Always avoid using blows to install the product. The mechanised system of the planks always allows eventually its horizontal installation by beating, to avoid angular slotting.

Nevertheless, action may cause damage to the joining mechanism which will later lead to open joints.

Installation over heating systems

Installation over floors with electric heating systems is not recommended because the mechanical and structural strain put on the WPC click system covering. The guarantee does not cover installation in these conditions.

Installation on floors with a water heating system may be done doing the following:

- Place a steam barrier between the plinth and the isolating base, making sure that the joints are sealed.
- Place expansion joints in each room to avoid damage due to heat and humidity in the different parts of the home or commerce.
- Stick the joints of the pieces as a preventive measure.
- Switching on the heating should be progressive and never done abruptly. Not following this rule will lead to changes in the floor's structure and may cause irreparable damage.

Recommendations for care and maintenance:

In order to protect your ELITE PLUS floor, we recommend the following:

- Avoid any contact with dirt, sand, dust and substances such as oil and asphalt.
- Use floor protectors on furniture with legs/wheels to avoid the impact of heavy objects.
- Maintain a relative indoor humidity of between 30% and 50% throughout the year in order to prevent the floor from being subject to sudden changes in humidity and temperature.
- Avoid making cuts and holes in the floor with sharp objects. If you have a wheelchair, make sure that the wheels are made of hard rubber.
- The surface of the new ELITE PLUS floor, which is essentially hardwearing and resistant, does not require additional treatment. It does not need to be polished, varnished, or waxed as it conserves its intrinsic and essential properties.
- The WPC ELITE PLUS floors have a hard, compact surface; so, it is not necessary to constantly

clean with a wet mop. This should only be done occasionally. The use of abrasive cleaning products with ammonia or acid bases can alter the appearance of this.

- The use of expansion joints in installations exceeding 8 m. wide by 8 m. long is mandatory. Not following this recommendation renders the guarantee invalid.

- The guarantee does not include the installation of the WPC floor in areas which are directly exposed to the outdoors such as shop or office entrances, etc...

- The board of the ELITE PLUS surface is made up of polymers, meaning that its physical performance and its properties are similar to those of wood. Extreme heat may therefore lead to the expansion of the panels. To avoid any problems caused by the expansion of the boards, the storage, installation and maintenance instructions explained in this Guarantee Letter and in the Installation Guide must be followed carefully.

- The protection layer of ELITE PLUS floors has been subject to very demanding quality control processes and tested in official laboratories to guarantee its abrasion-resistant properties; however, negligent installation, improper use or inappropriate maintenance of the floor may cause occasional deterioration. Check the instructions concerning maintenance and respect the limits which apply to our ELITE PLUS floor.

- We recommend keep some tiles as a replacement in case of breakage or accident of the ground. The tiles must be replaced by a professional.