

JOHNSONITE INTERLOCK RUBBER TILE

Replay and Triumph

Installation Instructions

INTRODUCTION

These instructions are written as a guide to be used by professional installers when installing Tarkett products. These instructions, combined with our adhesives and flooring products, create a system. Utilizing this system will ease the installation process and provide the customer with a completed product that will perform to its intended purpose. Always visit www.tarkettna.com for the most current installation and maintenance instructions. Technical videos and tip sheets are also available. Contact Tarkett Technical Services at (800)-899-8916 ext. 9297 with any questions.

HANDLING AND STORAGE

1. All Tarkett products must be stored in an indoor, climate controlled space and be protected from the elements. Temperature must be maintained between 65°F (18.3°C) and 85°F (29.4°C) with a relative humidity between 40% and 60%.
2. All cartons must be stored on a dry, flat, level surface. Cartons must be carefully stacked squarely on top of one another and never be stored on edge. Take caution not to over stack the cartons and never double stack pallets. Always protect carton corners from damage by tow-motors and other traffic.
3. Tarkett flooring and adhesives must be site conditioned at room temperature for 48 hours prior to, during, and after installation. Room temperature must be maintained between 65°F (18.3°C) and 85°F (29.4°C) and the ambient relative humidity must be between 40% and 60%. We strongly recommend the permanent HVAC system be fully operating. **NOTE:** If a system other than the permanent HVAC source is utilized, it must provide proper control of both temperature and humidity to recommended or specific levels for the appropriate time duration as stated above.
4. Once the installation is completed, the service temperature of the space must never fall below 55°F (12.8°C).
5. In areas that are exposed to intense or direct sunlight, the product must be protected during the conditioning, installation, and adhesive curing periods, by covering the light source.
6. Tarkett products are not recommended for exterior use. Exposure to excessive UV rays can result in fading, degradation, and/or color variation.
7. The highest quality of materials and workmanship is employed in the manufacture of Tarkett Flooring and careful inspection is made before shipment. A quality installation is the responsibility of the installer. It is the installer's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the order and to ensure the materials are checked for damage, defects, and satisfactory color match. An authorized Tarkett distributor or Tarkett representative must be notified of any defects before installation proceeds. **Tarkett will not pay for labor or material costs claimed on installed materials with visual defects.**
8. Tarkett cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage that may result due to processing or working conditions and/or workmanship outside our control.
9. Users are advised to confirm the suitability of this product by their own tests.

GENERAL SUBFLOOR PREPERATION

1. **All subfloors** must be permanently dry, clean, smooth, and structurally sound. The surface must be free of all dust, loose particles, solvents, paint, grease, oil, wax, alkali, sealing/curing compounds, old adhesive, and any other foreign material, which could affect the installation and adhesive bond to the substrate. Permanent and non-permanent markers, pens, crayons, paint, or similar marking tools used to mark the substrate or the back of the resilient flooring material will cause migratory staining. Subfloor contamination or markings that bleed through the flooring material causing discoloration or staining are excluded from the Tarkett Limited Warranty. All substrate contaminants must be mechanically removed prior to the installation of the flooring material. **NOTE: Do not use liquid solvents or adhesive removers.**
Caution: Do not use oil based sweeping compounds.
Fill all depressions, cracks, and other surface irregularities with a good quality Portland cement based underlayment patching compound appropriate for this purpose.
Tarkett does not recommend installing InterLock Rubber Tile over existing cushioned resilient floors. All existing flooring and adhesives must be mechanically removed prior to installing the new flooring material – **Do not use chemical adhesive removers or solvents.** Refer to the Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI), *Recommended Work Practices for Removal of Existing Resilient Flooring* for best work practices.
Caution: Do not install rubber flooring in areas that are exposed to grease, oil or animal fats.

Caution: Some resilient flooring products and adhesives contain "asbestos fibers" and special handling of this material is required.
2. **Concrete subfloors** must be constructed as recommended by the American Concrete Institute's ACI 302.2 Guide for Concrete Slabs that Receive Moisture-Sensitive Flooring Materials and prepared in accordance with ASTM F 710 Standard Practice for Preparing Concrete Floors to Receive Resilient Flooring.
Do not install Tarkett flooring over expansion joints, control joints, or other moving joints in the substrate. These joints must be respected and should not be filled with products that are not intended for that purpose. Contact an expansion joint cover manufacturer to meet specific flooring conditions.
All concrete subfloors must be tested for moisture: Moisture testing must be conducted in accordance with ASTM F 2170 Standard Test Method for Determining Relative Humidity in Concrete Floor Slabs Using *in situ* Probes or ASTM F 1869 Standard Test Method for Measuring Moisture Vapor Emission Rate of Concrete Subfloor Using Anhydrous Calcium Chloride. Following ASTM F 2659 Preliminary Evaluation of Comparative Moisture Condition of Concrete, Gypsum Cement and Other Floor Slabs and Screeds Using a Non-destructive Electronic Moisture Meter can provide qualitative information prior to performing ASTM F 2170 or ASTM F 1869.
 - ◆ The Moisture Vapor Emission Rate (MVER) of the concrete will have no measurable effect on the Interlock Tiles as they are not adhered to the concrete substrate.
 - ◆ Moisture testing must be conducted to identify if the MVER of the concrete is within the approved limits of the patching compound manufactures specifications. (Follow patching compound manufactures instructions for proper selection and use.)



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If the tests results exceed the limitations, the installation must not proceed until the problem has been corrected. Tarkett does not recommend or warrant any particular product or procedure for the remediation of high moisture in concrete substrates. There are several companies that manufacture products suitable for moisture remediation. We suggest you refer to the current ASTM F 710 Standard Practice for Preparing Concrete Floors to Receive Resilient Flooring and ASTM F 3010 Standard Practice for Two Component Resin Based Membrane-Forming Moisture Mitigation Systems for Use Under Resilient Flooring Systems.

- 3. Wood subfloors** must have a minimum 18" (47 cm) of cross-ventilated space between the bottom of the joist and ground. Exposed earth crawl spaces must be sealed with a polyethylene moisture barrier. Subfloors must meet local and national building codes. Trade associations, such as the APA -The Engineered Wood Association, offer structural guidelines for meeting various code requirements. Refer to ASTM F 1482 Standard Practice for Installation and Preparation of Panel Type Underlayments to receive Resilient Flooring, for additional information.

Single Floor Wood Construction and Tongue and Groove subfloors must be covered with 1/4" (6.4 mm) or 1/2" (13 mm) APA approved underlayment plywood. Use 1/4" (6.4 mm) thick underlayment panels for boards with a face width of 3" (76 mm) or less. For boards wider than 3" (76 mm) face width use 1/2" (13 mm) underlayment panels.

Countersink nail heads and fill depressions, joints, cracks, gouges, and chipped edges with a good quality Portland cement based patching compound designed for this purpose.

Do not install over OSB (Oriented Strand Board), particle board, chipboard, lauan or composite type underlayments.

- 4. Terrazzo and Ceramic floor** surface must be thoroughly sanded to remove all glaze and waxes. Remove or replace all loose tiles and clean the grout lines. Use a good quality Portland cement based leveling compound to fill all grout lines and other depressions.
- 5. Concrete floors equipped with a radiant heating system:** Turn the heat down to 65°F (18.3°C) for at least 48 hours before installation. Heat may be gradually returned to operating temperature 48 hours after installation. Surface temperature must not exceed 85°F (29.4°).

INSTALLATION

1. Tile Installation Procedure:

- a. InterLock tiles are designed for loose lay installation only and cannot be adhered to the substrate.**
- b.** Square the area and establish reference points on substrate.
- c.** Lay out the tile so that a minimum of one-half of a tile forms the border along the perimeter.
- d.** Use established reference points and install the flooring.
- e.** The tabs form an arrow on one corner of the tile. Install the tiles with this 'arrow tab' in the upper right corner.
- f.** Align the next tile to the installed tile by inserting the 'male' tabs into the 'female' tabs.
- g.** Once the tiles are properly aligned, roll the edge of the tiles with a small hand roller to secure the tabs.
- h.** Make all final cuts around the perimeter of the area, alcoves, offsets, and other obstructions with a utility knife. Cut tiles net to walls and vertical objects. Cutting tiles tight or heavy to walls and vertical objects may cause tiles to lift or peak at the seams.

2. Post Installation Floor Protection:

We recommend that the installation of new flooring material not be performed until all the other trades have completed their work. Proper precautions must be taken during and after the installation process to avoid damage to the newly installed flooring.

a. Immediately after installation:

- ◆ Flooring must be swept or vacuumed to remove loose dirt and grit prior to the application of proper floor protection. Do not trap dirt and grit under floor protection. (Lightly damp mop if necessary)
- ◆ Apply floor protection suitable for construction foot traffic such as: undyed heavy Kraft paper, Ram Board, 1/8" Masonite panels, or similar product designed for resilient floor protection.
- ◆ Areas that will receive heavy traffic, rolling loads, pallet jacks, and furniture or appliance placement must be protected with 1/4" thick Masonite or similar wood panels.

MAINTENANCE

- 1.** Initial cleaning should be performed immediately after installation.
- 2.** Since InterLock Tiles are not adhered to the substrate, it is important to follow the recommended maintenance instructions using a minimal amount of water.
- 3.** Refer to Tarkett's Maintenance Instructions for complete details. Visit www.johnsonite.com for the most current version



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