

General Guidelines: Forbo Flooring Products

Jobsite Conditions

- Areas to receive material should be clean, fully enclosed and weathertight with the permanent HVAC in operation. A minimum temperature 68° F (20° C) shall be established at least seven days prior to beginning the installation, maintained during the installation, and for at least seven days following the installation.
- Installation should not begin until the work of all other trades has been completed, especially overhead trades.
- Areas to receive material shall be adequately lighted to allow for proper inspection of the substrate, installation, seaming and for final inspection.

Material Storage and Handling

- Areas where materials are to be stored should be a stable, conditioned environment as described under the Jobsite Conditions section of Forbo's Installation Guide. All materials and adhesives should be acclimated to these conditions for at least 48 hours prior to the installation.
- Material should be delivered to the job site in original, unopened packaging, with all labels intact.
- Store all rolls standing upright, labels up, and ensure that the color, roll and batch numbers can be easily read.
- Sheet material should always be stored and transported rolled face out on a heavy tube.
- Marmoleum® Dual Tile boxes should be stacked no more than 10 boxes high for the 20" x 20" tile or 5 boxes high for the 13" x 13" tile.
- MCT boxes should be stacked no more than 9 boxes high.
- ColoRex® SD/EC tile boxes should be stacked no more than 18 boxes high.
- Flotex® tile boxes should be stacked no more than 16 boxes high.
- Marmoleum® Wall Panels should always be stored laying flat.
- Material should always be visually inspected prior to installation. If there are any questions regarding the quality of material, contact your local Forbo representative or Forbo Technical Services PRIOR to installation.
- Any costs (including labor) associated with the replacement of material that was installed with visual defects that could have been seen prior to installation are not covered under warranty.

Color Matching

- All material should be from the same batch. Rolls or cartons must be installed in consecutive order. Cuts from individual rolls should also be installed in sequence as cut from the roll. If material from more than one batch is to be used, the job should be planned so that different batch numbers are not installed side by side.
- When installing Marmoleum® sheet products, all sheets must be installed running in the same direction.
- All Forbo sheet vinyl products must be installed with adjacent sheets reversed except Eternal Wood. Eternal Wood must be installed with all sheets running in the same direction.
- When installing Flotex® sheet products, all sheets must be installed running in the same direction.
- Color and shade match for all Forbo sheet flooring products is guaranteed only when seaming the trimmed factory edge to trimmed factory edge with the sheets oriented in the recommended direction.
Note: When installing Flotex® sheet products, butt the factory edges for seaming.
- Marmoleum® Dual Tile and MCT has a directional pattern and should be installed in alternating directions (quarter turned).
- ColoRex® SD/EC tile has a directional pattern and must be installed with arrows running in the same direction.
- Flotex® tile has a directional pattern and should be installed with arrows running in alternating directions (quarter turned). Certain patterns may be installed with arrows running in the same direction.

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Third Party Products

- Forbo does not approve nor disapprove of any third party products that may be used in the course of a flooring installation. Such products are manufactured by others and their performance is beyond Forbo's control. Any warranty for their performance is the responsibility of that manufacturer. Forbo does not test or evaluate products manufactured by others for performance, compatibility or any other quality. Any inquiries of that nature should be directed to the manufacturer of the product.
- It is the user's responsibility to investigate and research the performance characteristics and warranty information for any product being considered for use.
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Forbo's Installation Guide contains additional information on substrate evaluation and preparation, and is available for download at www.forboflooringna.com. For a hard copy, or for additional information, contact Forbo Technical Services at +800 842 7839.