



# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

LOOSE-LAY VINYL FLOORING

## INSTALLATION GUIDE – LOOSE-LAY VINYL FLOORING

### PLEASE READ THIS GUIDE BEFORE STARTING INSTALLATION

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#### RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER / INSTALLER

The installer is responsible for the final inspection of the product. Inspect the flooring surface quality, colour, and finish before beginning the installation.

Do not install any planks with visible defects—either discard or trim them. If the material is deemed unacceptable, contact your retailer immediately.

If the installer has doubts about the quality of the planks, **they should not be installed.**

Once the flooring is installed, it is deemed to have been accepted by both the installer and the owner, regardless of whether the owner is present during installation.

**Quickstyle accepts no liability for installation errors or the installer's judgment, and will not cover any associated labour costs.**

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#### SITE INSPECTION & PREPARATION (PRIOR TO INSTALLATION)

- This type of flooring can be installed on any level of the home.
- The XXXX collection from Quickstyle is suitable for installation in kitchens and bathrooms.
- All plumbing, moisture-related work (e.g., ceiling tiles, drywall joints), must be completed prior to installation.
- Ambient temperature must remain above 18°C (64°F) during installation. Maintain a temperature-controlled environment between 18°C (64.4°F) and 29°C (84.2°F).
- Verify that all cartons contain the correct product.
- Stack boxes flat (horizontally); do not store them on their sides. Protect carton corners from damage.
- Handle product with care and never stand the boxes upright. Store in a dry area with at least 4 inches of clearance around and beneath cartons.
- Always install flooring in daylight to better detect imperfections, such as gloss variations.
- Inspect each plank before and during installation. Do not install damaged boards.
- Mix planks from multiple boxes to achieve a more natural and aesthetic layout.

## ADHESIVE: FOR PERIMETER OR FULL-SPREAD INSTALLATION

To ensure optimal installation:

- Use a **high-quality pressure-sensitive vinyl adhesive** (e.g., Mapei ECO 373 or 399, Tec 744) for either **perimeter-bonded** or **full-spread installations**.
- For **double-sided tape installation at the perimeter**, use a **commercial-grade polyester membrane tape** (e.g., Cantech Outdoor Carpet Tape).

### Commercial Applications:

- In commercial environments, **the entire floor must be fully adhered using a pressure-sensitive vinyl adhesive** to ensure durability and performance.
- Always follow the adhesive manufacturer's drying time and open time recommendations. A 1/16" x 1/32" x 1/16" notched trowel is recommended for spreading adhesive.

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## REQUIRED TOOLS

- Safety glasses
- Tape measure
- Pencil or marker
- Chalk line and chalk
- Carpenter's square
- Notched trowel (per adhesive manufacturer's specs)
- Utility knife
- Floor cutter (optional)
- Floor roller (optional)
- Clean white cloth
- Acetone (if needed)

*Additional tools or materials may be required depending on the subfloor's condition and composition.*

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## SUITABLE SUBFLOORS

Quickstyle's loose-lay vinyl flooring can be installed over any **hard, flat, and structurally sound surface**.

- For installation over ceramic tile, grout joints must be filled (floor preparation may be required).
- Remove all carpets and underpads. The surface must be solid, clean, dry, and **not exceed a variation of 4.7 mm (3/16") over 3 m (10 ft)**.
- Surface deflection must not exceed **1.1 mm (3/64")**.
- For concrete substrates, remove dust, oil, paint, grease, sealers, and curing agents.

## CONCRETE SUBFLOORS

Before installation, ensure the concrete meets the following:

- Compressive strength of at least **3,500 psi**
  - Fully cured for a minimum of **60 days**
  - **Moisture emission rate** must not exceed **2.27 kg/92.9 m<sup>2</sup> (5 lb/1,000 sq. ft) per 24 hours** (ASTM F1869).
  - When using **ASTM F2170**, internal relative humidity must not exceed **80%**; acceptable **pH range: 7–9**.
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## RADIANT HEATED FLOORS

Quickstyle's XXXXX flooring is compatible with **hydronic and electric radiant heating systems**, provided the temperature does **not exceed 29°C (84.2°F)**.

- **Do not** use heating systems that cause extreme temperature fluctuations (e.g., induction heating mats).
  - Heating must be evenly distributed across the floor. Use **expansion joints** between heated and non-heated areas.
  - Operate the heating system for **3 weeks prior to installation**, and maintain a floor temperature of **18°C (64.4°F)** for **48 hours before and during installation**.
  - Radiant heat may accelerate adhesive curing—adhere to manufacturer guidance.
  - After installation, gradually increase temperature—**no more than 2.8°C (5°F) per day**.
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## SUBFLOOR PREPARATION & WORK PLAN

- Maintain indoor temperature between **18°C and 29°C** at all times.
- Subfloors must be **clean, dry, and free of dust, paint, wax, oil, solvents**, or other contaminants.
- Remove any residual adhesive from previous flooring.
- Fill low spots and level raised areas using a **floor levelling compound**. Variation should not exceed **4.7 mm (3/16") over 3 m (10 ft) or 1.1 mm (3/64")**.
- Fill all cracks and holes to create a smooth surface.
- **Primer is recommended** on porous subfloors (e.g., Mapei PlaniPrep SC or Ardex Feather Finish).
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 **Caution:** Older adhesives or floor coverings may contain asbestos or crystalline silica, which are hazardous when inhaled. Professional removal may be required by law.

Check moisture content to confirm it meets the “Concrete Subfloors” criteria.

## BEFORE INSTALLATION

- Let flooring **acclimate for at least 24 hours** in the room where it will be installed.
  - Inspect each plank for damage prior to and during installation.
  - Quickstyle is not liable for installing unsatisfactory product.
  - Open and mix planks from multiple boxes for best visual result.
  - Maintain ambient temperature between **18°C and 29°C** for **48 hours before, during, and after installation**.
  - Determine the **installation direction**. It is recommended to run the planks **parallel to the longest wall**.
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## COMMERCIAL INSTALLATION

- Flooring must be **fully adhered over the entire surface** in commercial settings.
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## RESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION

- In residential settings, flooring can be **loose-laid with perimeter adhesive** or **fully adhered**.

### Steps:

1. Measure the room: length × width + closets and nooks. Add **5–10% extra for waste**.
2. Remove thresholds, baseboards, and old flooring if necessary (skip if the subfloor is solid and smooth).
3. Fill cracks/holes as needed. Ensure the floor is **clean, dry, and flat**, with no more than **4.7 mm variation over 3 m**.
4. Apply **25–30 cm (10–12") of pressure-sensitive adhesive** along the room's perimeter. Leave **10 mm (3/8") expansion space** around edges.
5. For **sun-exposed or high-traffic areas**, use **full-spread adhesive**.
6. If any room dimension exceeds **4 m (13 ft)**, use a **grid adhesive layout**.
7. For large spaces, apply adhesive every **3 m<sup>2</sup>**, increasing in high-traffic zones (e.g., entrances, appliances).
8. Apply adhesive **before laying planks**, and observe **adhesive open and working times** per manufacturer.
9. Start in a corner and install planks toward the opposite wall. Follow directional arrows on the plank back (installation can be in either direction).
10. Planks against walls must be **at least 20 cm (8")** wide and installed tightly.
11. To remove adhesive residue:
  - If fresh: use a damp cloth.
  - If dry: use acetone, denatured alcohol, or mineral spirits.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Quickstyle flooring has UV protection, but **use UV-protective films, curtains, or blinds** to limit exposure to direct sunlight.
- **Excessive heat can cause thermal expansion** and buckling. Quickstyle denies responsibility for damage caused by direct sunlight.

## MAINTENANCE

- Regularly sweep or vacuum with a soft brush.
  - Mop as needed using a **pH-neutral vinyl floor cleaner** (e.g., Attitude, Le Vinyleur, or ZEP).
  - Never use abrasive cleaners, wax, or bleach.
  - Use **felt pads under furniture**, especially movable pieces.
  - Remove ball casters; replace with **large, non-staining rubber casters**.
  - Use chair mats under rolling chairs.
  - Do not drag heavy furniture or appliances—use protective boards (e.g., plywood) to move them safely.
  - Place **entry mats** at exterior doors to reduce dirt and debris.
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## OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The owner must:

- Follow Quickstyle's installation instructions.
- Use cleaners appropriate for vinyl flooring.
- Retain **five spare planks** for future testing.
- Keep **proof of purchase and installation date**.

Quickstyle is **not responsible** for issues resulting from improper installation.

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## WARRANTY COVERS

- Manufacturing defects
- Colourfastness (resistance to fading)
- No delamination

*Warranty is only valid for the original purchaser and is non-transferable.*

## LIMITED WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER

- Discoloration from mold, flooding, or appliance leaks
- Improper installation
- Changes in gloss, scratches, cuts, gouges, or cracks
- Damage from pets
- Accidents, misuse, or abuse
- Damage during renovation or construction

**Labour is not covered under this warranty.**