



Beaches recommended installation instructions.

- All Beaches vinyl planks need to be installed and prepared in accordance with the Australian Standard AS1884;2012 including any manufacturer's instructions.
- Only to be installed indoors and not suitable for outdoor use.
- The subfloor must be clean, dry, solid and level up to a maximum of 4mm over 200cms and free from cracks and holes.
- Beaches vinyl planks need to be installed in a maintained room temperature range between 15 – 28°C.
- Please ensure that all planks are inspected prior to installation for any visible defects.
- It is a requirement to have the planks on site 24hrs prior to installation lying flat to climatize.
- When installing in areas exposed to direct sunlight, those effected windows and doors will need to be blacked out prior, during and for 24 hours after installation. Windows or doors exposed to direct sunlight after the installation will need to be tinted. After installation protect the floor from dramatic temperature changes and direct sunlight which may cause gaps in the boards over time and fading.
- We recommend the use of Andersens Megabond hard set adhesive or equivalent and please follow the respective manufacturers guidelines outlined.

Concrete subfloors.

The relative humidity of the concrete subfloor should not exceed 75%. A moisture barrier will need to be installed if it exceeds 75% prior to installation.

Where humidity is excessive, the bond strength of the glue can be compromised so when possible, run air conditioning to maintain relative humidity which can then also avoid any shrinkage of planks.

New concrete slabs do need at least 6 months to cure prior to installing Beaches planks.

Always check moisture content first before installing. The moisture content needs to be less than 5%. If above, then a moisture barrier is required. It is a requirement to provide a screed of Ardex feather finish over all concrete subfloors prior to installation.

Timber subfloors.

Timber, particleboard, chipboard and pine boards are suitable for installing over only when covered with a Masonite or MDF 5.50 – 6mm underlay prior. The existing floor must be sanded as well for any high spots or peaking joints.

Painted subfloors.

Mechanically remove all paint back to the original base. Prime and apply a compatible self-levelling smoothing compound to a minimum of 2-3mm.

Cork Tiled subfloors.

Due to their resilient nature, cork tiles must be uplifted and adhesive residue removed.

Tiled subfloors.

Tiled floors need to be level and a screed applied to all areas including the grout lines. The screed needs to be sufficient to prevent grout lines showing through the vinyl after installation. If the tiles are drummy/hollow, then they should be removed prior with any residue glues. A moisture test must still be carried out prior to installation to ensure that at the time of the installation, the subfloor was below 5% moisture content.

Existing carpet and vinyl.

Existing carpets and vinyls need to be removed prior and the subfloor needs to be assessed for moisture content to be below 5%. The same subfloor preparation needs to be carried out prior as stated above as this will depend on what type of subfloor is underneath the existing carpet and vinyl.

Subfloor heated slabs.

Radiant heated concrete subfloors should not be in direct contact with the planks. New hydronic systems should be running for two weeks prior to installation to remove residual moisture in the concrete. Turn off before installation 48 hours prior and gradually increase the temperature slowly by 2 degrees each day up to a maximum of 28 degrees, 72 hours after installation.

Layout and direction of planks when installing.

Please discuss with your retailer or the contractor carrying out the installation as to the direction and best method of installing the planks.

Please use in accordance with good health place work and safety practices. Conduct a risk assessment before use to ensure handling and use is appropriate.