



Admired LVT *Pro* Flooring

Luxury Vinyl Tile “LVT” (also referred to as “Vinyl Plank”) FLOORING

Owner’s manual

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Installation Instructions

Instructions are also available at: <https://admiredflooring.com.au/install-warranty/>

Scan the following QR Code to watch the LVT video for install tips:



1. Tools needed:
 - Utility knife
 - 2mm Notched Trowel
 - Straight edge / spirit level
 - Shears of metal sheet cutter (tin snips) for cutting around irregular shaped objects
2. Optional tools for cutting include:
 - Thin angle grinder or “Dremel” ™ for finer cutting around door trims or irregular shaped objects

CAUTION: This product is not suitable for any outside use, sunrooms/solariums, saunas, or any other rooms that have the potential of flooding. We also highly recommend you do not install in rooms of homes that are not temperature controlled. Exposure to long term direct sunlight can cause damage to your floor.

CHECK THE PLANKS BEFORE INSTALLATION TO BE SURE OF APPEARANCE.

We maintain strict quality control during manufacture, it is still recommended to check for blemishes, flaws, etc. Return any such planks to your dealer for replacement before continuing to install,

3. Acclimatisation

Admired Flooring LVT should be stored on site in the area of proposed installation for a minimum of 48 hours prior to installation.

The environment for acclimatisation should be between 16-28°C during this time, and should be maintained within these levels after installation to ensure acceptable product performance. The minimum sub-floor temperature for the application of adhesive is 10°C

Recommended installation temperature should be between 15-28°C, with ideal installation temperature being 22°C

Vinyl flooring will expand and contract freely if temperature/climate conditions allow:

If the vinyl floor is installed during warmer weather. This can lead to peaking and buckling at the join of the planks and can lead to irreparable damage.

If the vinyl floor is installed during warm/hot weather and not correctly acclimatised, it will try to contract when the internal temperature falls during cool/cold weather. This can lead to gaps forming at the joins of planks.

4. Subfloor preparation

All subfloors and preparation for the installation must comply with the current Australian Standard for the installation of resilient floor coverings – current AS1884 Floor coverings.

- Floors must be solid, clean, dry, smooth and level. The better the substrate, the better the end installation of Admired Flooring will appear.
- We can warrant the product for its integrity but not the subfloor as this is beyond our control.

Subfloors should be flat and level within a tolerance of 4mm over a span of 2m. Any unevenness over the tolerance must be sanded down or filled with a floor leveller. Subfloors must be carefully checked for moisture problems. LVT flooring is waterproof, however it is not a water-proofer. Any moisture problems need to be addressed prior to installation. New concrete floors need to cure a minimum of 60 days prior LVT floor installation.

Moisture level should be checked to be less than 10%. If the moisture level is above 10%, do not install.

HANDY TIP: If laying LVT flooring over existing ceramic tiles, it is recommended to use flood leveller (3-5mm thick) to ensure grout lines do not appear through the flooring.

Any loose or damaged tiles should be patched prior to floor levelling.

TILES CERAMIC, PORCELAIN, ETC

Admired Flooring LVT can be installed over existing flooring types such as ceramic tiles, providing that the surface has no loose (“drummy”) tiles and has been flood levelled using a self-levelling compound 2-5mm depending on the condition of the tile level, edges and grout width & depth. Ensure that all grout joints are filled with no visible depression, grinding of the tile floor may be required to reduce the amount of flood levelling.

Rectification and prep work including levelling of the existing surface (to fill in grout lines for instance) and application of suitable primer must be installed to manufacturer’s directions and in accordance with current AS 1884.

TERRAZZO, POLISHED CONCRETE, METAL SURFACES

Rectification and prep work including, grinding, skim coat layers or levelling of the existing surface and application of suitable primer used must be installed to manufacturer’s directions and in accordance with current AS 1884.

TIMBER FLOORS

TONGUE & GROOVE/ PARTICLE BOARD/CHIPBOARD / YELLOW TONGUE / MASONITE / MDF / HDF

It is NOT recommended to install Admired Flooring LVT flooring directly over any type of wood based subfloor, as the wood based (including hardboards) subfloors tend to expand and contract beyond acceptable standards.

Fibre Cement Sheeting

Generally only used in wet area subfloors. Cement sheeting is extremely porous and should be primed prior to application. For wet area installations a moisture proof barrier must be installed prior to the installation of the material and the material must be fully adhered with a polyurethane adhesive. Installation must be in accordance to current AS1884.

OTHER FLOOR COVERINGS

Admired Flooring LVT cannot be installed over carpet, carpet tiles, cork tiles, or any type of floor coverings. These floor coverings have to be removed and the subfloor prepared in accordance with current AS1884 prior to installing Admired Flooring.

5. Installing LVT Flooring

INSTALLATION METHODS

With all installation methods:

- The subfloor is acceptable in accordance with current AS1884 (excluding installation over wood based and hardboard subfloors)
- The vinyl has been acclimatised correctly in service room condition prior to installation (see above)
- The adhesive is to be applied correctly as per strict manufacturer's instructions, referencing but not limited to:
 - Floor type construction
 - Subfloor preparation, including moisture testing, trowelled or hand underlayments and primers
 - Open times, working times and climatic conditions
- Adhesive is to be applied using a 1.6mm x 1.6mm "V1" notched trowel, ensure that the 1.6mm depth is consistent throughout the entire installation.
- Roller applied adhesives are NOT recommended.
- Ensure that there is a proper bond between the substrate and plank backing layer by using a roller after laying the planks.

PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVE are NOT allowed.

The backing of the Admired Flooring LVT is specifically designed for hard set types of adhesive, NOT pressure sensitive adhesives. Any movement of the planks such as gapping and peaking when using pressure sensitive types of adhesive is NOT covered by the warranty.

It is common industry knowledge that all vinyl flooring products and subfloors will expand and contract as a reaction to changes internal temperature. This will cause the products to slightly

grow/shrink in accordance to these changes. It is not uncommon for small peaks or gaps to appear after periods of temperature change when using unsuitable adhesives.

Pressure sensitive adhesive is designed to limit this type of movement however it is important to remember that this type of adhesive does not provide a permanent bond and re-adjustment of planks may be required in times of temperature fluctuations.

This can be done by pulling the planks up out of the resealable adhesive and relaying, working from the centre of the installation out to the perimeters.

HARD SET ADHESIVE & UNIVERSAL ADHESIVES (ONLY recommended installation method)

Admired Flooring is recommended for installation using hard-set adhesive or Universal Adhesive only.

Please refer to www.admiredflooring.com.au/install-warranty for a list of recommended hard-set and Universal adhesives, or scan the above QR code to access this webpage.

Ensure that the LVT is placed into the adhesive while wet (i.e. within the open time noted by the manufacturer to achieve maximum hard set bond).

Note that re-adjustment of planks (as described under Pressure Sensitive Adhesive) will be much more difficult using hard set adhesive.

“LOOSE LAY” – NO ADHESIVE

Admired Flooring only recommends installation using hard set adhesives as detailed above to prevent movement of the planks. Admired Flooring does NOT recommend Loose Lay installations which is installation without adhesive.

HIGH TEMPERATURE APPLICATIONS (IMPORTANT)

If the room is exposed to direct sunlight/strong heat source or standing water, then appropriate High Temperature adhesive and subfloor preparations to current AS1288 will be required.

Direct sunlight exposure through windows can rapidly increase floor surface temperatures to well over 60deg C on even a mild day. This rapid warm-up of the flooring can result in peaking/buckling and even floor failure. In these instances the following applies:

- Product is installed using a suitable High Temperature “HT” 2 part epoxy adhesive (or similar) and applied STRICTLY as per manufacturer’s instructions, referencing but not to limited to:
 - Floor type and construction
 - Subfloor preparation, including moisture testing, trowelled or hard underlayments and primers
 - Open time, working times and climatic conditions
 - Product is installed without sunlight hitting it during the adhesive curing time. Blacking out of windows may be required to affect this.
 - Protection is provided to the floor after installation by the way of:
 - Blinds, shades, or curtains drawn during times of exposure
 - Tint/Film applied to glass to reduce IR/UV light

AFTER INSTALLATION

Allow floor to settle for 24 hours before moving heavy items of furniture, appliances etc onto floor. Always use a trolley and avoid stationary/pivoting.

Sweep or vacuum the floor (using a brush attachment) to remove dust and debris. Mop sparingly using a pH neutral detergent in hot water.

CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

After installing the floor, we recommend an initial clean to remove any loose dirt or debris that may have been introduced during the installation process.

Please check any new cleaning agents on a small test patch of the floor in an inconspicuous area, and avoid using harsh abrasive cleaners or alcohol ammonia based cleaning products.

1. First sweep and vacuum the floor surface to ensure removal of all loose dust dirt, and debris. Using a mop (or, for large areas, a floor cleaning machine with a low abrasive pad), scrub the flooring surface. Using warm, clean water, rinse several times or as needed, then use a dry mop or wet vacuum to remove the water and allow drying.
2. Refrain from allowing pets with unclipped nails to damage your floors. It may result in severe scratching to the surface. The same is true for any high heeled shoes that do not have proper cushion tips on the heels.
3. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time. During peak sunlight hours, use drapes or blinds to minimise the direct sunlight on the floors.
Most types of floor coverings will be affected by continuous strong sunlight. To avoid an uneven appearance, please consider relocations of rugs from time to time. In addition, excessive temperatures are not good for resilient floors. Some natural ventilation or intermittent air conditioning in vacant homes should be considered.
Long term continuous inside temperatures over 35 degrees Celsius combined with strong direct sunlight will damage your flooring and can cause installation to fail.
4. Always sweep or vacuum your Admired LVT Flooring before cleaning so that all loose dirt and particles are removed. Some hand wiping may be required to remove tough spots and spills. For best results do not use combination cleaner/finish products.
5. DO NOT WAX your Admired LVT Flooring. The floor surface is very dense and non-porous which prevents wax from penetrating and thus builds up a bed for yellowing and dirt collection. The same non-porous feature also provides all the protection against wear and staining that you will need.
6. If your Admired LVT Flooring has been exposed to excessive amounts of water due to flooding, do not panic, Admired LVT Flooring is waterproof. Simply remove the water as quickly as possible. A dehumidifier should be promptly turned on in the room to reduce the moisture levels back to normal. Do not dry the room below the normal moisture level.
If flood water has access underneath from the wall edges, it is best to pull up the planks in those areas to allow the water underneath to dry and prevent mould growth.
7. Use floor mats under rolling chairs and floor protectors under heavy furniture and dining chairs/stools. Never drag furniture across vinyl flooring.

First Aid for your Admired LVT Flooring

1. To remove chewing gum, adhesive, crayon, candle wax and similar types of substances, apply ice until the unwanted substance becomes hard and brittle enough to crumble off. The residue can then be removed with mineral spirits.

2. Extra deep heel marks, caster marks etc, rub with green "Scotch-Brite pad"™.
3. For dark spots caused by ink or other chemicals, clean the spot as per previous point.

For a copy of the Care & Maintenance Guide, please visit: www.admiredflooring.com.au/care

WARRANTY

Warranty will only apply to quality issues from faulty manufacture.

- Residential Warranty period is 20 years
- Commercial Warranty period is 10 years

All planks purchased for an installation should be inspected by you or your installer. Planks that appear to be visually defective should not be installed. If visually defective planks of the Products are installed in the subject of the claimed floor, will not be claimable. If a problem occurs during installation, the job should be paused immediately. The proper redress is to report the problem to your dealer and distributor who, in turn will contact the manufacturer. Any costs caused by continued installation after the problem is reported will not be covered by the manufacturer.

This limited warranty covers manufacturing and visual defects, provided that the product is installed and maintained according to the instructions in the Installation and Maintenance Guide in effect at the time of the purchase. Planks affected with such defects will be replaced by the supply only of new planks. This warranty shall not include loss of time, inconvenience, uninstallations, removal, or reinstallation of the affected material and any other incidental or consequential damages.

This warranty is in lieu of any other warranties expressed or implied.

This warranty service is available only by notice to your distributor through the dealer from whom the purchase was made. Notification must be accompanied by a copy of the original invoice and can only be authorised by your distributor.

Warranty Conditions:

- Warranty coverage for any replacement flooring planks will be limited to the remaining time of the original warranty.
- Warranty coverage does not apply to seconds, off-quality, or "as-is" goods.
- Warranty coverage applies only to the original purchaser and the original installation site and is not transferrable.
- Warranty coverage does not apply to conditions or defects caused by improper installation, the use of improper materials during installation, or inadequate sub-flooring preparation as described in the Installation instructions.
- Warranty does not apply to floors with alkalis in the subfloor or conditions arising from hydrostatic pressure or exterior applications.
- Warranty coverage does not apply to construction-related damage.
- Warranty coverage does not apply to colour variations between samples or printed illustrations and the actual production runs.
- Warranty coverage does not apply to reduction of gloss from use or improper maintenance.
- Warranty coverage does not apply to product sold through unauthorised dealers.
- Warranty coverage does not apply to conditions caused by improper use or maintenances such as:
 - Damage that results from not following maintenance instructions
 - Scuffs, scratches, cuts, staining from rubber backed mats, or damages or discoloration from carpet dyes, fertilizer, or other chemicals.
 - Damages caused by burns, flooding, fires, and other accidents.

- Damage caused by abuse (such as dragging heavy or sharp objects across the floor without proper protection for the floor).
- Damage caused by caster wheels or vacuum cleaner beater bars.
- Failure to support furniture with floor protectors made of non-staining felt or plastic (with no sharp edges)
- Warranty coverage does not cover discoloration from heat and sunlight.

For further Warranty Conditions, please visit www.admiredflooring.com.au/install-warranty/