



1. What is glue-down flooring?

Glue-down flooring refers to a type of installation method where the flooring material is adhered directly to the subfloor using a strong adhesive.

2. What are the benefits of glue-down flooring?

- **Stability:** Glue-down flooring offers a solid, stable surface that reduces the chances of movement or shifting.
- **Durability:** This method is known for its long-lasting performance, particularly in high-traffic areas.
- **Sound Reduction:** Because the flooring is directly adhered to the subfloor, it can reduce noise and offer a quieter experience.
- **Versatility:** Suitable for various environments, including commercial and residential spaces.

3. Can glue-down flooring be installed over any subfloor?

Glue-down flooring is best installed over a clean, dry, and level subfloor. It can be installed over concrete, plywood, or even existing flooring if it meets the necessary conditions and requirements mentioned in the Installation Manual. It's important to consult with a professional to assess your specific subfloor before installation.

4. How do I prepare my subfloor for glue-down flooring?

- **Clean:** Ensure the subfloor is free of debris, dust, and grease.
- **Dry:** The subfloor must be completely dry to prevent moisture-related issues.
- **Level:** Check for any uneven areas and level them out to avoid imperfections in the final installation.
- **Repair:** Fix any cracks or holes in the subfloor before starting the installation.

5. What type of adhesive should I use?

For optimal adhesion, a waterproof, hard-setting acrylic adhesive is recommended for residential applications, while a two-part polyurethane or epoxy adhesive is suggested for commercial applications. Always perform adhesion testing to determine the compatibility of the adhesive with the substrate. If adhesion is insufficient, a primer can be utilized to improve it.

6. How long does it take for glue-down flooring to set?

The setting time can vary depending on the type of adhesive used and the environmental conditions. Typically, glue-down flooring can be walked on 72 hours after installation. Always refer to the adhesive manufacturer's guidelines for precise timing.

7. Can I install glue-down flooring myself?

While it is possible to install glue-down flooring yourself, it requires careful preparation and attention to detail. Improper installation can lead to issues such as gaps, bubbles, or uneven surfaces. Hiring a professional installer is recommended to ensure a successful and long-lasting installation.

8. How do I maintain glue-down flooring?

- **Regular Cleaning:** Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove dirt and debris.
- **Damp Mop:** Use a damp mop with a pH-neutral cleaner to clean the surface. Avoid using excessive water.



- **Protect:** Use felt pads under furniture legs and avoid dragging heavy objects across the floor. Place a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt brought into your home. Do not use mats with a latex or rubber backing since these backings can cause permanent discoloration.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Do not use abrasive cleaners, bleach or wax to maintain the floor.

9. What if my glue-down flooring gets damaged?

If your glue-down flooring gets damaged, the repair process can vary depending on the extent of the damage. Minor scratches can often be repaired with a touch-up kit. For significant damage, it may be necessary to replace the affected section of flooring by following the Plank Replacement section in the flooring Maintenance Guide. Contact a professional for an assessment and repair recommendations.

10. Can glue-down flooring be installed in moisture-prone areas?

Yes, glue-down flooring is suitable for moisture-prone areas like basements or bathrooms. However, it's crucial that the Installation Manual was strictly followed, including ensuring the subfloor is completely dry and using the appropriate adhesive to prevent moisture-related issues.