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Viva Hybrid Plank 2G Installation Instructions

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Viva Floor Coverings should be stored and installed in a climate-controlled location with an average temperature ranging between 13°-29°C. Post installation temperature range should not exceed 0°-37°C. Always store Viva Flooring panels on a flat level substrate to minimize plank distortion.

You must place your hybrid flooring in the room of installation for 24 hours prior to installation. Be sure the room temperature is between 13° to 29° degrees Celsius. Maintain this temperature during installation as well.

Note: Failures can occur when planks are exposed to extremely hot or cold temperatures prior to or during installation.

Tip: When installing your hybrid floor, be sure to keep dust, dirt, foreign particles away from the locking strip (joints). The cleaner the locking strips remains, the better the join between planks. The planks are best kept in the box until you are ready to install them.

To minimize shade variation, mix and install planks from several cartons. Inspect all planks for damage before installing. If you have any concerns about the product fit or finish, call the retailer you purchased the flooring from, prior to installation. Claims will not be accepted for flooring that has been cut to size and/or installed.

Tools Needed: Tape Measure, Utility Knife, Jigsaw/ flooring guillotine, Tapping Block or Rubber Mallet, Pull Bar, Spacers, Safety Glasses, Broom or Vacuum and, if necessary, tools for subfloor repair.

II. SUBFLOOR INFORMATION

All subfloors must be clean, flat, dry, and structurally sound. The correct preparation of the subfloor is a major part of a successful installation. Any variation in height greater than 2mm over a running 1 meter needs to be levelled. Uneven Subfloors are a key contributor to joint fatigue, leading to visible gaps and or broken end joins.

Underlay – Viva Planks comes with an integrated underlay, as such no underlay is required.

Concrete Subfloors

Floors shall be smooth, permanently dry, clean, and free all foreign material such as dust, wax, solvents, paint, grease, oils, and old adhesive residue. The surface must be hard and dense, and free from powder or flaking.

A new concrete floor must be dry at least 1 week per cm in thickness. Slabs over 4 cm should double the drying time. That is a 4cm slab should be dry for 8 weeks.

Do not install over concrete with a history of high moisture or hydrostatic conditions. The final responsibility for determining if the concrete is dry enough for installation of the flooring lies with the floor covering installer.

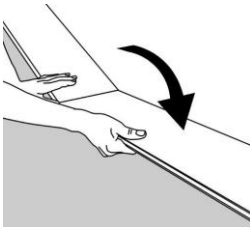
Never use solvents or citrus adhesive removers to remove old adhesive residue. Solvent residue left in and on the subfloor may affect the new floor covering.

III. INSTALLATION

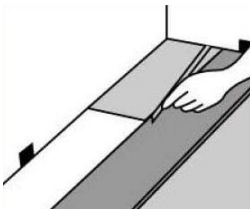
Floating Installation Only. Viva Planks are designed to be installed utilizing the floating method. Never secure Viva Planks directly to the subfloor. Do not install cabinets or fixed objects on top of the flooring.



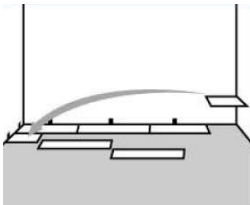
Install the first plank with spacers packed between the plank and the wall. Ensure the expansion gap is 3-5mm.



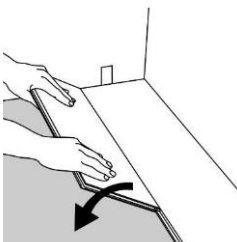
Press the short end of the next floorboard at an angle to the first one, and then lay down. Complete the first row in the same way.



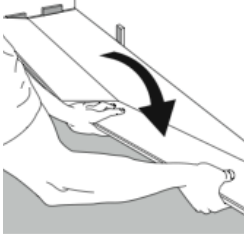
Continue this process until the wall is reached. At the end of the row put a spacer to the wall, leaving a 3-5mm gap.



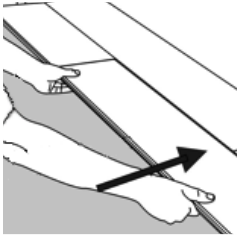
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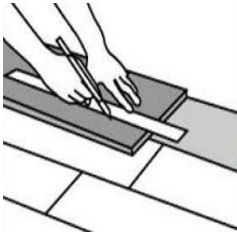
Click the second and remaining rows together rotating the boards horizontally at an angle of 20–30 Degrees. Ensure joints are staggered by at least 15cm.



Place the short end of the floorboard at an angle against the previous installed floorboard and fold down all the way.



Push to slide the plank against the row in front so it aligns with the first plank. This plank can now be folded completely down to horizontal position.



Make sure that the width of the last row is at least 5cm, and ensure that the gap around the perimeter of the floor remains at 3 – 5mm.

Never tap the end joins in place with a hammer or mallet. This will damage the end joins and void the manufacturer's warranty.

In rooms where the flooring is longer than 20m, and where widths exceed 20m, the use of an expansion joint may be required. Always remember to use expansion joints (e.g. at doorways) throughout the flooring installation, particularly between rooms.

Fill expansion gaps with use of a suitable profile or skirting. Never glue profiles to the flooring itself, you must maintain free expansion around the perimeter of Viva Flooring.

Wet Areas (Bathroom and Laundry): These areas must be independently installed from any adjoining floor installation. The area must be perimeter sealed with a quality mould resistant sealer as per building code requirements for wet areas.

Once you have completed your Viva Plank installation it is immediately ready to walk on.

General maintenance:

It is important that the floors room temperature and humidity levels are kept stable throughout its life in your house. The ideal temperature for Viva Plank is between 18-20°C.

Maintaining a well-ventilated environment, are key in maintaining your Viva Plank flooring.

Protect the finished flooring from exposure to direct sunlight to reduce fading and thermal expansion.

It is ideal to keep the surface temperature of your flooring between 18-20°C, but never exceeding 30°C. Long term continuous inside temperatures over 30 degrees Celsius combined with strong direct sunlight will damage your flooring and can cause installation to fail.

Viva Plank Flooring is not designed to be exposed to extreme temperature. It is important to note that floors exposed to such conditions may fail. Sensible protection of the flooring from such extremes, particularly in unoccupied homes, must be afforded. Measures can include curtains, awning, blinds, window tinting, and early commissioning and/or regular use of air conditioning.

Protection of the flooring from any radiant heat source should also be provided. Viva Plank Flooring should not be installed until these measures are in place and should not be installed more than 2 weeks prior to occupation of the home. It is important to understand that any warranty, expressed or implied, may be voided if the floor is exposed to extreme conditions. The same may also apply to Air-conditioned rooms.

A dry/damp maintenance regime is generally recommended for your Viva Plank flooring. This includes the use of vacuum cleaners and regular sweeping. Use of dirt trapping mats at doorways are also recommended in reducing any abrasive wear, associated with foot traffic.

Always protect your floor by use of floor protectors under tables and chairs. Use floor mats under rolling chairs and floor protectors under heavy furniture and dining chairs/stools. Never drag furniture across vinyl flooring.

While Viva Hybrid planks are Waterproof, damage caused by excessive water contamination or flooding is not covered by warranty.

Viva Plank flooring is affected by natural and artificial U.V. light. Continued exposure will cause colour change in your flooring.

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