



INSTALLATION GUIDE (WPC)

1. Tools needed

Utility knife and straight edge

Measuring tape

Shears for cutting around irregular shaped objects

1/4" spacers

Tapping block and hammer

2. Planks needed to complete your project

Measure the length and width of your room. If the room has alcoves or offsets, measure these separately. This will give you the square footage of the room. Purchase a minimum of 5% extra to cover mistakes, trimming and for future needs or replacement. Most installations require about 5% overage.

CAUTION: Do not install WPC over carpet.

3. Installation

CHECK THE PLANKS BEFORE INSTALLING THEM TO BE SURE OF APPEARANCE: The factory maintains strict quality control but it is still the installer's responsibility to make sure that all boards are acceptable and can be installed. Do not install WPC floors where it will be exposed to temperatures greater than 110° F (43°C).

CONDITION THE WPC FLOOR BEFORE INSTALLATION: You must place WPC horizontally in the room where it will be installed for 48 hours prior to installation. Room temperature and humidity of installation areas should be consistent with normal, year-round living conditions for at least one week before installation of flooring. Maintaining an optimum room temperature of 70° F/ 21 C and a humidity range of 35-60% is recommended.

The subfloor surface must be smooth, flat, dry, clean and solid. Carpet staples or adhesive residue must be removed to ensure proper installation. Sub floors should be flat within a tolerance of 1/8" (3 mm) over a span of 4 feet (1,22 m). Any unevenness over 1/8" (3mm) must be sanded down or filled with a floor leveler. Voids or humps in the subfloor will prevent WPC from locking properly.

Subfloors must be carefully checked for moisture problems. WPC is waterproof but it is NOT a water proofer; any moisture problems need to be addressed prior to installation. New concrete floors need to cure for a minimum of 60 days.

HELPFUL NOTICE: If laying WPC over existing ceramic tile it will be necessary to skim coat the grout lines with a floor leveler. If you install WPC over an existing floor that has an embossing or grout line on it, you must skim coat with a floor leveler if the embossing or grout line is greater than 1/8" (3 mm).



1. Installation should begin with a corner (right hand side) and proceed from the wall with the tongue facing out away from the wall. Allow a minimum gap of 1/8" (2-3 mm) for subfloor movement or product expansion, which should be covered by accessories. Please make sure you add a t-molding for any rooms greater than 25'ft.
2. When laying the first row in a straight line interlock the long ends by inserting the tongue into the grooves at an angle of about 15° - 20° then folding the plank so that the short end from one plank fits on top of the next plank. Continue installing in a sequential manner.
3. Make sure the seams between the planks are tight. You will feel and hear the click when locking the planks together to create a tight seam. There should be no gap visible between planks. Use a tapping block and hammer to make sure the tongue and groove engage properly together. If your seam appears not to be tight, you should immediately pull apart the planks and reinstall. Slowly lift the top plank away from the bottom plank and simply reinstall, repeating step No 2.
4. When installing WPC, it is strongly suggested to stagger the rows so that the short edge seams are not in a straight uniform line. We advise the staggered rows. (Minimum 12")
5. To start the second row with the plank in proportion. Measure and mark the plank, then using a straight edge and utility knife, score the plank and snap.
6. Interlock the plank tightly against the first row (long side) again at a 15° - 20° angle and folding down so the short end of one plank fits onto the next plank.
7. Start the third row with the plank cut at appropriate length. Again the remaining piece can be used at the opposite end of the row, if the layout of the room permits.
8. Continue this pattern for the remainder of the rows to be installed. Always place the cut end of the first plank against the wall.
9. Fitting around irregular objects is not a problem. Simply make a pattern out of heavy paper to fit around pipes or irregular objects. Place the pattern upon the plank and trace. Cut along trace lines using a utility knife or heavy-duty scissors, and lay plank. Be sure to leave a minimum of ¼" expansion space around all fixed objects, floor vents and doorframes.

Notes:

- 1- Concrete floors must be fully cured and dry. For all installations the site must be climate controlled.
- 2- The maximum run length is 7.6M (25'). For areas beyond, a transition strip must be used.
- 3-The following situations are beyond the warranty: Minor color, shade or texture variations between samples, printed color photography and the actual material.
4. Labour is not covered by warranty.



MAINTENANCE GUIDE

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. Do not allow pets with unclipped nails to damage your WPC. It may result in severe scratching to the surface. The same is true for any high-heeled shoes that do not have proper tips on the heels.
3. Long-term continuous inside temperatures over 43°C / 110 F combined with strong direct sunlight could damage your WPC and cause the installation to fail.
4. If your floor has been exposed to excessive amounts of water due to flooding 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 that existed previously.
5. When moving appliances or heavy furniture it is always suggested to use plywood panel on your floor and "walk" the item across it. We also recommend using floor protectors under furniture and placing a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt being brought in to your home.



GOODFELLOW WPC AND VINYL WARRANTIES

- Boards with visual defects should not be installed.
- Verify the production dates on each carton: should you have different batch numbers, be certain that the laminate is of same color and is compatible.
- No claims accepted on boards showing visual defects upon installation.
- **An installed flooring is considered as accepted by the consumer.**
- For cleaning, apply a laminate floor cleaner or simply use a mop using warm, clean water, rinse several times or as needed, then use a dry mop to remove the water and allow drying.
- Make sure felt pads are applied to all furniture legs.

GOODFELLOW'S LIMITED WARRANTY COVERS THE FOLLOWING

- Will not wear out - will not fade - will not stain during the warranty period
- The warranty is applied to the original purchaser and is not transferable

THE WARRANTY DOES NOT APPLY TO

- Problems due to improper installation
- Change of gloss level, dulling, scratching, cutting, scuffing, or chipping
- Damage caused by pet urine
- Problems due to accidents, abuse or improper usage.
- Discoloration due to excessive temperatures or fading from extreme sunlight.
- Damage occurring during renovation or construction.
- Labour is not covered by this warranty