

PARTERRE RIGID CORE CLICK/CLICK LUXURY VINYL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this manual is to provide general installation recommendations based on certain installation environments. If there are other questions about a specific issue not covered in this manual, please contact Parterre Technical Support by phone 888.338.1029 or email: techsupport@parterreflooring.com

BEFORE STARTING THE PROJECT

- Protect boxes during shipping, storing and handling. DO NOT drop or store on sides or ends.
- Check to verify that all cartons are labeled with the same product name, SKU and lot numbers before opening.
- Make sure your installation area is weather tight, well lit, clean, dry and fully enclosed.
- DO NOT install flooring until other tradesmen and workers have completed their work.
- Condition your Parterre Click Luxury Vinyl 48 hours before, during and after the installation. Temperature must not drop below 65°F or exceed 80°F during this time. Cartons MUST be stacked squarely on each other on a flat surface to avoid damage or distortion.

PREPARING YOUR SUBFLOOR

- Subfloor must be smooth, flat, clean, SOLID and permanently dry.
- All residual adhesive must be removed completely. Any protrusions (such as, and not limited to, nails or staples) must be removed or driven flush with the subfloor prior to the Parterre Click Luxury Vinyl installation.
- Parterre Click Luxury Vinyl is water resistant, but caution should be exercised to assure a successful installation. New concrete subfloors should cure for a minimum of 60 days and moisture levels MUST NOT exceed 85% RH or 5 lb. per 1,000 square feet using the Calcium Chloride test method with a pH reading between 6-9pH. It is the installer's responsibility for determining if the concrete is dry enough to proceed with the installation.
- Any divots, holes, voids, cracks or imperfections in the concrete must be repaired, leveled and smoothed using a high-quality Portland based patching compound only.
- Ceramic or porcelain tile grout joints may be smoothed and leveled by applying an appropriate

cementitious overlay such as a patching or leveling compound by carefully following the flooring compound manufacturer's instructions for mixing, priming, prepping and spreading the material over the ceramic or porcelain tile.

- **IMPORTANT:** Nail and screw subfloor panels with excessive vertical movement and/or deflection. If the excessive vertical movement and/or deflection is not corrected, the installation of the Parterre Click Luxury Vinyl is NOT recommended. Clearly the responsibility for identifying and correcting this problem is that of the flooring installer. Parterre's warranties DO NOT cover any deficiencies, problems or failures caused by inadequate subfloors, when the flooring is installed of substructures that are substandard.

TOOLS AND STEPS NECESSARY BEFORE INSTALLING

- 1/4" spacers for perimeter
- Framing square
- Tape measure
- Utility knife with new blades
- Undercut saw
- Plywood cutting board
- Lay out Parterre Click Luxury Vinyl so that planks are no less than half of the plank width. With tile, make sure the width at the walls is no less than 4". Ensure that in each row with tile or plank that you ALWAYS start/end with a piece at least 12" long. Stagger each row of Parterre Click Luxury Vinyl randomly at least 12" from the previous row.
- Remove all restrictive molding at the perimeter and undercut any fixed vertical surfaces so that the flooring is able to slide underneath and maintain a 1/4 expansion gap.

INSTALLATION STEPS

- Begin the installation in the left corner and work to the right. The tongue side of the Parterre Click Luxury Vinyl should be against the left starting wall and the back wall of the starting row. Maintain your 1/4"

gap using the spacers on the ends and the back of the starting row.

- Continue the installation of the Parterre Click Luxury Vinyl by inserting the next plank or tile end seam with a tongue into the first plank or tile's groove at about a 30° angle, then dropping into position once the joint is engaged. Make sure the joint is tight, square and the edges are even front to back. Finish the first row.
- To mark the cut for the last board in the first row, turn upside down with locking system away from the wall on the end. Measure the distance from the end wall allowing the 1/4" expansion gap. Using the framing square, utility knife and cutting board, make a square cut at the mark, then snap the final piece for positioning.
- Continue each row of floorboards with a random stagger by first locking the end seams of the first two planks after the starting plank has been positioned on the sides.
- Once the end seam has been engaged, then lift the two floor boards at the joint about thirty degrees off the floor and with the side seam tongue lined up with the groove. Gently pull the floorboards into final position along the lengthwise seam allowing the end seam to glide while locked towards the side seam. Then, finish by folding both planks down to the floor, making sure both end and side seams are tight without gaps.
- Continue the installation until the flooring installation is complete.
- Finish the job by installing restrictive molding, skirting, transitional moldings and/or door trim. Please make sure that your fastening of all moldings does not restrict the expansion and contraction of the flooring.

ROUTINE CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum daily. Avoid using vacuums with any type of beater bar assembly.
- Wash with a neutral cleaner using the instructions for mop and bucket or auto scrubber as it pertains to dilution ratio. Rinse with clean water. **IMPORTANT:** Use both water and cleaning solution conservatively—do not flood the surface.