

Flash Coving Flotex® Sheet Products

General Guidelines

- Flotex® Sheet products may be flash coved. Flash coving is the extension of the flooring material up the wall, usually 4" – 6".
- Pay equal attention to both wall preparation and floor preparation. The flooring material can only be as good as what it covers.

NOTE: Do not flash cove material over non-porous surfaces such as vinyl wallcoverings, marlite, HPL, epoxy paint, etc. without first making sure a secure bond can be achieved. Very porous surfaces may require the use of a primer. For additional information, refer to the **Substrate Evaluation and Preparation section** of the Forbo Installation Guide.
- Cove sticks are recommended when flash coving Flotex® Sheet products. A cove stick is used where the floor and wall meet to provide support for the back of the floor covering.
- Cove sticks can be made from a variety of material. Any type can be used provided:
 - It must have a minimum radius of 7/8".
 - It is hard and rigid. Soft, flexible types will not give adequate support for the flooring.
 - It is a material that will not stain the floor covering.
- Outside corners of the cove stick should be mitered. Inside corners can be mitered or coped.
- Cove sticks may be glued, nailed or stapled to the wall. If using nails or staples, make sure the heads are flush so they will not show through the flooring.
- Cove caps are used to finish off the top edge of the flooring material. Caps are available in metal, vinyl and rubber. The vinyl and rubber caps are available in a wide range of color. Metal caps are more durable and easier to scribe and fit the flooring to. When using metal caps, it is best to use miter cutters and form wrap around corners.
- Fastening the cove cap to the wall may be accomplished by several different methods, depending on the type of wall surface. The fastest and easiest method, which works on all wall surfaces, is double face foam tape, available through Forbo Flooring.
- Material should always be visually inspected prior to installation. If there are any questions regarding the quality of material, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services PRIOR to installation.

Any costs (including labor) associated with the replacement of material that was installed with visual defects that could have been seen prior to installation are not covered under warranty.
- Always refer to and follow the recommendations in the **General Installation Guidelines section** of the Forbo Installation Guide prior to installing Flotex® Sheet products.
- Always refer to and follow the recommendations in the **Substrate Evaluation and Preparation section** of the Forbo Installation Guide prior to installing Flotex® Sheet products.
- Beginning the installation is an implied acceptance of site conditions and liability for any failure directly related to inadequate site conditions becomes the responsibility of the installer and/or flooring contractor.
- Take pride in your work and be Professional at all times.
- **For additional information, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services at 1-800-842-7839 or www.forboflooringNA.com.**

Installation

- Use Forbo FRS 885 or L 910W adhesive with a 1/16" x 1/16" x 1/16" square notch trowel on vertical surfaces.
- Material must be placed into wet adhesive. Make sure that the material is tight to the cove stick and properly fit into the cove cap. Tuck corners into place and roll with a steel seam roller, making sure proper wet transfer has been achieved.
- Check for adhesive transfer frequently. There must be **100% wet** transfer of adhesive to the material backing in order to achieve a secure bond. 100% wet transfer is a continuous film of adhesive, when wet, on both the backing of the material and the substrate with no trace of trowel marks or ridges.
- The flooring material **must remain in contact with the adhesive while the adhesive is drying and curing.** In order to ensure continuous contact of the material and the adhesive, the natural "end curl" at the end of each cut of Marmoleum® must be addressed by massaging both before and during the installation to remove the tension caused by being rolled. Adequate massaging should enable the material to remain in contact with the adhesive but, if necessary, weight should be applied to ensure that the flooring material remains in full contact with the adhesive while the adhesive is drying.
- Immediately roll the flooring in all directions using a 100 lb. roller to ensure proper adhesive transfer. Additional rolling is required during adhesive setup to ensure that the material is flat and fully adhered.
- The flashed coved material must be immediately rolled with a steel seam roller.

Forbo's Installation Guide contains additional information and is available for download at www.forboflooringNA.com. For a hard copy, or for additional information, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services at 1-800-842-7839.