Installing Corkment Underlayment

• Always follow the **General Installation Guidelines** as described in the Forbo Installation Guide prior to installing Corkment Underlayment.

• For additional information, refer to the **Substrate Evaluation and Preparation section** of the Forbo Installation Guide.

• 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.

• Use Forbo L 885, Sustain 885m, Sustain 1195, Sustain 1299* or 660 adhesive.  
  *Forbo Sustain 1299 NOT suitable for all installations.  Refer to the Forbo Sustain 1299 datasheet for more information and contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services before installing with this adhesive.

• Use a 1/16” x 1/16” x 1/16” square notch trowel to apply the adhesive.

• Forbo Corkment Underlayment may be installed on approved substrates on all grade levels.

• Install the Corkment Underlayment with the jute side **upwards** (exposed) and the cork surface adhered to the substrate. Wherever possible, install the Corkment Underlayment at a right angle to the direction that the finished flooring will be installed. If the Corkment Underlayment and the finished flooring must be installed in the same direction, off-set the seams a minimum of 6”.

  **NOTE:** The thickness of the Corkment Underlayment which is applied must never be thicker than the gauge of the finished floor covering.

• The open time and working time of adhesives will vary depending on site conditions such as ambient temperature and humidity, the porosity of the substrate and air circulation.  A general indication of proper open time is when a light touch produces transfer of adhesive to the finger, but a firm touch will flatten and “smear” the adhesive.  For additional information, refer to the **Adhesives section** of the Forbo Installation Guide.

• Install one sheet at a time.  The adhesive should be allowed to develop body before placing the flooring material into the adhesive, but **DO NOT ALLOW THE ADHESIVE TO DRY.**  The flooring material **MUST** always be placed into **wet** adhesive and rolled immediately.

• 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.

• 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 use of a three-section wall roller or steel seam roller is required at walls, under toe kicks or anywhere the full weight of a 100 lb. roller cannot access or be applied.

• Ensure seams are **net fit** with no gaps and no fullness.  Always cut the material with a **slight** undercut.

• **DO NOT install the finished floor covering for a minimum of 24 hours after the installation of the Corkment Underlayment.**

• Do not allow heavy traffic or rolling loads for a minimum of 72 hours following the installation.  For installations over non-porous substrates, additional time may be necessary because the adhesive may take longer to cure.

• Wait a minimum of five days following the installation of the finished flooring before conducting initial cleaning.  For installations over non-porous substrates, additional time may be necessary because the adhesive may take longer to dry and cure.

Forbo’s Installation Guide contains additional information and is available for download at [www.forboflooringNA.com](http://www.forboflooringNA.com). For a hard copy, or for additional information, contact Forbo’s Product Support & Education Services at 1-800-842-7839.