

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. For a hard copy, or for additional information, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services at 1-800-842-7839.