

Installation Guidance Note: General guidance – Step products

General Advice

Subfloor preparation for, and installation of, Step should be carried out in accordance with BS8203 code of practice for the installation of resilient floor coverings. As with all resilient floor coverings, bases should be clean, smooth, sound and permanently dry.

Adhesives

For standard installations Eurocol 540 Eurosafe Special adhesive is recommended, however, if a low emission EC1 adhesive is required, Eurocol '640 Eurostar Special' may be used.

Only spread sufficient adhesive that can be covered within the specified open time.

Step should be rolled with a 68 kg roller as soon as possible after laying and within the open time of the adhesive – the open time of the adhesive will depend on site conditions and porosity of the base.

Always clean away excess adhesive with a damp cloth before it is allowed to dry.

Direction of laying

The following installation advice should be followed in relation to direction of sheet laying.

All over/Uni designs;

Surestep - Original, Star, Stone, Mineral, Laguna

Safestep - R11, R12, Aqua



Reverse installation of alternate sheet lengths is required.

Directional designs:

Surestep - Wood and Texture



Sheet lengths should be installed in the same direction. A separate guidance document is available for seaming of Forbo Surestep and Eternal wood design commercial vinyl.

The recommended installation direction for each design is also confirmed in the product brochures and packaging and printed on the underside of each roll.

Coved Skirtings

Step can be used in conjunction with standard PVC set in coved skirtings or site formed using standard techniques with a 20mm or 38mm cove former.

If site formed coving is being used for Eternal Wood designs, the optimum visual effect will be achieved by laying with a border cove either in the same design or with a contrasting uni colour /all over design.

Seam Welding

All seams should be hot welded. Matching coloured weld cables are available for the full Step range. There are 10 colours of new speckled weld cable.

Perimeter Sealing

In areas subject to wet spillages or cleaning methods the following advice should be followed:

Where the floor covering is flat laid without coved skirtings the perimeter edges should be sealed with a suitable waterproof and mould resistant flexible sealant. This should also be applied at abutments such as architraves together with any areas where pipes, etc. come up through the floorcovering.

Wet rooms

A separate guidance document is available for the installation of Step products in wet rooms.

Underfloor heating

As with all Forbo floor coverings, Step can be used in conjunction with under-floor heating systems. A separate guidance note "**Installation of Forbo PVC and Linoleum Floor Coverings on Underfloor Heating Systems**" provides more information on the conditions for installation in such circumstances.

Points to note

Newly laid floors should be protected from heavy traffic for 24 hours and from point loading and wheeled traffic for five days

Additional Reference documents/Information

Forbo Floor coverings Installation Guide. (Tel: 0800 731 2369)

BS8203:2001+A1:2009

The CFA Guide to Contract Flooring (Tel: 01159 411126)

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