

## Installing Corkment Underlayment

- Always refer to and follow the recommendations in **Forbo's General Installation Guidelines** prior to installing Corkment Underlayment.
- Always refer to and follow the recommendations in **Forbo's Substrate Evaluation and Preparation Guidelines** prior to installing Corkment Underlayment.
- 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 Sustain 1195 or Forbo 660 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.
- Store all rolls standing upright, labels up, and ensure that the color, roll and batch numbers can be easily read.
- 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 **Forbo's Adhesive Technical Data Sheets**.
- 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 General Installation Guidelines** contain additional information and are available for download at [www.forboflooringNA.com](http://www.forboflooringNA.com). For additional information, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services at 1-800-842-7839.