



Decotile is suitable for Residential and Commercial installations.

## Acclimatisation of Material Before Installation

- Remove material from packaging.
- 48 hours before installation, spread out and allow to condition in a room where installation is to take place.
- Maintain a constant temperature of 18°C - 26° C for a period of 24 hours prior to installation. This temperature should be maintained during installation and for a 24 hour period afterwards.

## Subfloor Preparation

- Install in accordance with AS/NZS1884-2013 Floor Coverings – Resilient Sheet and Tiles – Laying and Maintenance Practices.
- Subfloors must be dry, smooth, level, clean and constructed to provide a firm foundation.
- Concrete: Uneven concrete floors must be screeded and a damp proof membrane must be incorporated. Dampness tests must be completed and newly laid concrete floors must be allowed to dry out to AS/NZS1884-2013.
- A new concrete slab should be hand-trowel finished and have the necessary absorbency for the adhesive to disperse into the substrate.
- Timber: These must be firm, smooth and even. All timber floors should be completely covered with flooring grade hardboard to AS2458.
- Structural Particleboard and Chipboard: Do not lay directly over these types of substrates due to later potential movement. Always cover first with flooring grade hardboard to AS2458 and install to AS/NZS1884-2013.
- Cement Sheet: Plus similar highly absorbent underlays must be primed first with a suitable primer e.g. UZIN PE 520.
- Existing Flooring: Must be removed first and the subfloor made good before attempting to install. Paper felts must not be used.

## Installation Underfloor Heating

- It is imperative that underfloor heating systems have been previously commissioned and found to be functioning correctly before installation of the floorcovering.
- Ensure that the underfloor heating system is switched off 48 hours before installation of the floorcovering commences, and remains off for at least 48 hours after installation is completed. While the underfloor heating system is off, an alternative heating source should be provided, if required, to ensure that the installation area is kept at a constant temperature of 18-27°C.
- Gradually increase the temperature over a number of days by only a few degrees per day until the desired room temperature is reached.
- The temperature should never exceed the floorcovering industry's agreed maximum of 27°C on the underside of the floorcovering (the adhesive line).

## Installation

- Lay the planks into FRESHLY SPREAD ADHESIVE and do not allow the adhesive to tack-up to ensure maximum bond strength and eliminate peaking. (Spread Rate for UZIN KE 66 = 350grams per square metre.)
- Leave an expansion gap of 2-4mm around the perimeter of the room.
- Work in a small area at a time completing the following tasks:
  - Drop planks into place – DO NOT SLIDE THEM.
  - Use a hand roller across the whole surface of each plank.
  - Immediately wipe off any excess adhesive with a damp cloth.
- Do not use a heavy floor roller immediately to avoid oozing of adhesive.
- Lay the planks in the direction of the surface emboss. There is no pattern match.
- Lay the planks with end-joints completely at random and not closer than one plank width to each end joint for a natural appearance.
- Roll with a 30kg-40kg floor roller after adhesive has tacked-up. Repeat rolling after 90 minutes.
- All areas subject to direct sunlight or high heat (floor heaters, direct sunlight, in front of freezers/chillers and ranch sliders etc.) must be laid with UZIN KR 430 at a spread rate of 350 grams per square metre.
- Installation area must be shaded from direct sunlight during installation, i.e. by covering windows.
- Heavy traffic and wet cleaning must be deferred for 24 hours.