



INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLEXIKORK™

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

PART I -- REQUIRED MATERIALS

General: FlexiKork™ can be installed under most types of grouted and non-grouted flooring installations including ceramic tile, stone, marble, brick, pavers, hardwood, engineered wood, laminate, parquet, vinyl and carpet.

- A. FlexiKork™ (underlayment)
- B. FlexiKork™ Perimeter Isolation Strip
- C. Duct tape
- D. Carpet or utility knife

When using grouted flooring materials, such as ceramic tile, paver, brick, marble and stone, adhesive is also required.

- E. Materials for Glue-Down Method:
 - (1) A general-purpose adhesive. Select from approved adhesives listed in Part VII.
 - (2) Trowel or brush, as required by adhesive manufacturer.
 - (3) 50-75 lb. roller
- F. Materials for Thin-Set Method:
 - (1) Thin-Set Polymer Modified Mortar. Select from list in Part VII.
 - (2) Trowel, as required by mortar manufacturer.
 - (3) 50-75 lb. roller



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PART II -- SUBFLOOR PREPARATION

General: FlexiKork™ can be installed under most types of grouted and non-grouted flooring installations including ceramic tile, stone, marble, brick, pavers, hardwood, engineered wood, laminate, parquet, vinyl and carpet.

FlexiKork™ may be installed over wood, concrete and masonry-type surfaces.

A. Wood Subfloors

Wood subfloors must be a minimum 1" thick double construction. Qualify deflection according to ANSI standards, as required by the finish floor manufacturer.

B. Concrete Floors

Slabs must be covered and wet-cured for a minimum of 28 days prior to the installation of FlexiKork™

Areas that are to receive finished flooring, installed by the thin-set method, must have a wood-float finish -- true to within 1/8" (3mm) in 10' (3m) and pitched toward drains where required.

Areas requiring fill, patching or leveling must be prepared by the general contractor using Custom Building Products LevelQuik™ Self-Leveling Underlayment or LevelQuik™ Skim Coat and Patching Compound in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

C. Subfloors should be dry, clean, smooth, level and structurally sound. Subfloors must be free of dust, oil, solvent, paint, wax, oil, grease, asphalt, sealers, curing and hardening compounds, alkaline salts, old adhesive, residue and other extraneous materials according to ASTM F710.

D. If a waterproof membrane is required, specify Custom Building Products LevelQuik™ Waterproofing & Anti-Fracture Membrane.

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PART III -- PLACING AND TRIMMING FLEXIKORK™

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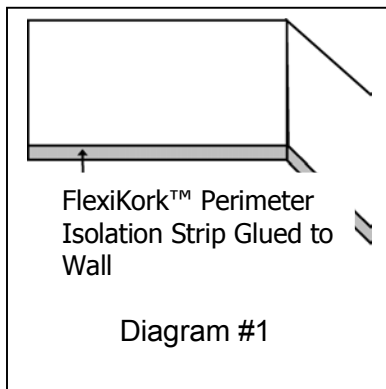
It is essential to install FlexiKork™ Isolation Strip prior to placing and trimming FlexiKork™! Do not install baseboard until finished topping is installed.



Using a chalk line, create a starting point for an edge of the material to follow.

- C. Remove the shrink-wrap from the roll of FlexiKork™ and unroll it onto the floor. Lay the material in such a way that you will use your cuts efficiently. Cut each roll to the required length.
- D. Lay the FlexiKork™ perpendicular to the subsequent installation direction of the topping material. (See **Diagram #2**)

- A. Glue the FlexiKork™ Perimeter Isolation Strip to the wall perimeter of the entire subfloor, as well as around the perimeter of any protrusions, in order to isolate or break the vibration transmission path between the floor and the wall. (See **Diagram #1**)



Glue the Perimeter Isolation Strip in place, using approved adhesive. See Part VII for list of

adhesives.

- B. Make the assumption that the walls you are butting up against are *not* square.

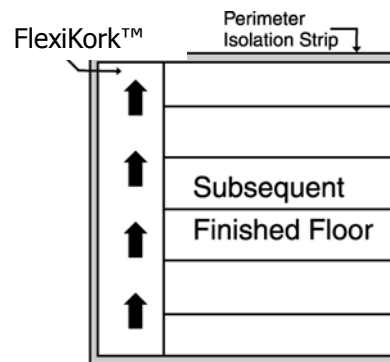


Diagram #2

- E. The ends of each section may be trimmed as necessary in order to fit the surface area to be covered.

Trim section ends to exact dimensions required (e.g. joints with walls, etc.)

- F. Maintain the required ambient conditions for adhesive application and bonding.

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PART IV – INSTALLING FLEXIKORK™

General: FlexiKork™ can be installed under most types of grouted and non-grouted flooring installations including ceramic tile, stone, marble, brick, pavers, hardwood, engineered wood, laminate, parquet, vinyl and carpet.

A. Method #1: Glue Down

Full glue-down of FlexiKork™ is only required for ceramic tile, stone and marble installations.

- (1) Roll out a section of FlexiKork™ and fold the material back halfway.
- (2) Depending on the type of adhesive used, choose a suitable applicator (see Part I) and apply the adhesive evenly over the substrate.
- (3) Lay the FlexiKork™ into the wet adhesive. Do *not* allow the material to “flop” into place. This may cause air entrapment.
- (4) Immediately roll the floor using a 50-75 lb. roller to ensure proper adhesive transfer. Overlap each roll of the roller 50% of the previous pass. Roll the width first, then the length.
- (5) Fold the second half of the roll back over the first half of the material. Spread the adhesive at right angles to the seams in order to prevent the adhesive from oozing up through the seam.
- (6) Make sure the lengthwise edge of the material is aligned exactly with that of the neighboring section. Edges must contact but *not* overlap. (See Diagram #3)

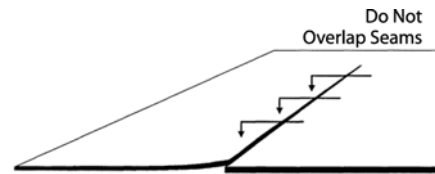


Diagram #3

- (7) Repeat procedure for the next section of FlexiKork™.
- (8) Fix problem areas (e.g. over stairs, contours and edges) in place using adhesive.

B. Method #2: Thin-Set Polymer Modified Mortar (Alternative to Method #1)

- (1) Apply specified mortar (see Part VII) as directed.
- (2) Apply only enough mortar as can be covered with FlexiKork™ within a 20-30 minute time period.
- (3) Roll FlexiKork™ into place. Once set, use a 50-75 lb. roller to set FlexiKork™ in place.

C. Method #3: Tape Down

Glue or thin-set fixing of the FlexiKork™ is not required but is recommended for non-grouted flooring material installations.

- (1) Dry lay the rolls onto the subfloor using the Placing and Trimming Method described in Part III.
- (2) Use duct tape or a high-quality carpet tape to secure the butt joints and seams.

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PART V -- INSTALLATION OF TOPPING

General: FlexiKork™ can be installed under most types of grouted and non-grouted flooring installations including ceramic tile, stone, marble, brick, pavers, hardwood, engineered wood, laminate, parquet, vinyl and carpet.

A. Plywood / Wonderboard™

- (1) The board should be glued down using an approved adhesive (see Part VII for list of adhesives).
- (2) Apply adhesive to the FlexiKork™ and the board surface simultaneously using a trowel or roller as recommended by the adhesive manufacturer's installation instructions. Only apply as much adhesive to the FlexiKork™ as can be covered by the board.
- (3) If the board is porous, a second coat may need to be applied.

Do not mechanically fasten the boards to the FlexiKork™ using nails or staples. Any hard connection may transmit vibration and, therefore, sound through to the building structure compromising the construction.

B. Vinyl

Before covering FlexiKork™ with VCT floor coverings, coat FlexiKork™ with troweled-on elastic sealing compound available from Signature Innovations, LLC

- (1) Special-order FlexiKork™ is available for vinyl applications. Consult Signature Innovations', LLC, Engineering Department for details.

C. Ceramic Tile or Stone

Before covering FlexiKork™ materials that are greater than 10mm thick (3/8" thick) with grouted floor coverings, a monolithic reinforcing layer may be required for certain FlexiKork™ types to ensure proper load distribution. Consult Signature Innovations' LLC Engineering Department for details.

- (1) Apply selected dry-set mortar (Part VII) over FlexiKork™, as directed by mortar manufacturer.
- (2) Do not spread more mortar than can be covered in a 20-30 minute time period.
- (3) Tap or beat the tile into place to ensure 90-100% coverage. Remove a tile periodically to check for adequate coverage.

D. Wood

- (1) Place and fix floor covering, carefully observing floor covering manufacturer's instructions.
- (2) Follow all manufacturers' recommendations and instructions for the adhesive cement.

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PART VI -- INSTALLATION OF BASEBOARD

General: FlexiKork™ can be installed under most types of grouted and non-grouted flooring installations including ceramic tile, stone, marble, brick, pavers, hardwood, engineered wood, laminate, parquet, vinyl and carpet.

If a baseboard is required, install the baseboard *after* the finished floor has been installed.

- A. After the finished floor is installed, trim the excess FlexiKork™ Perimeter Isolation Strip around the entire perimeter of the finished floor. (See **Diagram #4**)

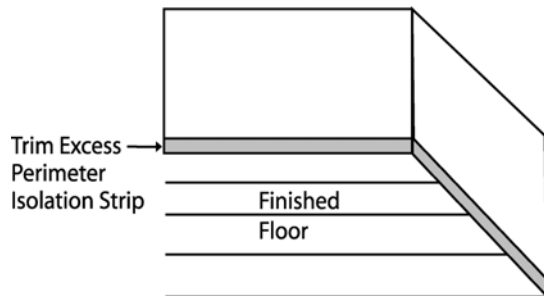
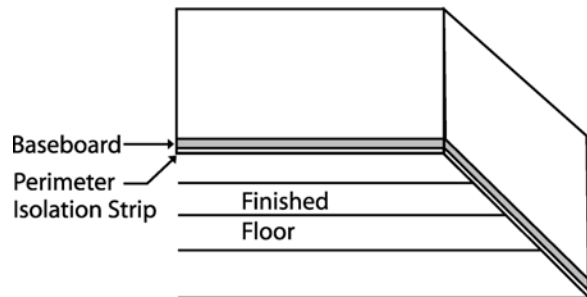


Diagram #4

- B. Nail the baseboard to the wall above the Perimeter Isolation Strip. In order to isolate or break the vibration transmission path between floor and wall, the baseboard must not touch the finished floor. (See **Diagram #5**)



Do Not Allow Baseboard To Touch Finished Floor

Diagram #5



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PART VII -- RECOMMENDED MATERIALS FOR USE WITH FLEXIKORK™

I. RECOMMENDED GENERAL-PURPOSE ADHESIVES

- A. Uzin MK-97 by Uzin Utz Germany
 - B. E-Grip II™ by Dodge-Regupol, Inc.
 - C. Synthetic Surfaces' 78H or 33C
 - D. Helmicol 3078 by Helmitin
 - E. Bostik's Best by Bostick
 - F. Chemrex 941
 - G. ParaBond M4700 by Parachem
 - H. Chapco 399
 - I. Capitol USA Fast 050
- (2) PorcelainPro – single component modified mortar
 - (3) MasterBlend™ Dry Set Mortar with Acrylic Mortar Admix – two-component setting system
 - (4) FlexBond® – high performance single-component setting system

II. RECOMMENDED GROUTED MATERIALS

- A. Multi-purpose Latex Modified High Performance Mortar. Select one (1) each for FlexiKork™ and tile installation:
 - (1) Versabond™ – single component polymer modified mortar
- G. Mortar Admixture and Grout Adhesive. Select one:
 - (1) Polyblend® – polymer modified grout available in standard or designer colors
 - (2) 100% Solids Epoxy Grout – for maximum stain and wear resistance
- H. All preparation, setting and grouting materials are to be manufactured by Custom Building Products, 13001 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, CA 90740.
- I. All materials shall be delivered to the job site in the original containers with the manufacturer's identification on each package. Unauthorized modification to any product is not permitted.