

# VersaRUBBER® Elite

## *Installation Instructions*

### UPON DELIVERY OF PRODUCT

1. **VERIFY** packing slip matches with product and order.
2. **INSPECT** delivered product thoroughly. Report any discrepancies of original order, product defects, etc. No reimbursement/ warranty claim will be given for labor on material installed with visual defects. Any defects – size, color, or otherwise – must be reported to the place of purchase prior to installation.
3. **STORE** product and adhesives in clean, dry environment with temperatures between 65 or 77 °F (18-25 °C) for a full 24 hours prior to installation.
4. **READ** product and sub-floor preparation, instructions, warranty and other disclaimers carefully and completely before beginning any installations.
5. **REVIEW** these important steps prior to installation:
  - 5.1. VersaRUBBER® Elite tiles are directional. Be mindful of the arrow on the underside of each tile. Lay tiles with arrows pointing in the same direction.
  - 5.2. Each tile is numbered and intended to be installed with the numbers running in sequence to produce the most natural looking floor.
  - 5.3. Full-spread adhesion is recommended. Always dry-fit room prior to applying adhesive.
  - 5.4. After trowelling glue, use automotive tape to hold seams together, if required. Tape can be removed after 24 hours.

#### Warning:

**DO NOT** use vulcanized rubber products in conjunction with any petroleum-based products. This includes solvents, adhesives, or sealants. All substrates (especially new concrete) must be fully cured for 45 to 60 days prior to installing rubber products.

**INTRODUCTORY NOTE:** This installation guide is intended to provide the necessary information for the proper installation of Perfect Rubber Flooring rubber tiles. These instructions are believed to be based on industry standards and are provided for informational use only.

**PERFECT RUBBER FLOORING DOES NOT WARRANTY ANY INSTALLATION PERFORMED PURSUANT TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS OR OTHERWISE AND SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS LIABILITY FOR ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR OTHER COSTS OR LOSSES RESULTING FROM INSTALLATION.** Perfect Surfaces rubber tiles should be installed by qualified and experienced personnel.

#### **RECOMMENDED TOOLS**

Measuring Tape or Ruler  
Utility Knife w/ Extra Blades  
4' Straight Edge/ Drywall Square  
Automotive Masking Tape  
Chalk Line

#### **ADHESIVE OPTIONS**

GatorTAPE – Double sided tape  
TruGlu Adhesive

#### **RECOMMENDED TOOLS FOR ADHESIVE INSTALLATION**

Rubber gloves  
Rags  
Square-Notch trowel 1/16"x1/16"x1/16" (over porous substrate) Coverage: 100-150 ft<sup>2</sup>/gal or  
U-Notch Trowel 1/16"x1/32"x1/32" (over non-porous substrates) Coverage: 150-200 ft<sup>2</sup>/ gal  
50-100 lb Linoleum roller

#### **CUTTING TIPS**

1. When using a utility knife, be sure to keep the blades sharp to aid in the cut and help reduce the possibility of injury due to dull blades.
2. Use a metal or similar straight edge that is cut proof.
3. Holding the straight edge firmly in place, score the tiles two or three times. \*\*
4. Make several more passes with the knife, working down the established cut, until the cut is complete.  
\*\* This process may be made easier by cutting the tiles on a raised surface, such as the 2 x 4 wood block used during installation. Gravity will depress the cut edge down and away from the cut and will be less likely to catch the knife blade.

#### **CURING TIMES**

**GatorTAPE and Non-adhesive:**  
Foot Traffic: Immediate

#### **TruGlu Adhesive**

##### **Indoors:**

Tack Time: 15-30 minutes  
Light Traffic: 12 hours  
Normal Traffic: 24 hours  
Heavy Duty Traffic: 72 hours

##### **Outdoors:**

Weather & humidity dependant



## ADHESIVE

Protect unopened containers from heat and direct sunshine. TruGlu must be stored at a temperature range of 65 to 77 °F (18-25 °C) for 72 hours before, during and after use. TruGlu has a shelf life of one year when stored at this temperature range.

- Wear gloves during application. TruGlu is difficult to remove from skin and clothing; if adhesive gets on skin, immediately wipe it off with a dry cloth.
- Do not apply on frozen surfaces or standing water.
- Avoid contact with water or alcohol before use and before complete cure.
- Do not use in area subject to hydrostatic head pressure.
- Do not use on wet, contaminated, or friable substrates.
- It is the user's responsibility to check the adhesion of the cured adhesive on typical test area at the project **BEFORE** application.

## CLEANING

Sweep, sponge mop or vacuum rubber flooring for everyday maintenance.

Use Neutral pH Cleaner & Degreaser with a sponge mop and water for more extensive cleaning. Please ask your sales representative for recommended cleaning agents.

**DO NOT USE Petroleum based products to clean rubber.**

## PREPARATION

### Product

VersaRUBBER® Elite tiles should reach ambient room temperature to ensure a secure, tight installation with minimal size fluctuation. Each piece should be allowed to set for a full 24 hours prior to beginning installation. This allows the product to relax and size-stabilize at the typical room temperature. Inspect the product prior to installation for measurable defects or variations.

### Sub-Surface

For best installation, any sub-surface should be reasonably flat and free of holes or variances of more than 1/8".

1. All sub-surfaces should be structurally sound and fully cured for 45 to 60 days. Test floor for vapour drive in accordance with anhydrous calcium chloride test. Vapor test should not exceed the industry standard of <3.0 lbs per 1,000 square feet in 24 hours.
2. Repair concrete and install joint sealants and fillers as necessary.
3. Mechanical surface profiling is the preferred floor preparation method. It is the only acceptable preparation method where warranties are issued.

Acid etching is not recommended. Mechanically profile the floor to medium grit sandpaper texture. Remove curing and parting compounds and other surface hardeners and floor coatings in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

### A. CONCRETE

New concrete must be allowed to cure thoroughly prior to installation (45 to 60 days). If sealants are used, **DO NOT** use one with a petroleum base. Old concrete must be repaired and have joint sealants and fillers installed as necessary. All cracks and flaws should be filled in or repaired prior covering with rubber products. Use patching material as appropriate.

### B. WOOD BASE

Wood surfaces should be completely cleaned of dirt, dust, grease, or any other foreign matter and be completely dry prior to installation. Trapped moisture may rot the wood or interfere with installation adhesives. Nails or other protrusions should be pounded down or removed, holes repaired, and surface variances within the 1/8" acceptable variance level.



## INSTALLATION

1. Assume the walls, and/or curbs are not perfectly straight or square. Begin by determining the absolute center of the area to be installed. Determine the horizontal center. Snap a chalk line. Determine the vertical center. Snap a chalk line. This will become the starting point.
2. Place full tiles along the Horizontal Center Line, while also ensuring that the tiles are square to the Vertical Center Line (Figure 1). Maneuver the VersaRUBBER® Elite tiles to lay precisely aligned within the chalk lines by tapping with a mallet and wood block. VersaRUBBER® Elite are directional tiles and have arrows on the underside showing the direction of the milling. Each tile is also numbered. Be sure that each tile in a row is installed in sequence left to right, with the arrows pointing in the same direction. This will yield the most uniform and esthetically pleasing result. In order to achieve this in a space that is not perfectly square, work backwards from the center line to the wall. (e.g., Figure 1: Tile #4 would be the first tile placed, followed by #3, and so-on until tile #1, which will likely require a cut to reach the wall.)
3. Continue in sequence until you have reached the opposite wall (Figure 2). When butting one tile up to the next, adjacent to or end-to-end, overlap joints by about ¼". Then 'walk' or 'work' the joint back with your hands to eliminate overlap and avoid adhesive being shoved into seam areas. This will help ensure tight joints without gapping. If the rubber exceeds the floor space, use a straight edge and utility knife to trim the excess length. (see cutting tips)
4. Begin laying the next row at one end of the room (Figure 3), adjacent to the first row, fine tuning placement with a 2x4 and mallet. To achieve the recommended 'brick' laying pattern, it may be necessary to cut the first and last tiles. (see cutting tips)

### Adhesive Tips

- a) Gloves are strongly recommended during application, as the TruGlu adhesive may cause skin irritation. The adhesive should be applied thinly and evenly, using one of the trowels listed above. (TruGlu will cover 100 - 200 square feet per gallon.) *Do not apply more adhesive than can be utilized within a 30 min window. In ideal temperatures there is approximately 30 mins of open time to apply the adhesive and maneuver the rubber tile onto the adhesive and position prior to curing onset.*
- b) Dry fit the entire room to ensure all tiles are compression-fit and no gaps are present, prior to applying any adhesive. Work one row at a time by removing the tiles, applying the glue, then replacing each tile (as outlined in Step 3 above). If gaps present themselves, use an automotive masking tape to hold tiles together while adhesive cures. **(Do not use duct tape as it may leave residue on surface when removed).**
- c) After the first 60 mins have passed, and the adhesive has begun to set, thoroughly roll the first row of tiles with a 50-100 lb carpet roller to assure bonding of the rubber to the adhesive. Be careful not to shift the roll outside of the chalk lines while rolling. Rolling should be done at 75 and 90 minutes after the initial placement of the tile onto the adhesive. Rolling should be done both widthwise and lengthwise. This will ensure maximum contact and ultimate bond.
- d) **ADHESIVE CLEAN UP** Before trowelling with TruGlu, cover the unused portions of the trowel with duct tape. After trowelling, tear off the tape before the material cures. Clean all tools and excess TruGlu immediately after use with mineral spirits. Use proper precautions when handling solvents. Cured adhesive can be removed by cutting with a mechanical tool. **DO NOT** allow mineral spirits to meet finished product.

Figure 1

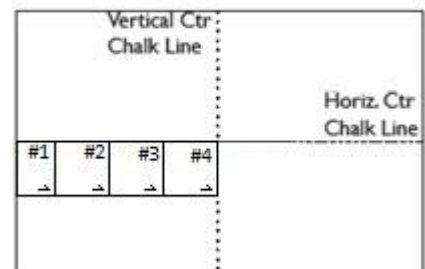


Figure 2

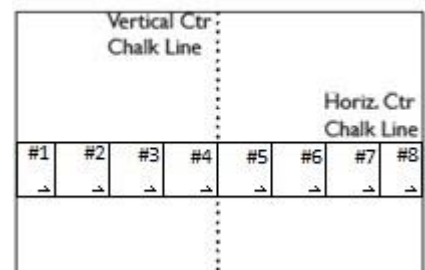
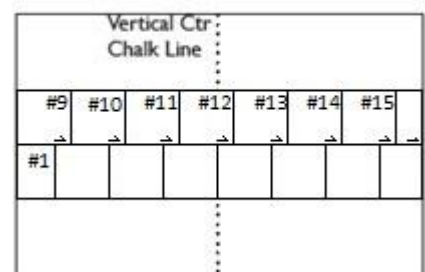


Figure 3



## PRODUCT WARRANTY

This product carries a 5-year limited warranty. (Special stipulations apply for use in equine facilities.)

Perfect Rubber Flooring will promptly investigate the claim and will make the final determination, in its sole discretion, as to whether the claimed defect is covered under this warranty.

### Information and physical evidence will be required to process any claim.

Perfect Rubber Flooring will replace the tiles and credit the customer the following amounts based on current prices at the time of replacements: 0-3 years – 100%, more than 3 but less than 4 – 75%, more than 4 but less than 5 – 50%.

Perfect Rubber Flooring warrants each segment of the system to be free from defects in material or workmanship and agrees to replace any segment (product supply only) which discloses such defects when used under normal conditions.

This remedy covers only replacement of the product, FOB Airdrie, Alberta, Canada. In the event of a Warranty Claim, contact your dealer.

This remedy is the sole and exclusive remedy available to the Original Purchaser for breach of express or implied representations or warranties with respect to the product.

## Warranty Exclusions

This warranty does not cover product failure caused by:

- Improper installation or maintenance (see installation, care and maintenance instructions) including, but not limited to, the product being installed on top of improper sub- surface preparation or improper adhesive use.
- An act of negligence, abuse, accident, misuse, including, but not limited to; vandalism, civil disobedience, act of crime, natural disaster, or the like occurs.
- Installation or issues caused by excessive moisture under VersaRUBBER® Elite tiles or water migration through concrete, etc.
- The material is used in applications/ locations other than those for which it was designed.
- Normal wear over time.
- Heavy use areas (i.e., players' benches, penalty boxes, main access to ice surface or change rooms) pivot points and other high stress areas where excessive wear will occur because of the nature of use.
- Gradual changes in colour shading due to exposure to sunlight and/or climatic conditions.
- Difference in colour/shading/flecking variations with actual samples, printed illustrations and/or previously purchased VersaRUBBER® Elite tiles.
- The sheet releases from the adhesive over time due to heavy vehicle (forklift) traffic.
- Acids, caustic materials or petroleum chemicals and the like, direct or airborne.
- Repairs, alterations, or modifications made to the surfaces without prior consultation, consent or authorization from Perfect Rubber Flooring.

### Warranty will also be void in the case where:

- The Original Purchaser fails to comply with all terms and conditions stated herein.
- The Original Purchaser denies Perfect Rubber Flooring and/or its representative access to the installed product and/or fails to cooperate in providing permission for this access.
- The original purchaser uses the product for any application other than the one it is intended for.
- Payment for the product has not been made in full.
- In the event of a Warranty Claim, proof of purchase from Perfect Rubber Flooring or a qualified dealer is necessary for the Warranty to be valid.

## Liability Limitations

The liability of Perfect Rubber Flooring for damages resulting from the use or misuse of the product shall in no event exceed the replacement cost of the product, FOB Airdrie, Alberta, Canada. In no event will Perfect Rubber Flooring be liable to the original purchaser or any third party for damages, including any lost profits, lost savings, or other consequential or incidental damages arising out of the use or inability to use the product even if Perfect Rubber Flooring and its representatives have been advised of the possibility of these damages.

If an installation is confirmed to have a legitimate warranty claim it is the responsibility of the manager(s) of the facility to secure the site and prevent its use until repairs are made and the site is returned to standard. Perfect Rubber Flooring will not be liable for any injuries, incidents or damages that occur on a warranty claim site prior to the site being remedied.

Some jurisdictions do not allow the limitation of liability for incidental or consequential damages so the above may not apply.

**Disclaimer:** Recycled rubber, as with any recycled product, can vary. Tolerances in thickness and width have been made as stringent as possible, but some variance is to be expected. Rubber's nature is to expand and contract with changes in temperature and humidity.

Perfect Rubber Flooring rubber tiles are not to be used in any manner or for purpose not expressly identified by Perfect Rubber Flooring.

