

Natural Cork®
Homogeneous Cork Tiles
Cork Classics™
Cork Colors V1
Cork Décor™

Installation Instructions

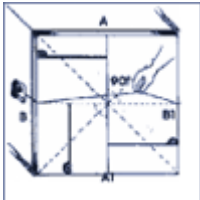
Please, read these instructions thoroughly in conjunction with relevant country standards before starting the installation.

TOOLS REQUIRED:



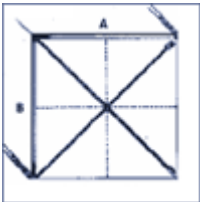
Trowel, press or roller, tape measure, craft knife, pencil, straight edge, chalk line, cloth, rubber hammer, white spirit and sanding equipment

MEASUREMENTS:



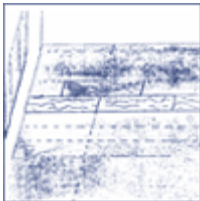
1. Find the centre of the room using a chalk line, from the middle of wall A to the middle of wall A1. Then make a line from the middle of wall B to the middle of wall B1.

Check that the intersection of the two lines forms a 90° angle.



2. If laying on the diagonal, make a mark using the chalk line from the intersection of line A and B.

The intersection of these lines will form a 45° angle.



3. Measurement check: check the room dimension by measuring or placing the tiles (without gluing) from the middle. Make sure that the widths of the tiles that will be near the wall are identical and greater than 5 cm. If necessary, repeat the previous step by drawing new parallel lines to the first ones.
4. Lay Natural Cork® Glue-down materials preferably following the direction of the main source of light.

RECOMMENDED ADHESIVE

USFCONTRACT recommend adhesives specially developed for ease of use, safety and quality of the application. For the correct use, follow the instructions on the packaging labels of each product, as well as the information from technical data sheets. Recommended adhesives for all glue down tiles is USFloors **Pro-Pack #30PK100**

THERE IS NO NEED TO PUT ADHESIVE ON THE BACK OF THE TILES. USFCONTRACT Pre-butters the tiles at our manufacturing facility to ensure excellent adhesion of each tile.

PRO-PACK FLOOR PRIMER

APPLICATIONS:

This primer is a premium, installer-grade primer used to improve adhesion on dry, dusty and porous substrates.

INSTALLATION TIPS:

- Condition the area to be installed, adhesive, primer and flooring to 65°F (18°C) or above for 48 hours before, during, and for 48 hours after installation.
- Subfloor must be smooth, sound, dry, clean, and free of dirt, wax, polish, paint, and all other foreign matter, which may interfere with a good bond including curing agents and sealers. Concrete must be dry and free of excess alkali.
- Apply with a short nap paint roller or a coarse fiber brush. Do not allow puddles to form or remain on the surface.
- Use full strength.
- Allow to dry completely, approximately 30 minutes or more.
- Clean tools with water before material dries.

BONDS:

Bonds to and improves the bond of HENRY 331 Super Patch Latex Floor Patching Compound to concrete, poured-in-place gypsum subfloors, wood and wood underlayment's, radiant-heated subfloors where the surface temperature does not exceed 85°F (29°C), and wall surfaces including wood, plaster, drywall, and masonry.

- Improves adhesion on difficult substrates
- User-friendly with improved handling characteristics and working time
- Use as an additive for HENRY® 331 Super Patch Latex Floor Patching Compound ONLY

SUBSTRATES:

The floor primer will bond as a primer to the substrates listed. Specific recommendations should come from the flooring manufacturer:

- Concrete
- Poured-in-place gypsum subfloors
- Wood and wood underlayment
- Radiant heated subfloors where the surface temperature does not exceed 85°F (29°C)
- Wall surfaces such as wood, plaster, drywall, and masonry

COVERAGE:

Apply with brush or roller 300-450 sq. ft/gal (33-50 sq. yd.gal.)

WARRANTY:

USFloors Inc. warrants that the Pro-pack Floor Primer will not break down or lose its cohesive strength due to manufacturing or formulation defects for one year subject to certain exclusions and limitations set forth in the warranty, utilized in its stated purpose and applied in accordance with the stated instructions.

WARNINGS:

Carefully read and follow all cautions and warnings on the product label. Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet for additional product information.

PRO-PACK ADHESIVE

Features

- Non-flammable in the wet state
- Post-formable and heat resistant
- Certified to GREENGUARD® Product Emission Standard For Children and Schools(SM) for low emitting interior building materials:
- Contributes to LEED™ EQ Credit 4.1: Low Emitting Materials: Adhesive and Sealants
- Water-dispersed, spray-able contact adhesives for high immediate bond strength and long bonding range.

SURFACE PREPARATION:

- Surfaces must be clean, dry and dust free.
- Wiping with a solvent such as 3M™ Scotch-Grip™ Solvent No. 3* will aid in removing oil and dirt.
- Temperature of adhesive and surfaces during fabrication should be at least 65°F (18°C).

WORKING TEMPERATURE:

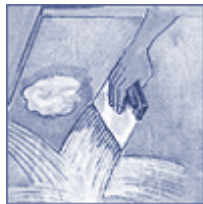
- The adhesive and both surfaces to be bonded should be 65°F (18°C) or above at the time of bonding. After storage at low temperature and before using, the adhesive must be warmed to room temperature. Do not place in oven or on stove; bring to temperature by placing in a warm room. If this is not done, the open time and other working properties of the adhesive may be adversely affected.

APPLICATION:



- Apply a uniform, generous coat of adhesive with a nylon brush, roller (texturing type), or spray. One coat is usually sufficient on most surfaces. Dull spots when dry indicate insufficient adhesive. Very porous material may require more than one coat.
- Allow adhesive to dry completely between coats. A uniform, glossy film indicates sufficient adhesive.

Coverage:



- Coverage is dependent upon porosity of the substrate and the installation method of the adhesive.
- It is important to remember that it is difficult to use too much adhesive, but you can have problems if you do not use enough. Non-porous surfaces should require only one coat, while porous surfaces may require two coats.
- Wherever you use more than one coat, be sure to let the adhesive dry completely between coats.

Note: Never thin any part of the USFCONTRACT Pro-pack contact adhesives.

Drying Time:

- Under normal temperature and humidity conditions, the Pro-pack Adhesive will dry in approximately 30 minutes. In very warm, low humidity conditions, drying may take as little as 10-15 minutes. Lower temperatures and higher humidity mean slower drying. When the adhesive coating completely loses its milky appearance and becomes clear, it is ready to bond. You have four (4) hours after the adhesive is dry in which to complete the bonding job. You can bond as soon as it is dry, but the longer you wait the stronger the initial bond will be. To speed drying, infrared heat lamps may be used. When force drying is used, assembly and bonding must be completed while one or both of the bonding surfaces are warm. If both surfaces are cold, reheat either or both before bonding. If your two surfaces do not grab onto each other immediately when brought into contact, the adhesive has dried too long or there is not enough adhesive. In either case, another coat of adhesive over each surface will remedy the problem.

Assembly:



- Position the surfaces carefully before assembly. No adjustment is possible after the adhesive films make contact. Use the paper slip-sheet method or spacers to position large pieces...
- Bonding is immediate upon contact. Sustained pressure is not required, but good uniform pressure must be applied to every square inch of the surface.



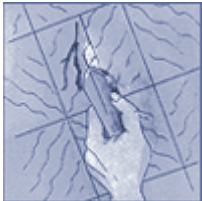
- Install the tiles from the centre along the marked line, preferably using "brick-bond" system. Place tiles side by side without pushing too tightly together.



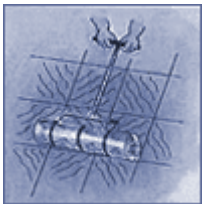
- Press each tile with the help of a rubber hammer or hand roller
- A 3 in. wide (maximum) roller with maximum body pressure can be used to help ensure adequate contact and bonding, especially on edges. Bonded assemblies may be machined, trimmed, etc. immediately after bonding.
- The use of a pinch or nip roll is preferred for optimum performance.



- Cut the tiles near the wall as indicated.



- You should always cut the tiles on the transparent side.



- The floor must be rolled with a 50-Kg roller, every 30 minutes, and upon completion of installation, to ensure that the tiles are firmly bedded into the adhesive.

CLEAN-UP:

- Remove any excess adhesive with a damp cloth.
- If adhesive has not dried, clean equipment with water containing a small amount of detergent.
- Brushes or rollers, which are to be reused, should be wrapped with plastic wrap to keep adhesive wet, as complete cleaning is difficult.

*When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources, including pilot lights, and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

** Adhesive cannot be cleaned off rollers or brushes after it has dried.

For further information and installation clarification, contact us at www.usfcontract.com or 800.250.6690