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GIGANTIC

STONE SERIES

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**INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE
BOOKLET**

Installation and Maintenance Instructions for Gigantic Stone Series

Customers or installers responsibility prior to the installation of flooring products.

It is highly recommended that all our flooring is installed by a qualified and experienced contractor.

It is the installers/customers responsibility to carry out an inspection of the delivered flooring product prior to installation to ensure the colour, grade, gloss level, structural quality and finish are acceptable. **It must also be confirmed that the correct product, as per viewed samples, has been delivered to site. If the product is deemed not acceptable, do NOT install it and contact your supplier immediately. If the product is installed it will be considered to be acceptable to the customer and the supplier will take no further responsibility.**

Gigantic Stone flooring should never be stored outdoors, or any area of potential damage. Care should be taken to store the packs flat; packs should never be lent against a wall.

Gigantic Stone flooring does not need to be climatized on site if stored within the normal temperature range of 18 to 26 degrees Celsius. If exposed to extreme temperatures outside this range for 12 hours prior to installation it is essential the product be acclimatised in the correct temperature range for 48 hours.

A extra waste factor of 5 to 10% should be ordered with the stock.

Levelling and subfloor requirements

Subfloors are to be made flat through grinding and/or levelling to the following Standards.

Gigantic Stone Series: Not to exceed 3 mm under a 1 meter straight edge.

Gigantic Stone subfloors must also be checked for high moisture prior to installation. All flooring contractors should possess moisture meters for concrete and timber sub-floors. High readings can be caused by poor drainage or leaks and will affect the finished flooring if not rectified. Although Gigantic Stone are highly resistant to moisture, it must be noted that if the subfloor is damp below the product issues such as odours and mould growth can occur.

Any Gigantic Stone substrate issue should be checked for structural integrity by a registered contractor prior to installation.

The flooring can be installed over many existing floor coverings such as ceramic tiles, PVC ties and linoleum. This flooring must be flat, level, dry and securely fixed. In the case of ceramics the grout lines must not exceed 3mm in width or depth. Grout lines can be filled with a suitable industry approved leveller if in excess of this.

Installation Instructions

Gigantic Stone Flooring can only be installed as a floating system.

The span of both the width and length of the floor should not exceed 20 x20 meters. Expansion joints should be fitted to compartmentalise a larger floor area So it can move correctly as a raft. This can be done in doorways or natural transitions from one area to another. At doorways or transitions the door jambs, or frames needs to be undercut well and all material removed for the timber floor to slide under and move freely. A gap of 1mm is recommended above the surface of the product.

As Gigantic Stone Flooring is supplied fitted with high density EVA 1mm foam underlay on the underside, the use of other underlays is not needed.

If installed in wet areas such as bathrooms and laundries the flooring should be fitted with our matching expansion joints at the entrance to the room to allow for the correct movement.

The installer must use reasonable selectivity and remove red any faulty boards that should not be laid or dock any faults to ensure the finished floor meets industry and customer standards.

As a general rule we recommend at least 8 to 10 mm expansion gap be allowed around the perimeter of a floating Hybrid floor. At no point should the flooring be in contact laterally with any solid structure. The flooring must be allowed to move independently or damage will occur, such as cupping, peaking, gapping or squeaking.

Flooring on stairs must be directly stuck with the appropriate polyurethane adhesive to the existing tread & riser, matching stair nosing to be fitted on the front edge of each step. Also please make sure that the stair nosing meets the slip test guidelines at local place.

All trims or skirting must be fitted with a 1mm clearance gap above the flooring to allow for the correct raft movement. Trims or skirting must not be fitted to the flooring product. The 1mm gap must not be caulked or siliconed in any way.

Although waterproof the product should not be installed in areas of excessive moisture such as outside areas, saunas or around pools.

After installation, if other trades are still to complete their work, a breathable protective covering should be installed over the flooring. Non breathable plastic should not be used as this will damage the product due to change of temperature and moisture. The flooring must be clean and clear of any debris prior to fitting of protection. The product must be taped using on edges with 3m Scotch Blue tape. Other tapes can cause surface damage.

It is also highly recommended that during the installation process the correct PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) is used by the installer. These include P2 rated face masks, protective glasses or face shield, steel capped boots and protective work gloves.

Maintenance Instructions

Direct sunlight can also damage Gigantic Stone Flooring. This can issues such as fading, colour changes, cracking and dimensional changes. Windows must be covered in these areas with curtains or blinds. In areas where the flooring comes into close proximity with a fire place, stove or other heating systems the Hybrid flooring can be damaged due to the excessive heat that is outside our warranty requirements.

Heavy objects such bookcases, billiard tables, kitchen units, that exceed 200kg/object area or if the load is greater than 30kg/cm² should not be placed on a floating system. Damage can occur due to incorrect expansion and lack of correct raft movement.

During maintenance or cleaning avoid household cleaners that contain bleach, abrasives or ammonia. A spray mop is the ideal cleaning tool along with the correct timber flooring cleaner. Daily cleaning should be done with a vacuum cleaner or soft broom, any sand or dirt should be immediately removed because they can cause surface scratches or damage.

Do not use Steam Mops as this can damage the flooring due to excessive direct heat.

Fit self adhesive felt pads under all your furniture straight after the floor is installed to avoid scratching or damage to the vinyl surface.

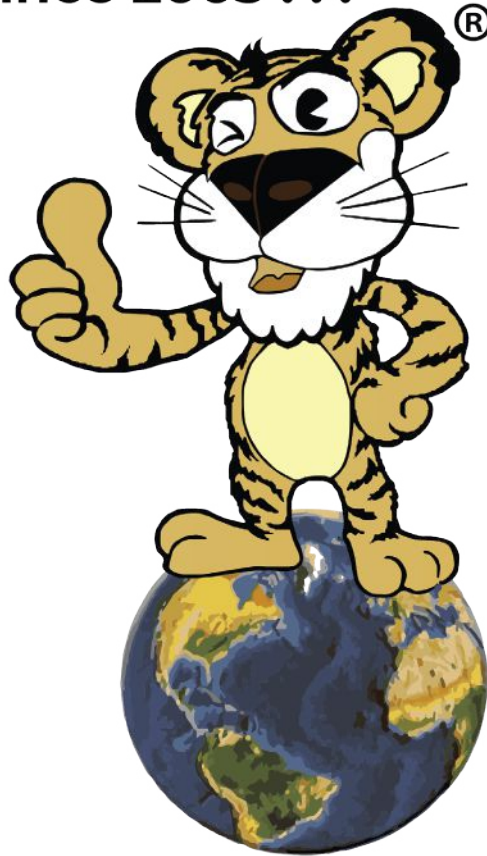
Use protective mats at all external doors to remove foreign material from your shoes to reduce the risk of scratches. Rubber based mats and protective products can leach into the flooring surface and should not be used.

Never slide or roll appliances across the floor as this will cause bruising and scratches to the surface.

Spiked heels can scratch and dent flooring product and should be avoided.

Animals nails should be trimmed to avoid damage to flooring.

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