

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## Application

Residential or Commercial

## Before You Start

Check all boxes of flooring to ensure you have the product and colour you ordered and that all boxes are from the same production lot. The material should be allowed to acclimatize at room temperature (approx. 20 °C or 68°F) for 24 hours prior to installation.

## Installation Options

### 1. TIGHT-FIT™ Method

Easy do it yourself or professional installation method when you have a nice straight wall to start and finish TIGHT-FIT™ against. Both EZGrip and EZFit can be installed as a floating floor TIGHT-FIT™ against the wall. This option requires no glue or tape. TIGHT-FIT™ means tight against the wall - NO EXPANSION GAP. If your wall is not straight, you may have to scribe your first and last row to fit imperfections in the walls.

### 2. Tape Method

Easy do it yourself method when you don't have straight walls to start and finish TIGHT-FIT™ against. Check the tape's packaging and make sure it is formulated for vinyl. Some carpet tapes may damage your floor and void the warranty. Make sure the adhesion on the tape is not compromised by dust. Apply tape all around the perimeter. If in a kitchen, it is a good idea to put an X in front of the fridge.

### 3. Perimeter-Glue Method

This is a method preferred by installers. It is faster than TIGHT-FIT™ (no scribing) and more secure than tape. Using a paint roller or a small-notched (1/16" x 1/16")



trowel apply an 8" (20cm) wide band of pressure-sensitive adhesive around the perimeter of the room. We recommend Mapei Eco 350 or Taylor 2037. Make sure you let the adhesive dry completely. You should be able to put your hand on the glued area and get no transfer on your hand before starting. Then lay the planks or tiles nice and tight together.

### 4. Full Spread Method

Only required in hospitals, doctor's and dentist offices as well as constantly moist areas such as behind bars or around pools. Apply pressure sensitive adhesive - we recommend Mapei Eco 810 or Henry's 650, on the whole floor. Make sure you let the adhesive dry completely. Same as above.

### 5. Sub-floor Method

EZGrip and EZFit can be installed over any dry, hard and flat surface. Secondary sub-floor is rarely required. You do not have to remove existing vinyl. Over ceramic tiles, fill the grout lines with a proper levelling compound. Floor must be even within 1/8" over 4'. Make sure the floor is smooth, clean, and free of wax, grease, oil or dust.

**Caution:** EZGrip and EZFit are not suitable for installation over carpet.

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## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)

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### Preparation

Room temperature should be maintained at a minimum of 18° C (64° F) and a maximum of 22° C (72° F) for 24 hours prior to installation, during installation, and after completion.

New concrete floors must be dried out (cured) for at least 28 days prior to installation. Uneven areas must be fixed by sanding smooth or by filling any humps, bumps or ridges with a proper cement based levelling compound.

When installing over radiant heat (heated floors), ensure radiant heat is turned off three hours prior to install, during installation and three hours after completion. Where moisture could be an issue, use installation method 1, 2 or 3. This will allow you to easily check for water penetration in the spring-time or after storms. If you see excessive moisture, remove the planks or tiles, dry the subfloor and put them back in. This will avoid mold growth and unpleasant smells.

### Tips:

1. Lay your planks along the longest wall and preferably toward the main source of light. It looks better.
2. Make sure you stagger your planks 8" or more in adjacent rows.
3. Avoid end seems in the same location for at least 4 rows. It looks more natural.
4. Yes, you can grout our tiles. They have to be glued down for this option. Use grout specifically formulated for vinyl tiles. Mapei has a great selection of colours widely available.

For more information on installation methods, you can contact us or find installation videos on our website: [www.ezlayflooring.com](http://www.ezlayflooring.com).

