



HOME GLUE DOWN

Installation & Maintenance Guide

Glue Down Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT)

Important Information

Please read these instructions fully before installation. Correct preparation and fitting are essential for the performance, appearance and longevity of your floor.

Inspect every plank or tile before and during installation. Do not install damaged material. Installing defective flooring constitutes acceptance of the product and may affect your warranty.

Before Installation

1. Acclimatisation

Before installation, allow the flooring to acclimatise in the room where it will be fitted. Leave packs **unopened** and laid flat in the centre of the room for **at least 48 hours**.

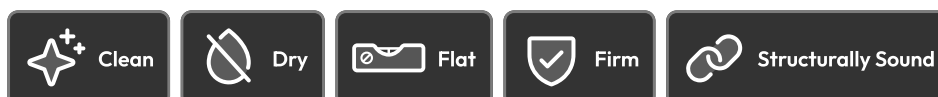
The room should be **18–27°C** and have a **relative humidity of 35–65%**.



Avoid direct sunlight during acclimatisation.

2. Subfloor Preparation

The subfloor must be:



It must also be free from:

- Dust
- Paint
- Oil
- Grease
- Adhesive residues
- Loose particles

 Glue down LVT mirrors the surface beneath it. Any imperfections left in the subfloor may show through the finished floor.

Flatness Requirements:

- **Maximum deviation:** 2mm over 2 metre
- **Maximum local deviation:** 1mm over 20cm

Where these tolerances are exceeded, apply a suitable latex smoothing compound before installation.

3. Moisture Testing

Concrete and sand/cement screeds must be moisture tested before installation.

Maximum permitted moisture:

- 75% Relative Humidity (RH)

Where readings **exceed 75% RH**, an appropriate surface damp proof membrane (DPM) must be installed before fitting. Never install onto damp subfloors.

4. Timber Subfloors

Ensure the timber subfloor:

- Is dry and stable
- Has a moisture content of **10% or below**
- Is securely fixed
- Has no movement or squeaking
- Is adequately ventilated

Uneven timber floors should be overlaid using flooring-grade plywood before installation.

5. Existing Floor Coverings

You must remove:

- ✗ Carpet
- ✗ Underlay
- ✗ Cushion vinyl
- ✗ Floating floors

Existing ceramic tiles may remain if:

- ✓ Securely bonded
- ✓ Flat
- ✓ Dry
- ✓ Smoothed using an appropriate levelling compound

6. Adhesive Selection

Always use a premium adhesive specifically recommended for Glue Down LVT

High Temperature Areas

A High Temperature (HT) adhesive must be used in:

- Conservatories
- Summerhouses
- Garden rooms
- Rooms with extensive glazing
- Areas exposed to prolonged direct sunlight

Failure to use a HT adhesive may result in:

- Flooring movement
- Bubbling
- Lifting
- Rippling
- Adhesive failure

⚠ Excessive heat may temporarily soften the vinyl, increasing susceptibility to indentation and puncture damage.

7. Tools & Accessories

Essential Tools:

- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Utility knife
- Adhesive trowel
- Straight edge
- Hand roller
- Chalk line
- Safety gloves
- Safety glasses

Pre-Installation Checklist:

- All packs are from the same product and batch where possible.
- The subfloor has been moisture tested.
- The correct adhesive has been selected.
- The layout has been planned before spreading adhesive.

Installation

Make sure planks are mixed from multiple packs during installation.

1. Plan the Layout

- Find the centre of the room.
- Snap chalk lines.
- Dry lay several rows.
- Balance perimeter cuts.

2. Apply Adhesive

- Spread adhesive using the trowel specified by the adhesive manufacturer.
- Do not spread more adhesive than can be covered within its working time.
- Observe the adhesive's recommended open time.

3. Lay the Flooring

Lay planks carefully into the adhesive.

Ensure:

- Tight joints
- No gaps
- No overlapping edges

 Remove adhesive residue immediately.

4. Roll the Floor

- Roll the completed floor using a hand roller.
- Repeat rolling after 30–60 minutes.
- This ensures full adhesive transfer.

5. Underfloor Heating

 Suitable for electric systems. Do not install over water based heating systems.

Requirements:

- Floor surface temperature must never exceed 27°C
- Heating switched off 24 hours before installation
- Recommission gradually after 48 hours

After Installation

- No heavy foot traffic for 24 hours
- Do not move furniture for 48 hours
- No wet cleaning for 72 hours
- Allow the adhesive to cure fully before use.

Cleaning & Maintenance

Daily Care

- Sweep regularly
- Vacuum using a hard floor setting
- Damp mop using a microfibre mop
- Use only pH-neutral vinyl floor cleaners

Floor Protection

- Felt pads beneath furniture
- Lift furniture—don't drag it
- Entrance mats at external doors
- Chair mats beneath castor chairs

Do NOT:

- Steam clean
- Use abrasive cleaners
- Use bleach
- Use highly acidic or alkaline products
- Apply waxes or polishes

Warranty Information

To ensure your Silvara Home Glue Down LVT warranty remains valid, follow these guidelines:

- Prepare the subfloor correctly
- Moisture test the subfloor
- Use a suitable LVT adhesive
- Use a High Temperature adhesive where required
- Follow the adhesive manufacturer's installation instructions
- Don't exceed a floor temperature over 27°C

 Failure to follow the information in this guide may void your product warranty.

Require assistance?

If you have any inquiries prior to installation, please reach out to your Silvara flooring supplier.