

# iD Elegance Compact 55

LUXURY VINYL TILES

## Installation Instructions

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### IMPORTANT!

- Make sure all specifications and instructions are followed carefully.
- Contact your Tarkett representative if you are unsure about any part of the installation.
- This information is subject to change due to continuous improvement.
- Use the same shade number for each continuous surface.
- Store the boxes in small neat piles (max. 5 boxes high).
- Let the flooring acclimatise at least 24h before laying at room temperature (minimum 15°C).
- The subfloor must be flat, level, clean, without marks (no felt pen, marker, etc.), sound, dry, solid, smooth and not exposed to moisture. Absorbency must be checked and adjusted to have moderately absorbent subfloor.
- Only use adhesives recommended by Tarkett and developed for LVT installation. Always follow the adhesive manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.

### SUBFLOOR

The subfloor must be level, flat, clean, free from marks (no felt pen, marker of any type, ballpoint pens, paint, etc., that could cause discoloration due to migration), sound, dry, solid, hard, smooth (absorbency must be checked) and not exposed to moisture.

The preparation / dryness of the subfloor and installation procedures should be in accordance with the current relevant standard within the country of use. The dryness of a solid subfloor should be below the maximum moisture level permitted when tested in accordance with that standard.

E.g. in the UK, the relative humidity of concrete surfaces must be below 75%, and less than 2% with the CCM method. In North America, ASTM F-170 recommends a water-to-cement ratio of 0.40 to 0.45.

Before selecting a smoothing compound, check what type of traffic the floorcovering will be subjected to once installed. Latex smoothing compounds are not suitable for areas that will receive heavy traffic, especially heavy, narrow wheeled traffic (see EN 12529, castors and wheels). Check levelling compound compatibility, and follow the instructions of the levelling compound manufacturer.

**Note:** exclusion of liability (adhesives, levelling compounds, etc.)

Although Tarkett may list a selection of adhesive, levelling compound and surface damp-proof membrane manufacturers and types, we do not guarantee the products listed. You can access our list of recommended adhesive [here](#).

The list of products and manufacturers is not guaranteed complete or current.

Tarkett will accept no liability for any of these products failing to perform in conjunction with any of their products. It is the responsibility of the adhesive manufacturer and flooring contractor to ensure the products being used are appropriate for use and applied in accordance with the manufacturer recommendations.

### CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION

It is important to store the planks at least 24 hours before installation at a minimum room temperature of 15°C (see each country regulations). This temperature should be maintained throughout the installation.

The minimum temperature of the subfloor should be 10-12°C and room temperature 15°C (see each country regulations). The recommended relative humidity inside the room should be 35-65% (see each country regulations).

Planks should be stored flat in their packages, in small neat piles (max. 5 boxes high).

## UNDERFLOOR HEATING

It is imperative that underfloor heating systems have been previously commissioned and found to be functioning correctly before installation of the floorcovering.

Ensure that the underfloor heating system is switched off 48 hours before installation of the floorcovering commences, and remains off for at least 48h after installation is completed. While the underfloor heating system is off, an alternative heating source should be provided, if required, to ensure that the installation area is kept at a constant temperature of 18-27°C.

Gradually increase the temperature over a number of days by only a few degrees per day until the desired room temperature is reached.

The temperature should never exceed the floorcovering industry's agreed maximum of 27°C on the underside of the floorcovering (the adhesive line).

## LAYING DIRECTION

Before starting to install tiles / planks, determine the type of laying taking into account the shape of the room and the design to be laid.

**IMPORTANT!** Before laying the first rows of tiles, check that:

- The cut tiles closest to the walls are more than 10 cm wide
- At doorways and corners, the cut tiles are not less than half of a whole tile.

### Tiles

Tiles are marked on the reverse with arrows. Tiles should be laid in a checkerboard pattern. Installation should start from the centre of the room and finish on the sides (walls).



### Planks

Stagger each row of planks to ensure that the end joints do not coincide with the previous room installed. For wooden pattern, avoid to install planks with the same design next to each other.

## GLUING

Glue with an acrylic adhesive emulsion recommended by Tarkett. Apply about 250 g/m<sup>2</sup> using the recommended trowel (A1 according TKB norm). Always follow the adhesive manufacturer's instructions and respect the adhesive drying and working time. In case of particular conditions, i.e. significant temperature variation (veranda, winter garden...) or heavy traffic, bi-component adhesive could be required.

Place the tiles or planks tight edge to edge.

After selected area installation, press manually the tiles or planks using a piece of board with a rounded edge. After manual pressing, use a heavy roller in both directions to ensure final bonding.

## AFTER INSTALLATION

**IMPORTANT!** Wait 48 to 72 hours before allowing any foot traffic or moving in furniture.

### Protection of installation

If building work is carried out after installation, the floor should always be protected by covering it with hardboard or plywood sheeting. Masking tape must not be stuck directly on the floor. Never subject a newly installed floorcovering to heavy wheeled traffic at an early stage, as this will force adhesive from beneath the floorcovering.

### Initial site clean

An initial site clean is always recommended before the new floorcovering is commissioned. Residual adhesive should be removed with methylated spirits and a clean cloth.

Lightly soiled floors: vacuum, sweep or damp mop the area to remove loose dirt and building dust. A combined machine is very effective for large areas (combined scrubber / dryer with cylindrical brushes for safety flooring).

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Modern day-room cleaning aims to reduce wet cleaning procedures and replace them with drier cleaning techniques. For example, the use of centrally laundered pre-impregnated mops and the wide application of appropriate machines. This makes work more-effective and easier for the cleaning staff, and minimizes environmental impact. Less cleaning chemicals and less fresh water are used.

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## GENERAL ADVICE

- Clean the floorcovering regularly as this is more cost effective and hygienic than occasional heavy duty cleaning.
- Always follow dosage instructions carefully.
- Wipe up any grease and split oil immediately, as it may damage the surface.
- Resilient floors are damaged by solvents.
- Black rubber wheels and rubber feet can discolour the floorcovering. All chair and table legs should have good quality feet. Felt feet are not recommended in commercial interiors. Hard plastic is preferred.
- Remember that light colours need more frequent cleaning.

## PREVENTIVE CARE



### Entrance matting

About 80% of surface soiling that has to be cleaned off is brought from the outside. And 90% of that soiling can be avoided by an effective and correctly dimensioned entrance mat. The less dirt that comes in though the entrance, the lower the maintenance requirements.

## TOPCLEAN SURFACE TREATMENT

It is a PUR reinforcement that offers good cleaning and maintenance properties, at a low initial cost.



## INITIAL SITE CLEAN

Always protect the floor with thick paper or hardboard sheeting during the construction period. After installation, always clean the new floor, vacuum, sweep or damp mop the area to remove building dust and loose dirt.

## DAILY AND REGULAR CLEANING



### Dry mopping

Remove dust and dirt with dry mop.

OR



### Vacuum cleaning

To remove dust and loose dirt. Recommended for large areas and initial site cleaning.



### Damp mopping

Use a mop dampened with water or detergent solution. It is essential that water does not stay on the floor or leave a film. The floor should be virtually dry after 15-20 seconds.

OR



### Combined machine with brush

Industrial machine-cleaning (large areas). Use diluted neutral detergent. Adjustable speed 300-500 rpm.  
Use nylon brush not white / beige pad!



### Manual brush

Brush (with medium brushes).

OR



### Rotowash with brushes

Spray diluted detergent and clean with water or water + detergent.



### Spot and stain removal

Treat stains immediately. Hand spot using a white / red nylon pad with neutral detergent (solvents should not be used). Work from the outside of the mark towards its centre. Rinse and wipe afterwards with clean water.