



## Installation and maintenance for Long Island flooring

### Fitting instructions:

#### Professional fitting

- The Unnatural Flooring Company recommends the Long Island Range to be installed by a professional flooring fitter.

#### Setting up

- Please be careful when unpacking the carpet, as sharp tools can damage the flooring.
- Please check the carpet for defects before you cut it, as once the carpet is cut and laid we cannot accept responsibility for defects and manufacturing issues.

#### Preparation

- Subfloor: Before laying the floor covering the subfloor should be checked to ensure it is in good condition. The subfloor should be clean, smooth and uniform. An uneven subfloor will have an effect on the appearance and wear of the floorcovering. If floor boards are uneven with large gaps between boards we would recommend that a minimum of 6mm ply is fitted. N.B when installing floor coverings on to concrete it is important that the subfloor is dry, use the appropriate moisture meter to check this.
- The flooring can be fitted inside or outside, with appropriate adhesives. Contact F Ball and Co Adhesives Ltd.  
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- Acclimatisation: Floor coverings should be acclimatised in the area in which they are to be laid for at least 48 hours. It is recommended that the floor covering is laid out and cut to shape, but left oversized to allow for shrinkage as the floor covering acclimatises.

#### Fitting

- We recommend cutting the edges of the carpet lengths separately to guarantee a straight edge to join.
- We recommend using a double stick method for the Long Island range. A good quality underlay such as a Cloud 9 or Duralay Durafit system is recommended. The underlay should be fixed to the subfloor and the floor covering adhered to the underlay with the appropriate adhesive.
- If joining flooring you should ask for the flooring to colour match when you order.
- For areas that require a join we always recommend the use of a good quality heat seaming tape.
- Cut approx. 2-3 cm precisely and in parallel from the roughly pre-cut edges on the right and left hand side of the length of carpet. To do this place a long roll-up steel straightedge along the edge of the carpet length. Cut along this straightedge with a sharp trapezoidal knife (such as a Delphin)
- Due to the manufacturing technique always avoid cutting head seams across the weft, however if this is unavoidable (e.g. doorways), use metal binding strips / thresholds to seal the ends down.
- Despite careful attention, the seam in a flat woven carpet can be slightly visible.
- Gripper should be fitted around the perimeter of the room leaving an appropriate gap for the floor covering to form a gully. N.B For flat woven carpets we would recommend using a blank gripper and adhere the floor covering to the gripper.
- Fresh fitted carpets have a new smell that will fade after a few days with ventilation and heating.

**Maintenance**

- Vacuum day to day with a smooth nozzle cleaner (not with rotating brushes)
- Barrier mats and door mats prevent dirt being brought on to the flooring. Remember prevention is always better than a cure. Also when specifying carpet remember darker carpets hide dirt better than light ones.
- As a rug it can be wet cleaned outside.
- Flat woven carpets are more sensitive to sharp-edged, heavy mechanical action than other products so please do not push heavy furniture on the carpet.

**Adhesives**

Permanent Bond	F44, F46, F47
Vertical	F60, F66
Heavy Duty / Wet Areas	F74, F81, F84

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