



## Installation and Maintenance for New York flooring

### Fitting Instructions

#### 1. Professional Fitting

The Unnatural Flooring Company recommends the New York Range is fitted by a professional and trained installer.

#### 2. Setting Up

Please be careful when unpacking the floorcovering as sharp tools can damage the flooring

Please check the floorcovering for defects before you cut it, as once the carpet is cut we cannot accept responsibility for defects and manufacturing issues

#### 3. Preparation

- The New York Range should be installed by stretch fit or double stick methods.
- The sub floor should be smooth, clean and dust free in accordance with British Standards BS 5325
- The flooring can be installed internally, with the use of appropriate adhesives
- Acclimatisation is recommended and the floor temperature should be above 15°. The moisture level should not exceed 75% and the room temperature should be 18°.

### Installation

- Installation should meet the necessary standards set in British Standards BS 5325
- **Dual/Twin stick to flat area's** - Blank Gripper, or pin less gripper is recommended and is to be set no more than 4mm from the skirting around the perimeter of the room.
- **Stretch fit to flat area's** - Mushroom/Antiplast gripper to be set no more than 4mm from the skirting around the perimeter of the room.
- **Adhered to a staircase** - blank gripper should be installed with a 2mm gap up to the crotch of the step and on the tread only, with the floorcovering being adhered and being tailored or pinned under the nosing.
- **Stretch Fit to a staircase** - Mushroom/Antiplast gripper should be installed spaced at 10mm from the crotch to front edge of the gripper rods, this leaves sufficient space between rods for the product to be dressed (not fully tucked) into the gripper spacing to provide a uniform crease across the crotch.
- **Gripper should be well secured** - If the floorcovering is to be adhered, a stable double stick suitable underlay is necessary; this should be glued to the subfloor as recommended by the adhesive manufacturer and not mechanically fixed.
- If the floorcovering is to be adhered, it should be bonded with a suitable adhesive to the underlay using a B1 adhesive trowel to prevent bleed through after installation.
- The use of a Speed Cat should be used to crease the floorcovering into position over the gripper, but not used to tuck the flooring.
- A Trim-Master Trimmer, set up correctly, with a hooked blade can be used for cutting in or back cutting with a knife. A tucking knife should be used to tuck the floorcovering. A Speed Cat or Bolster is not advised as they can cause fraying.
- Seams can be joined with a hot melt tape. Joins should be cut separately using heavy duty carpet shears or a suitable straight edge upon a flat and solid surface, following the stitch, place straight edge to cover the stitch so the locking stitch is kept intact, cutting with a chamfer leaving 0.5mm extra material to both sides of the join to prevent fraying of the fibres. (Do not lay lengths over each

other and cut through). It is advised a SilvaSeam is used as traditional seaming iron hot melt tapes can cause shadowing which become visible in large areas with a strong light source.

- Cross joins should be avoided.
- Seams should be sealed to avoid fraying with a cold sealer adhesive, E.g. Roberts 8015-A Seam sealer or something similar.
- If joining flooring you should ask for the flooring to colour match when you order it, as different dye lots can vary slightly.
- Floorcoverings should always be installed in the same direction.

## **Floor Protection**

A suitable entrance matt is advised. Matting prevents dirt being brought on to the flooring.

## **Adhesive Recommendation**

### **Internal**

FBall & Co F3

Mapei Ultrabond Eco Fix PS

Uzin 2428

The installer must follow the adhesive manufacturer's recommendations. Please contact them for more information or alternative adhesives for other areas.

## **Maintenance**

Vacuum daily

Bleach cleanable for spot cleaning (dilute to 10%) Do not over wet the area. Professional cleaning is recommended periodically when the floorcovering becomes soiled, by low moisture encapsulation or dry cleaning. We would recommend using an NCCA (National Carpet Cleaning Association) approved specialist.