

FLOOR & WALL TILES GENERAL INSTALLATION RECOMMENDATIONS

BASE

New premium grade underlayment plywood. (1/4" Halex, Sureply and Baltic Birch are recommended). Never apply to sheet rock or drywall.

Do not use any filler or leveling agent over large areas of plywood. Seams between sheets of plywood should be filled (Ardex Featherfinish).

Nails and screws should be flush with top of plywood, or countersunk. Holes must be filled as above instructions indicate.

Floor/wall should be level and vacuumed clean.

Open boxed tiles on site and allow tiles to acclimate for a minimum of 48 hours.

Moisture content is a major factor in a proper installation, as this varies widely in every location in all regions and times of the year.

INSTALLATION

Lay out pattern from middle of room/wall.

Use chalk line as a guide for every row of tiles in each direction. If tiles start to run off chalk line, correct the next row.

Using contact adhesive (Formica 160 Clear Water Base or WilsonArt-H2O), apply evenly to both plywood and tile base all the way to edges and corners of tile.

We recommend using a 1" wide metal wallpaper roller to apply pressure around the tiles for better adhesion.

AFTER INSTALLATION

Begin waxing (Butcher's Wax) floor/wall in small 4-5 foot sections by hand with a cotton cloth. As you finish waxing each section, buff with an electric buffer and a buffing pad (3M 4100 White Super Polish).

Repeat wax and buff several times after initial installation.

Flipping pad, re-buff for added shine.

Optional: put a terry cloth towel under buffer & go over the area for extra shine.

Wax is wet; wait 24 hours before walking on floor.

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