

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

These installation specifications are for **fully adhered** Adura® & Homestead. All recommendations are based on the most recent available information. All instructions and recommendations must be followed for a satisfactory installation.

1. The flooring should be stored and installed in climate controlled indoor locations continuously maintained between 65° - 85°F.
2. Install only after the jobsite has been cleaned and cleared of other trade apparatus that may damage a finished installation.
3. Mix and install product from several different cartons to achieve maximum variation.
4. All subfloor / underlayment patching must be done with a non-shrinking water resistant Portland cement patching compound such as Mannington MVP-2023.
5. Never install Adura & Homestead products over residual asphalt-type (cut back) adhesive. It can bleed through the new flooring. Residual asphalt-type adhesive must be completely removed and covered with underlayment plywood or Mannington latex underlayment.
6. Adura & Homestead are adhered with Mannington MT-711. MT-711 is a solvent-free, acrylic based, pressure-sensitive adhesive.

II. SUBFLOOR INFORMATION

Careful and correct preparation of the subfloor is a major part of a satisfactory installation. Roughness or unevenness of the subfloor may telegraph through the new floor covering, resulting in an unsightly surface and excessive wear on high spots.

CAUTION:

Some types of nails, such as common steel nails, cement coated or resin- or rosin-coated nails, may cause a discoloration of the vinyl floor covering. Use of only non-staining fasteners with underlayment panels. The procedure of gluing and screwing underlayment panels is not recommended. Solvent-based construction adhesives are known to stain vinyl floor coverings. All responsibility for discoloration problems caused by fastener staining or the use of construction adhesive rests with the underlayment installer.

A. Wood Subfloors

All wood floors must be suspended at least 18" above the ground. Adequate cross-ventilation must be provided, and the ground surface of a crawl space must be covered with a suitable vapor barrier. Wood subfloors directly on concrete or installed over sleeper construction are not satisfactory for installation. Wood subfloors must be covered with a minimum 1/4" or heavier underlayment rated panel to assure successful finished flooring installation.

1. All wood and wood composition panels are suitable for use under flooring providing that they are smooth, flat, structurally sound and free of deflection. This includes plywood, particleboard, oriented strand board (OSB), flakeboard, and wafer board.

2. UNDERLAYMENT:

Many times, wood panel subfloors are damaged during the construction process or are not of underlayment grade. These panels must be covered with an approved underlayment. Underlayment panels are intended to provide a smooth surface on which to adhere the finished floor covering. It must be understood that underlayment panels cannot correct structural deficiencies. Particleboard, chipboard, construction-grade plywood, any hardboard or flakeboard are not recommended for underlayment. All have inadequate uniformity, poor dimensional stability, and variable surface porosity. Mannington will not accept responsibility for adhered installation over these subfloors. In all cases, the underlayment manufacturer or underlayment installer is responsible for all underlayment warranties.

If the surface of the wood subfloor is not smooth, a 1/4" underlayment panel should be installed over the subfloor.

Any panels selected as an underlayment must meet the following criteria:

- > Be dimensionally stable
- > Have a smooth, fully sanded face so the graining or texturing will not show through
- > Be resistant to both static and impact indentation
- > Be free of any surface components that may cause staining such as plastic fillers, marking inks, sealers, etc.
- > Be of uniform density, porosity and thickness
- > Have a written warranty for suitability and performance from the panel manufacturer or have a history of proven performance

B. Concrete Subfloors

1. Concrete subfloors must be dry, smooth, and free from dust, solvent, paint, wax, grease, oil, asphalt sealing compounds and other extraneous materials. The surface must be hard and dense, and free from powder or flaking.
2. New concrete slabs must be thoroughly dry (at least six weeks) and completely cured. Curing agents, surface hardeners and other additives may cause adhesive bonding failure. These should be removed by sanding or grinding.
3. All concrete slabs must be checked for moisture before installing material. Details for moisture testing can be found on our website. The final responsibility for determining if the concrete is dry enough for installation of the flooring lies with the floor covering installer. Adura must never be installed where excessive moisture emissions may exist. Moisture emission from subfloor cannot exceed 3 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. per 24 hours as measured with the calcium chloride test. Mannington will not assume responsibility for floor covering failure due to hydrostatic pressure or moisture vapor emission. New concrete slabs must be thoroughly dry (at least six weeks) and completely cured. Although the material is not susceptible to damage from moisture, excessive subfloor moisture is an ideal breeding ground for mold, mildew and fungus. All of which can contribute to an unhealthy indoor environment. The Limited Warranties do not cover discoloration from mold or from flooding, leaking plumbing or appliances, water entering through sliding glass doors or similar conditions.
4. Holes, grooves, expansion joints and other depressions must be filled with Mannington MVP-2023 Patching & Leveling Compound (or equivalent), and troweled smooth and feathered even with the surrounding surface.
5. Concrete floors with a hydroponic radiant heating system are satisfactory, provided the temperature of the floor does not exceed 90°F at any point. Before installing the flooring, the heating system should be turned on to eliminate residual moisture.

Recommended Work Practices for Removal of Resilient Floor Coverings

WARNING: Do not sand, dry scrape, beadblast or mechanically chip or pulverize existing resilient flooring, backing, lining felt, asphaltic "cutback" adhesive or other adhesive. These products may contain asbestos fibers and/or crystalline silica. Avoid creating dust. Inhalation of such dust is a cancer and respiratory tract hazard. Smoking by individuals exposed to asbestos fibers greatly increases the risk of serious bodily harm. Unless positively certain that the product is a non-asbestos-containing material, you must presume it contains asbestos. Regulations may require that the material be tested to determine asbestos content. RFCI's Recommended Work Practices for Removal of Resilient Floor Coverings are a defined set of instructions addressed to the task of removing all resilient floor covering structures. These instructions should be consulted with each installation. The link can be found on our website.

C. Existing Floor Coverings

To achieve maximum product performance, Adura and Homestead should not be installed over existing resilient floor coverings.

1. Ceramic tile should be made smooth by applying a cementitious overlay such as patching or leveling compound.
2. In the rare cases that the removal of the existing resilient floor covering is not an option, the existing flooring must be covered with MANNINGTON MVP-2023 used as an Embossing Leveler or equivalent. Existing sheet vinyl floors should not be heavily cushioned and consist of one layer only.

III. INSTALLATION

A. Tile (including Rectangle) Layout

As with all tile formats, Adura should be "balanced" in the work area. Tiles may be laid squarely or laid out diagonally in the work area. Tiles may also be installed in a normal point to point layout or in an ashlar (staggered, brick) layout. In either case, the room must be accurately measured to square off the area and to determine the center point. Accurately measure the room to determine the center line, adjust this established line to accommodate a balanced layout and then transpose this line to the determined layout width away from the starting wall (approximately 2' to 3' wide - see Figure 1A). Apply the adhesive in this area and begin installing planks. Careful and precise measurements must be taken during tile layout. Lay all tiles in the same direction, with all directional arrows imprinted on the back of tiles pointing in the same direction (except Vibe & Linea).

For the pattern Vibe & Linea it is recommended that you quarter turn (90°) to achieve a checker board pattern. Please note that the "checker board" visual will create a variable gloss effect. This is intentional.

With the Dynasty, Corsica, Grand Canyon, Athena, Metropolis, Casa, Calypso, Oasis, and Dakota patterns, a new dimension of realism is added through V2 Technology: This new technology creates two distinctive, hand-cut visuals with variation in color and patterns, that when combined produce eight distinctly different tiles.

From an installation perspective, it is important to notice that the tiles will be packaged together and that to achieve the realistic visual, it is important to install this collection by blending cartons and paying attention to the pattern details. **DO NOT CLUSTER THE SAME TILES TOGETHER.**

B. Plank Layout

It is also important to balance the layout of the plank format. Proper planning and layout will prevent narrow plank widths at wall junctures. Determine layout to prevent having less than 1/2 of plank width or very short pieces. As with all plank products, lay the long dimension of the plank parallel to the long dimension of the work area. Accurately measure the room to determine the center line, adjust this established line to

accommodate a balanced layout and then transpose this line to the determined layout width away from the starting wall (approximately 2' to 3' wide - see Figure 1A). Apply the adhesive in this area and begin installing planks.

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Provence is a representation of an exotic wood species with variation in color and graining. The planks of variable width pattern Provence is packaged with 6", 4 1/2", and 3" widths and a standard 48" length. When installing the variable width products, the planks must be installed in a pattern of 6" then a 4 1/2" then a 3" and then another 4 1/2" wide plank. This pattern must be repeated and maintained across the room. Randomly stagger the head seams by at least 4".

C. Combinations – Tile & Plank Layout

The modularity of Adura allows for interesting and decorative combinations of tiles and planks. When determining proper layout for this custom installation, it is important to consider the dimensions of the modular "design unit" and then balance the design unit in the work area. Careful and precise measurements must be taken to ensure success with a combination design.

Note: Due to thickness variations, you cannot mix Adura & Homestead products together.

D. Adhesive Application

Mannington MT-711 adhesive is required for adhering Adura and Homestead to all approved substrates. Apply the adhesive with a 1/16" wide, 1/16" deep, and 1/16" apart-notched trowel. Begin applying adhesive at the intersection of the chalk lines; spread the adhesive in the pre-determined area. The MT-711 adhesive should be given sufficient open time so that the trowel ridges appear "cloudy" or "hazy" and the trowel "Valleys" are clear. The adhesive must be sufficiently tacky to prevent tile slippage during placement. **DO NOT ALLOW ADHESIVE TO GO TOTALLY CLEAR.**

E. Tile Installation

After the MT-711 has had sufficient open time, begin laying the tile at the intersection of the working lines. Be certain this tile is installed squarely on the lines. After the first tile is in place, begin laying tiles outward along both guide lines. Press tiles firmly against adjoining tiles and press into the adhesive.

Begin stair-stepping the tiles into the field area. Maintain the squareness of the installation by keeping tiles along guide lines. Lay all tiles in the same direction, all directional arrows pointing in the same direction. Insure that the tiles are firmly bonded to the subfloor by rolling the entire installation with a minimum of 100-pound three-section floor roller.

F. Plank Installation

After the MT-711 adhesive has had sufficient open time, begin laying planks along the designated starting line, working back to the starting wall. Plank ends should be staggered in a random manner so as to avoid clustering the end joints. Varying the length of the starting plank can assure sufficient stagger of end joints. End joints should be staggered by at least 6". Always use factory-cut ends for end joints. Pay particular attention to the randomness of the plank layout; avoid establishing a repeating pattern. Continue installing the planks in a random fashion and complete each area before beginning the next – see Figure 2A. If required, use a kneeling board to avoid walking on freshly installed planks. Insure that the planks are firmly bonded to the subfloor by rolling the entire installation with a minimum of 100-pound three-section floor roller.

G. Cutting and Fitting Border Tiles and Planks

Adura and Homestead can be cut with a large tile cutter or by using the score and snap technique. Direct or pattern scribe the flooring to fit into complicated, irregular walls or pipes, etc.

H. Grouting Adura Tile

Certain Adura and Homestead tile patterns lend themselves to the design option of applying a specially produced acrylic grout between the tiles.

Only Mannington offers three realistic Edge Treatments:

- > Rectified Edge: Mimics the look of real cut stone
- > Contoured Edge: Rounded edges that provide a softer, attractive visual
- > Tumbled Edge: a Natural, irregular edge found in many types of stone

Specific installation procedures must be followed when grouting Adura Tiles.

1. Required tools:

- > Hard-edge rubber grouting float
- > Plastic spacers
- > Dense, square-edge sponge
- > Water buckets
- > Nylon scrubbing pad
- > Tile spacers

2. Procedure

The desired grout width must be determined before tile layout begins.

It's critical to include grout width measurement to tile size to insure a balanced layout. Grout width should be at least 1/16" wide and no more than 1/4" wide. Commercially available hard-plastic, ceramic tile spacers may be used to maintain equal grout joint width.

Tiles may be grouted immediately after installation. Insure that the tiles are firmly bonded to the subfloor by re-rolling the entire installation with a minimum of 100-pound three-section floor roller just prior to grouting. Be certain to clean any debris from grout joints. Only Adura Grout may be used with Adura tiles. This pre-mixed grout has been developed to bond to tiles and is flexible and durable. Never use cement-based, so as epoxy or furan grout. Apply the grout into the tile joints with the narrow edge of the rigid rubber float. Firmly pack each tile joint to leave no voids or skips. As each tile joint is grouted, remove excess grout from tile edges with the stiff edge of the float pulled in a 45° angle across each joint. Grout only in small increments and clean each section as you go. Never apply grout in an area greater than 20 square feet before cleaning. Use a dampened nylon-scrubbing pad to loosen remaining grout from the tile surface. Wipe alongside of the joint with the nylon pad to avoid removing grout from the joint. Do not use excessive water during clean up. Use the special square edge sponge to remove the excess water and grout haze.

Be certain to wipe diagonally across tile joints to avoid dragging grout from the joint. Rinse this sponge frequently and change the cleanup water frequently. Pay particular attention when cleaning Homestead and Adura tile with tumbled edge, these products require additional care to clean completely. Thoroughly remove all residual grout and grout haze before leaving the job. Dried grout haze is difficult to remove. If a slight grout haze is noticed after 24 hours, it can be removed by scrubbing with the nylon pad and a solution of 1/4 cup of ammonia in a gallon of clean water.

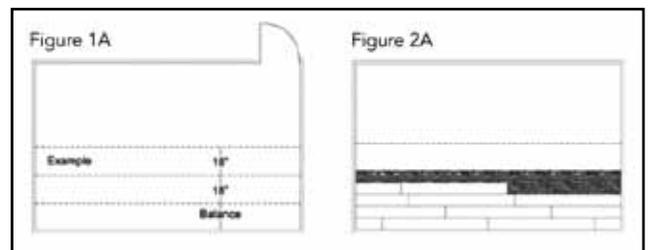
Thoroughly rinse the area with clean water. Do not use chemical grout cleaners.

If skips or voids in the grout joint are discovered after final clean-up, they can be filled by applying new grout directly over the old.

I. Finishing the Job

Adura and Homestead must be rolled with a minimum 100-pound, three-section floor roller immediately after installation. Roll the flooring in both directions to firmly seat the tile into the adhesive. Protect all exposed edges of Adura by installing wall molding and/or transition strips. Use caution to prevent the fasteners from securing the planks to the subfloor. Caulk along tubs, toilet bowls, etc.

Do not wash the floor for 48 hours after installation. After 48 hours, damp mop to remove residual surface dirt. Follow appropriate maintenance schedule for Adura.



IV. REPAIRING ADURA

Although the wear surface of Adura is durable, it is not bulletproof. Should an accident occur that damages the surface of the product, a simple repair procedure exists. The key to this process is having ample material available to replace the damaged area(s). This should be considered when placing the original order. Extra tiles and planks should be wrapped in their packaging and stored in an interior, climate-controlled location.

To remove a tile or plank, gently heat with a hot air blower to allow the material to become more flexible. Insert a thin 2" wide putty knife in the seam and gently lift up. Be careful not to damage the surrounding flooring. Remove the damaged tile or plank from the floor. When removing a tile, pay attention to the orientation of the embossed arrow on the back of the damaged piece so that the new tile can be installed in the same direction. Inspect the subfloor for lumps of residual adhesive, remove and smooth out as necessary. Using a 1/32" notched trowel, apply a thin coating of MT-711 to the back of the replacement piece. You must consider the thickness of the residual adhesive layer when determining the appropriate adhesive application to the replacement piece. Too much adhesive will cause the replacement flooring to be higher than the surrounding tile or plank. Provide sufficient open time (typically 15 minutes) and then position the tile or plank into the repair area. Roll evenly with a hand roller and, if necessary, weight the tile or plank for several hours until the adhesive sets.

If the tile was grouted, the grout must be removed and replaced during tile replacement.

V. CAUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

A. Furniture should be moved onto the newly installed floor using an appliance hand truck over hardboard runways.

B. Do not place heavy items on newly installed floor covering for at least 24 hours after completion of the installation. Heavy furniture should be equipped with suitable non-staining, wide-bearing caster or protectors. Non-staining felt protectors are recommended for table and chair legs to help prevent scratching.

C. Floor covering subjected to excessive heat and light is subject to thermal degradation. Use appropriate precautions to minimize potential effects on the floor covering.

D. Oil or petroleum-based products can result in surface staining. Do not track asphalt-driveway sealer or automobile-oil drips onto the vinyl floor covering.

E. Mats used for Adura are to be labeled "non-staining". Rubber, cocoa-backed or latex backed mats may discolor Homestead.