



## Luxury Interlocking Vinyl Flooring

### OWNERS MANUAL

#### Introduction:

#### *What makes Traviloc Luxury Vinyl so unique?*

Exceptionally realistic woodgrain designs in IRE (In register emboss)

It can be installed on firm sub floors or over existing floors.

No Messy glues or adhesives are necessary.

It looks and feels like wood but is waterproof so can be installed in moisture prone areas, which are off limits to traditional wood and laminate floors.

It has a *Ceramic Bead* wear coating for added durability. (Rated Class “T” – the highest wear rating for vinyl flooring).

Planks “Lock” together forming a floating floor.

It is quiet and warm under foot.

#### Helpful hints!!

**As pioneers of Click Vinyl Flooring in South Africa, we would like to share a few valuable lessons learnt and installation mistakes we have seen in the field.**

1. Contrary to popular belief, Vinyl will expand and contract if exposed to certain conditions. Remember – this is a **FLOATING FLOOR** i.e. Not to be fixed or pinned to the substrate in any way.

a) Minimal expansion/contraction will occur in temperature controlled environments. E.g. Virgin Active Gyms, installations inside shopping

centres etc. Large expanses can be installed without expansion profiles.

b) When exposed to continuous sunlight, E.g. installed near a large window/sliding door, the floor will expand more than normal. We highly recommend the use of a suitable End profile (available from Traviata) and take care when leaving your expansion gap around perimeter walls.

Furthermore, protect the floor during peak sunlight hours with drapes, blinds or UV filters. Avoid installing in “Sunrooms” or sites where there are unprotected glass windows.

2. Traviloc is not suited to external use/direct sunlight. A Patio that has open apertures (window with no glass) would be considered external use. Exposure to “raw” sunlight/UV will cause fading and damage the structure of the floor.

3. Traviloc is a floating floor. Listed below are a few common installation mistakes we have seen:

a) Excessive acrylic applied between the floor and the skirting board. This practice effectively glues the floor to the skirting and inhibits expansion and contraction. Gapping between planks could occur during times of climatic change (expansion/contraction).

b) Profiles glued to the floor or screwed in very tight will pin/trap the floor and inhibit expansion and contraction. Specially designed Traviloc profiles are available to avoid this situation.

c) Very heavy objects placed on top of the floor will inhibit expansion and contraction. E.g – kitchen units with a

granite top. It is advisable to install Traviloc around heavy objects.

4. Do not install Traviloc over carpet or foam/spongy underlays. Excessive joint movement can result in the locking mechanism disengaging, causing unsightly gapping in the floor.

#### Under Floor Heating

Under Floor heating can be used with Allure-Locking subject to the following conditions:

It must be the radiant type (electric or hydro), suitable for laminate flooring and be a minimum of 12,5mm below the surface.

Temperature must never exceed 30 degrees Celsius at source and 85-90% coverage of the heated area is required.

The sub floor heating must be operational for at least a week before installation to calibrate the temperature.

#### Installation Instructions:

***Condition Traviloc prior to installation.***

#### **This is particularly important during cold weather**

**conditions...** You must store Traviloc horizontally in the room / area of installation for 48 hours prior to Installation. Be sure the room temperature is between 18 and 30deg C. Do not remove the planks from the box during this period. Maintain this temperature during installation as well.