



## ***Urban Collection*** ***Grandeur Collection***

# **Installation of Traviata XL Dryback Vinyl Flooring:**

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS, CAREFULLY, BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION. IMPROPER  
INSTALLATION WILL VOID WARRANTY

### **Quick Start Guide:**

When installing TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK LVT flooring always follow the most current standards for the installation of floorcoverings, such as SANS 10070 national and local standards.

- 1- **Moisture readings tested must be as follows:**
  - Tramex- Below 3%
  - Caisson VI-D4- Below 3% using the CM Setting
- 2- **Moisture barriers are highly recommended. Moisture is the single biggest cause of failure of a glue down vinyl installation. It is suggested to document moisture readings with photographs prior to installation, in case issues occur at a later stage.**
- 3- **Self-levelled screeds are essential to a smooth finish of the substrate, ensuring a blemish free finish on the completed installation. Patching of floors is not recommended.**
- 4- **Proper subfloor preparation and use of correct subfloor materials are key essentials in attaining a successful installation. It is important that all materials are compatible and therefore we recommend adhesives, primers, moisture barriers and levelling compounds should be supplied by the same Manufacturer.**
- 5- **It is up to the installer to use the correct screed and adhesive products understanding their suitability and compatibility with the chosen Traviata flooring, substrate and environment. Should there be any product and or installation failure on these supporting products, recourse is restricted through the supporting product warranty and the installer.**
- 6- **The floor must be rolled with a 68kg roller at various stages of the installation to ensure full adhesive transfer between the substrate and flooring product.**

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## TESTING AND PREPARATION OF SUBFLOORS

- Make sure that the subfloor does not suffer from rising damp or hydrostatic pressure.
- Prior to installation the moisture content of the subfloor must be established and corrected, if necessary, refer to adhesive data sheet and instructions
- The substrate must have a minimum pull strength of 20mpa and a moisture content of < 3% reading on both the Tramex and Caisson VI-D4, according to the CM method of testing.
- It is recommended that a moisture barrier be applied, even if the moisture readings are within accepted norms as laid out by the adhesive supplier.
- Before fitting, ensure that the subfloor surface is clean, dry, even, smooth, and free from cracks. A smooth, even and absorbent surface is necessary for correct installation of TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK flooring.
- Sub-floor tolerances of no more than 3mm undulation over a 2m distance x 360 degree radius is acceptable.
- A self-levelling screed of 2-3 mm must be applied prior to the laying of resilient floorcoverings. This will ensure a blemish free finish on the surface of the completed floor.
- Follow Screed manufacturer's installation guidelines for TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK flooring over in-floor heated substrates. Maximum working temperature on the surface of the flooring is 27°C.

## INSTALLATION

When installing TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK flooring always follow current standards, such as SANS 10070. In addition, always apply current best installation practices when installing TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK flooring.

- To achieve best results, it is vital to acclimate TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK material and adhesives in the areas they are to be installed for a **minimum of 48 hours** before the installation. Keep away from heating and cooling ducts and direct sunlight.
- During installation, the minimum floor temperature should be 15°C, minimum room temperature of 18°C and a maximum relative humidity content of 65%
- Ensure that the site conditions are kept at a constant level while the adhesive achieves full bond strength.
- If installing in direct sunlight, the windows must be blocked out to avoid adhesive failure/expansion issues.
- TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK plank flooring must have **end joints offset by at least 30cm** and staggered to create a random appearance that avoids alignment of end joints.
- TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK flooring can be laid out to run either parallel or diagonal to the room or primary wall.

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- Plan the layout of the room as specified by the Architect, designer or end user. Measure the room in both directions and mark a chalk centreline, ensuring that it is square to the wall with the main doorway. You may choose to loose lay the tiles to check that no small cuts will be required around the perimeter. Make adjustments as necessary.
- The adhesive should be applied using the proper adhesive trowels recommended by the adhesive manufacturer. Trowels will also need to be replaced as they wear.
- Spread only the amount of adhesive, which can be covered within the open time. Refer to the label on the adhesive container for the open time of the adhesive.
- The amount of time in which you have to place the flooring will vary with temperature and humidity. The higher the temperature and the lower the humidity, the faster the adhesive will set. Do not use fans to force-dry adhesives.
- The main floor area should be divided into small sections leaving the perimeter tiles un-adhered until the main field area has been installed.
- When a section has been installed it should be thoroughly rolled in both directions (90°) with an articulated roller within a maximum of 30 minutes. Roll the floor as soon as conditions permit without tiles moving or adhesive bleeding to the surface.
- Roll floor again at 90 degrees to the first within 45–60 minutes depending upon site conditions.
- Early trafficking should be avoided, as this will disturb the adhesive bond.
- TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK flooring should only be installed by professional flooring installers that have demonstrated successful installations of jobs similar in size and scope.
- Tiles may be installed running in the same direction (block or staggered) or quarter turned as a herringbone pattern. Install as specified by Architect or end user.

### **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

- Sweep daily or vacuum using only vacuums without beater bars.
- Protect the floor from tracked-in-dirt and grit particles by using walk-off mats at all outside entrances.
- In order to prevent indentations and scratches, provide glass, plastic or other non-staining cups with flat under surfaces not less than 5cm wide for the legs of heavy furniture or appliances. Equip swivel-type office chairs and other rolling furniture with double-roll, Type-W-soft, non-staining casters. Remove small diameter buttons from the legs of straight chairs and replace with soft plastic or felt glider that have bearing surfaces no less than 2.5cm in diameter.
- When moving heavy fixtures or appliances over the flooring always use the proper equipment to protect it from damage.
- If necessary, scrub the floor using an auto scrubber or rotary machine (300 rpm or less) with Neutral PH Cleaner using the proper dilution ratio and the appropriate scrubbing brush or pad. Fit the buffer with a 3M equivalent red or white scrubbing pad and work the solution over the floor.

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- Protect your floor against burns. Burns from the glowing end of a cigarette, matches, or other extremely hot items can damage floors.
- Do not flood floor or subject to frequent standing water.
- Use latex backed mats. Avoid the use of rubber-backed mats as certain rubber compounds can permanently stain vinyl.
- Only use cleaning products which are designed for Luxury Vinyl Tile. Traviata neutral cleaner is recommended. **DO NOT USE any harsh / abrasive cleaners, chemicals, dish washing liquid or waxes as these will negatively impact your vinyl floor and possibly ruin the surface**
- All TRAVIATA XL DRYBACK floors have good resistance to stains and are not affected by most common spills, however any spill should be cleaned up immediately. The longer the spilled materials are left on the floor, the greater the risk of permanently staining the floor. For information regarding the proper method or solution to use on a specific stain, contact Traviata Flooring Customer Service @ 011 453 0296
- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods. During peak sunlight hours, the use of the drapes or blinds is recommended. Prolonged direct sunlight can result in discolouration, and excessive temperatures might cause planks to expand.

### Warning: Heaters / Underfloor Heating / Fireplaces

- Mobile, fixed heaters and fireplaces need to have a protective platform installed beneath them. This will prevent concentrated heat impacting the floor underneath and in front of the heat source.
- Underfloor heating. The correct under Vinyl and Laminate heating systems must be used, with a probe and thermostat set to a maximum of 27°C.



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