

INSTALLATION GUIDE

clixeal REARO®
vinyl flooring

BEFORE YOU START

The vinyl CLIXEAL pieces are normally loose laid without adhesive, although full spread gluing is also possible (if required) and recommended in areas with heavy rolling loads.

Store flat and fully supported during shipping and storage.

The vinyl click planks need to be Acclimatised

Remove material from packaging, spread out if possible and allow to condition in the room where installation is to take place at a constant temperature between 20-25°C for a period of 48 hours prior to installation.

Check the individual vinyl planks for possible defects prior to the installation. Complaints can only be accepted before installation.

Slight variations in colour and structure are designed to create a natural appearance. Mixing the sheets enhances this appearance.

Be aware that when exposed to excessive temperatures and direct sunlight the Clixéal sections may expand and contract causing problems with the locking system. Please consider these exposures when choosing your product.

Facilities where walkers, wheelchairs (ie. Residential and or extended care use, or in facilities with movement of heavy displays, racks, dentist chairs etc) may exert extreme stress and compromise the locking system.

Determine if there is a need for noise reduction.

THE SUBFLOOR

Although Clixéal is a water-resistant solution, they are not to be used as a moisture barrier. Your subfloor should be completely dry prior to installation.

Subfloors must be structurally sound, solid, stable, level, plumb.

Cracks and holes must be filled with a fast setting cement based polymer modified patching compound or equivalent. Any unevenness (over 4.7mm) must be sanded down or levelled.

The surface must be clean of dirt, oil, glue residue etc. Carpet staples or adhesive residue should be removed prior to installation. Voids or humps in the subfloor will prevent the planks from locking properly.

When installing in an apartment that requires high noise suppression between floors, we recommend using an underlayment, then proceed with your Clixéal installation.

The Clixéal sections can be installed on top of existing firm floors (Linoleum, PVC), but all existing textile floors must be removed.

MEASUREMENTS

Agree on which direction the floor boards should run since this influences the visual size ratio of the space. Installation parallel to the longest wall or the main light-source is recommended for best visual effects.

Pre-plan the floor by measuring the room first. If the width of the last row is less than 5cm, saw the first and the last section in equal width.

Snap 'A-lines' on the substrate to identify the layout reference points - sections should be set using this reference to ensure alignment and that sections will lock together correctly.

In large areas where flooring will span in excess of 13 metres long, an expansion gap should be used. Otherwise place expansion space in room-narrowing and in the door-rebate. Cover the expansion space with suitable coverings.

Clixéal is backed by our 5 Year Limited Commercial Warranty

This means that for five years, from the date of purchase, your floor will be free from manufacturing defects and will not wear through when installed and maintained according to the instructions supplied with each pack. This guarantee applies only to the original end user and proof of purchase is required for all claims. The guarantee is for replacement or refund of the material only.

Claims for wear must show a minimum damage area of 20mm. High-heeled shoes, rolling carts, furniture and chairs without protective pads can damage the floor and are not covered by this warranty.



INSTALLATION

Different production runs of Clixéal can have slight colour variations between batches. Before starting the installation, it is best to check the batch run which is indicated on the label on the packaging. If you find that you have packaging from different production runs, it is highly recommended that you open each pack and install a mix of planks from each different batch. This will result in a more natural looking floor.

Do not install Clixéal over soft subfloors such as carpet or foam underlayments.

The use of Pull bar and tapping block is recommended to ensure a successful install. The Clixéal sections provide a very tight fit. Proper care must be used to ensure all seams are tight at end of install. An unprofessional installation or use of improper tools can result in damage to the Click profiles.

First row

Diagram #1 - Start with the first sheet in the left corner of the room allowing for a 3mm gap from the wall, groove side facing out from the wall on the length and to the right on the width. Work from left to right.

Diagram #2 - Position the following sheets as an exact extension of the first one.

Cut to fit the last sheet of the row. To do this you can use a utility knife to score the surface at the appropriate point and then break the section over an edge. A laminate cutter or Mitre saw can be used as well.



Following rows

Diagram #3 - Begin the second row with the cut-off end to start the next and subsequent rows. Allow at least a 15cm stagger for end seams. For positioning the sections together, starting with the first tile in the row, raise the tile at a 45° degree angle, insert the lengthways tongue into the lengthways groove and lower the section while holding the two together until they are flat and tight together. Close the joint using hand pressure.



Diagram #4 - Lever the next section in place from the front side so that only a very short distance remains for it to be pushed into the lengthways connection.

Diagram # 5, 6, 7 - Raise the section slightly and push it into the lengthways tongue, first close to the front connection then the rest. Make sure seams are tight on ends and sides using pull bar or tapping block before proceeding.

Continue the installation to the last row of sheets, as described.

How to shorten door frames: Position a loose sheet face down close to the door frame and cut with a jamb saw.

Upon completion the flooring is immediately suitable to be used. **Nail or screw mouldings to the wall, never to the floor.**

INSTALLATION OVER RADIANT HEATED SUBFLOORS

Clixéal can also be installed on a radiant heated subfloor. Special installation instructions concerning the subfloor must be followed. Please consult REARO if you are in doubt about any point.

MAINTENANCE

Clean regularly with a damp mop with a vinyl floor cleaner such as HG Vinyl & Linoleum Clean & Shine. Do not use excessive water. Always use Chair Protectors under furniture and on chair legs. Teflon protectors are best. Clixéal do not recommend the use of felt pads.