

INSTALLATION TIPS

- Before installing **allure** ULTRA in a room, it is critical that the product be acclimated inside the house for 48 hours (or any room of installation). The temperature inside the house must be a minimum of 65 degrees and a maximum of 85 degrees during this time period and also during installation. Do not attempt to install **allure** in extreme hot or cold temperatures. This will result in voiding the warranty.
- Very easy to install. No adhesive or glue necessary.
- Use a utility knife and straight edge to cut planks. Just score and snap.
- Each plank locks to another plank, not glued to your sub-floor, using the interlocking strip.
- Simply angle one plank next to another, slide the two interlocking edges together, and press down to lock the two interlocking strips in place and form a watertight seal.
- Start against the wall, leaving a 1/8" gap between the wall and your first plank. Stagger the planks by 12".
- Clean like any other vinyl. You can use a mop. Make sure the cleaner you choose is an all-purpose liquid vinyl cleaner that is NON-ABRASIVE.
- Use NON-Rubber protective mats in front of door leading to outside.
- For areas of **allure** that come in contact with direct sunlight for extended periods of time, be sure to have shades or curtains to prevent too much heat on **allure**.
- **allure** is not recommended for non-temperature controlled homes, seasonal porches, or outdoor applications.
- Do Not use any under layment (padding) or install over carpet. It voids the warranty.

ALLURE ULTRA INSTALLATION CHECK LIST

TOOLS REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION

- UTILITY KNIFE & STRAIGHT EDGE
- MEASURING TAPE
- SHEARS FOR CUTTING AROUND IRREGULAR SHAPED OBJECTS (I.E. PIPES)
- 1/8" SPACERS

*Before you install the **allure** floor, check to make sure the following procedures/ conditions are complete.*

- Make sure the product is on the job site and that it complies with consumer's order. Check that the color and square foot quantities are correct.
- Check that the run numbers on the cartons match, so you won't have a color match issue. (Run numbers are on the stickers on the edge of the box.)
- Product has been acclimated in the room of installation for a minimum of 48 hours.
- All trades (drywall, plaster, paint, ceramic tile etc.) have completed their work.
- Temperature in the room is a minimum of 65 degrees F. Room should never exceed 85 degrees F. For more information on temperatures and **allure** floors, see page 10 - Preventative Maintenance.
- Sub Floor must be flat with 1/8" over 4' and clean of dust and debris.
- Check that the room is square. Scribe the planks in the first row with a utility knife to fit the contour of the wall (if needed).
- If laying allure over a wooden floor (plywood or hardwood), be sure to counter-sink all nails. Loose boards should be nailed down.
- Gaps of more than 1/8" deep and wide should be filled with floor leveler.

START INSTALLING ALLURE ULTRA

1. Installation should start in a corner (left hand) and proceed from the wall with the tongue facing the wall and the groove side facing you. Allow a minimum gap of 1/8" (2-3mm) for subfloor movement or product expansion, which will be covered by molding.
2. When laying the first row in a straight line, interlock the short ends by inserting the tongue into the grooves at an angle of approx. 10 to 20 degrees. Install each sequential plank on the short end (7.5") and be sure to line up evenly.
3. Be sure to keep the seams tight. You will feel and hear the click when locking the planks together to create a tight seam. There should be no gap visible between planks. If you see gaps, you can slowly lift the top plank you just placed away from the bottom plank and simply re-apply, repeating Step 2 above. Be careful not to pull the planks apart too fast or you could damage the locking strip.
4. When installing the planks, it is strongly recommended to stagger the rows so that the short edge (7.5") seams are not in a straight uniform line.
5. Start the second row with the plank cut at about 2/3 length (32"). Measure and mark the plank, then using a straight edge and utility knife, score the plank and snap.
6. Interlock the plank tightly against the first row (long side) again at a 10-20 degree angle. The next plank, interlock the short side first, leaving it slightly away from the long side and then slide into the long side.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Before laying out the floor, check the wall you are starting from and make sure it is square to the opposite wall. Simply measure the room from opposite ends of the wall to the far wall. If the measurements are different, you can make adjustments on the first row by scribing the plank.
- When cutting allure for length, be sure to always cut the short side of the plank with the groove edge. The remaining piece can then be used on the opposite side of the room, at the end of that row if layout permits.
- Baseboard molding should be fastened to the wall (after floor installation) and never to the floor.
- If a door frame has to be shortened, lay plank (face down) against the frame and mark the depth of the plank. Trim with hand saw.
- When caulking around bathroom fixtures, we recommend you use 100% mildew-resistant silicone sealant. We recommend you color match the bathroom fixture and not try to color match the allure plank when using the caulk.
- NO UNDER-LAYMENT IS NECESSARY AND WILL VOID THE WARRANTY IF USED



PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

1. Use NON-RUBBER protective mats in front of any doors. This helps prevent sand and grit from getting onto your floors. Gritty sand is any floor covering's worst enemy.
2. Install proper floor protectors (felt preferred) on all furniture legs used on resilient flooring. Protectors will allow chairs to move easily over the floor without scuffing or scratching. Clean protectors on a regular basis to remove any grit that may have become embedded on the bottom of the furniture leg. For any swivel-type office chairs and other rolling furniture, please install 2" wide non-staining flat casters. Do not use rubber casters.
3. To keep your floor looking its best, dust mop or vacuum your floor at least twice a week. Do it more often on floors with heavy traffic. Do not use a household dust cleaner of any kind as this may cause the floor to become slick or damage the finish. Simply sweep the floor as often as needed.
4. Do not allow pets with unclipped nails to damage your **allure** floor. It may result in severe scratching to the surface. The same is true for any high-heeled shoes that do not have proper tips on the heels.
5. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time. During peak sunlight hours, use drapes or blinds to minimize the direct sunlight on the **allure** floor. Most types of flooring will be affected by continuous strong sunlight. To avoid an uneven appearance, please consider relocations of any area rugs from time to time. In addition, excessive temperatures are not good for resilient floors. Some natural ventilation or intermittent air conditioning in vacant homes should be considered. Long-term continuous inside temperatures over 95° F degrees combined with strong direct sunlight will damage your **allure** floor and cause the installation to fail.

HELPFUL HINTS: To avoid yellowing from asphalt driveways or parking lots, always use doormats at entranceways.

It's a good idea to use a hard surface floor attachment when vacuuming your **allure** floor.

FIRST AID FOR YOUR FLOOR

1. You may remove chewing gum, adhesive, crayon, candle wax, and similar type substances by applying ice until it becomes brittle enough to crumble off. The residue may be removed with mineral spirits.
2. For extra deep heel marks, caster marks etc., rub with a green Scotch Brite pad dampened with **allure** One Step.
3. For moderate to heavy stains caused by long-standing water or other non-dye liquids, rub with **allure** One Step.
4. For dark spots caused by ink or other chemicals, clean spot as per #2 above. If not successful, then the affected plank should be replaced.
5. Animal and diaper stains should be treated the same as #3 above.
6. For cigarette burns (if not deep), procedure #2 above should work. If, however, they are very deep then the affected plank should be replaced.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

1. Food spills should be cleaned up as rapidly as possible with a quality liquid vinyl cleaner. Make sure the cleaner you choose is an all-purpose liquid cleaner that is NON-ABRASIVE. We do not recommend powdered cleaners, oil soaps, dishwashing detergents, or other dusting products. Try to use a non-rinsing, biodegradable cleaner that leaves no residue or haze and requires no rinsing after application.
2. If **allure** One Step is not readily available, then you may obtain it directly from homedepot.com.
3. Shoe marks and scuffs can easily be removed using a spot application of your **allure** One Step and a green Scotch Brite pad.
4. Regular household dirt can be cleaned with your **allure** One Step applied as indicated on the product label. Some hand wiping may be required to remove tough spots and spills. Always sweep or vacuum your **allure** floor before cleaning so that all loose dirt and particles are removed. For best results do not use combination cleaner/finish products.
5. Do NOT WAX YOUR **allure** FLOOR! The surface of your floor is very dense and non-porous. This prevents wax from penetrating and thus will build up a bed for yellowing and dirt collection. The same non-porous feature also provides all the protection against wear and staining that you will need. Use only **allure** One Step for heavy wear when you have experienced some loss of the original appearance over time. Your **allure** floor has been designed to be very easy to maintain, but you may prefer to add an occasional coat of the **allure** One Step to renew and protect your floor. If you cannot locate the **allure** One Step, then please ask your Home Depot representative for an equivalent low-gloss product. Additionally, the **allure** One Step is available directly from homedepot.com.
6. If your floor has been exposed to excessive amounts of water due to flooding, don't panic, **allure** is waterproof! Simply remove the water as quickly as possible with a Wet-Vac or other device and ventilate the room. A dehumidifier should be promptly turned on in the room to reduce the moisture levels back to normal. Do not dry the room below the normal moisture level that existed previously.
7. If accidental deep scratches appear on your floor then it might be necessary to replace such damaged tiles.
8. If the scratches are fine and the result of normal household use, then it is recommended to fill them with one or two coats of Matte Floor Finish.
9. If you have any questions or concerns about caring for your **allure** floor please contact Home Depot or Halstead's Consumer Hot Line at 1-866-THD-TILE ext 6.