INSTALLATION GUIDE

SELECT INTERLOCKING TILES — INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applies to: Select Interlocking Tiles

SPORT PRO SURFACING

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Maximum continuous installation area: Select Interlocking Tiles are recommended for continuous installations up to 5,000 sq ft. For anything larger, a rolled rubber flooring product is recommended instead — talk to your Sport Pro Surfacing representative about options.

REQUIRED TOOLS

- Tape measure
- Metal straight edge
- Utility knife and blades
- Framing square
- Marking paint pens or chalk
- Rubber mallet
- Push broom or vacuum

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SITE CONDITIONS

1. **Inspect all tiles for visual defects before beginning installation.** No labor claim will be honored on material installed with visual defects. Report any discrepancies to Sport Pro Surfacing before beginning installation.
2. **Take care when moving large or heavy equipment** over Select Interlocking Tiles — the modular, free-floating design of the system means equipment loads aren't fully supported the way a glued-down floor is. Plywood or other rigid sheeting can be used to better disperse the load and avoid tile buckling.
3. **8mm is the minimum approved thickness for free-weight areas.** Extra matting is suggested in these areas to reduce tile damage from repeated high-impact use.
4. **Indoor use only.** Approved temperature range is 55–75°F. Ambient temperature fluctuations outside this range can cause the floor to expand and contract, creating gaps and buckling if not maintained properly.
5. **Do not install where the flooring will be exposed to fuels, oils, solvents, chemicals, or large temperature fluctuations.**
6. **Not designed for rolling loads or commercial applications requiring full adhesion**, due to the loose-lay design. If full adhesion is required for your application, talk to your Sport Pro Surfacing representative about other recommended products.
7. **Maintain site conditions before, during, and after installation.** The installation area should be weather-tight and held at a minimum uniform temperature of 65°F (18°C) for 48 hours before, during, and after installation.
8. **Acceptable subfloors:** wood or concrete subfloors, or firmly adhered resilient flooring such as vinyl, linoleum, laminate, ceramic tile, or wood.

9. **The subfloor surface should be smooth**, to prevent irregularities, roughness, or other defects from transferring through to the new flooring.

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MATERIAL STORAGE & HANDLING

1. Store the material in its original, unopened packaging with all labels intact.
2. Inspect all materials for visual defects before beginning installation. Verify the material delivered is the correct style, color, and amount, and report any discrepancies before beginning installation.
3. Remove tiles from cartons, lay flat, and allow them to sit in the installation area at uniform room temperature for 48 hours prior to installation.

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INSTALLATION

1. **Install tiles so directional markings all face the same direction.** This is mandatory for a proper fit. A rubber mallet can help ensure the tabs sit flat from tile to tile.

> *Note: A 1/8" gap between tabs is normal and allowed, to account for expansion and contraction of the free-floating flooring.*

2. **Mix tiles from several boxes or skids** as a best practice — this randomizes any pattern or shade variation from the manufacturing process across the finished floor, rather than clustering it in one area.

WALL-TO-WALL LAYOUT

1. Sweep the area clear of all dust and loose debris.
2. Determine a starting point for the first course of tile. Because most walls aren't perfectly straight and corners aren't perfectly square, tile installation generally starts in the middle of the room: measure the width and length of the space, divide the room into 4 equal quadrants, and snap chalk lines perpendicular (90 degrees) to each other.
3. Place the first tile's edges where the two perpendicular chalk lines meet.

> *Hint: Adjust the starting point to balance the tiles side-to-side, so you don't end up with small slivers of tile against the walls.*

4. Cut the last piece to fit against the wall using a metal straight edge and a sharp utility knife. Do not compression-fit the tile against the wall — allow 1/4" around the perimeter for expansion.

AREA LAYOUT (NOT WALL-TO-WALL)

1. Lay out the tiles to the desired length and width and interlock the tabs.
2. If desired, trim the perimeter interlocking tabs from the area layout with a utility knife and metal straight edge to create a clean, straight edge.