

MEDITERRA WATER-BASED CONTACT ADHESIVE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Install Mediterra cork with Water-based Contact Adhesive, sold by Capri. Tools needed to install cork include a paint roller and tray, straight edge, utility knife, rubber mallet and 100 lb roller.

BEFORE INSTALLATION STARTS: Verify product type, size, thickness, color. Check for any visual defects.

Cork is a natural product and shade variations will occur. Tiles MUST be “shuffled” from several boxes during installation. It is the installer’s responsibility to blend shades and pull out any extreme variations. Do not install any tiles that are curled or out of square.

Any suspect defective material must be brought to the attention of your material provider. **NO CLAIMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE MATERIAL HAS BEEN INSTALLED.**

Installation of Mediterra only will be as good as the substrate it goes over.

PREPARATION OF SUBSTRATE: All substrates should be cleaned, dry, smooth, level and structurally sound. Substrate should be free of dust, solvent, paint, wax, oil, grease, sealers, old adhesives or other materials according to ASTM 710. Before installing any materials make sure that the area is completely dry and level 3/16” in 10 feet; do calcium chloride test and check for pH level. Moisture should not exceed 3 lbs/ 1000 sq ft; pH level should be 7-10.

Concrete floors: If the floor is uneven, level it with a Portland based patching compound. If the floor is new, be sure it is completely dry (several months curing is preferred). Sweep area clean.

Slab should adhere to ASTM F1869 for water vapor emissions. Cracks, expansion joints and uneven areas should be filled.

Wood floors: Wood substrates must have a minimum 18” of cross ventilated space between the bottom of the joist and the ground. Crawl spaces shall be insulated and protected by a vapor barrier. If needed, floor may be covered with 3/8” A.P.A. approved underlayment plywood.

JOB SITE CONDITIONS AND MATERIAL ACCLIMATION: All trades must be out of the area before installation begins. After installation is complete and if other trades will work in the area, appropriate protective cover should be placed on the floor. Area where flooring is to be installed should be temperature controlled between 65° and 75° F for 72 hours prior to, during and after installation. The cork and adhesive must be placed in the installation area 72 hours before starting installation to properly acclimate. The cork must remain in its cartons until installation. Cork left out of cartons for many hours or overnight may curl and should not be installed.

Always test for proper adhesion prior to proceeding with the installation.

INSTALLATION: After the substrate has been properly prepared and tiles have acclimated for 72 hours, installation can begin.

1. Stir adhesive well. Apply evenly to both the back of the cork tile and the substrate. Avoid adhesive pools.

2. The amount of adhesive used should form a film of adhesive which is evenly glossy when dried. If the tile did not get covered completely or you are unsure about coverage, a second coat can be applied after the first coat is dry. If adhesive gets on the front of tiles, it must be removed immediately with water.

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3. Cork tiles can be pre-coated prior to coating of the substrate. If this is done, once dry, the tiles can be stored front to back, in their boxes until installation.

4. On porous substrates, it might be necessary to apply a second coat of adhesive after the first has dried.

5. If tiles are pre-coated, they must be installed 60-90 minutes after substrate adhesive is dry. When both surfaces are coated on the same day, tiles must be installed 1-2 hours after adhesive is dry. Stay off adhesive as it is drying.

6. When both adhesive surfaces are completely dry and transparent, tiles can be installed. Place tiles so they fit tightly and use rubber mallet to knock into place. Roll entire floor with a 100 lb roller in two directions using a hand roller in areas where they cannot be tapped with the mallet or 100 lb roller.

7. Foot traffic is allowed on the floor upon completion. No cleaning, finishing or placement of furniture should occur for 24 hours.

POST INSTALLATION:

The initial cleaning should not take place until 24 hours after installation. This initial cleaning is very important. This cleaning is done to remove any dirt and grit from the job site.

To avoid possible damage to the flooring, the following never should be used on the floor: steel wool or abrasive brushes, abrasive or alkaline cleaners, solvents of any type.

INITIAL CLEANING:

Thoroughly sweep or vacuum flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.

The floor should be cleaned with **Capri Neutral Cleaner**. One gallon of **Capri Neutral Cleaner** cleans 1000 sq ft.

The **Capri Neutral Cleaner** is ready to use, no mixing of water for dilution is required. Apply cleaner to the floors with a mop and spread evenly, agitating heavily soiled areas.

Use a Wet Vac to remove liquid. Rinse floor with a damp mop.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:

A regular maintenance program is essential for keeping your cork floors beautiful for years/decades. The frequency of cleaning will depend on the amount of traffic and type of usage.

FLOOR CARE BASICS:

- Vacuum or sweep regularly (at least once a week). Dirt and grit which is left on the floor will abrade the floor.
- Remove spills/liquids promptly.
- Spot clean with a damp cloth as needed.
- Use mats at exterior doors. Do not allow moisture to collect under mats.
- Use protective furniture footings and pads. Use of chair pads under desks/workstations or other areas with casters are recommended.
- Do not use oils, waxes, other household cleaners on Mediterra or Eco-Clicks.
- While cork is resistant to liquid penetration, just like other wood flooring, liquids should not be poured on cork or allowed to stand on cork.

Complete Cleaning Instructions MT206 are available at capricork.com or by calling 800.492.2613.