

MEDITERRA TROWEL ON ADHESIVE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

Install Mediterra cork with MT200 Adhesive, sold by Capri. **Trowel size for MT200 is 1/16" x 1/16" x 1/16" square notch.** Other tools include a straight edge, utility knife, hand roller and 100 lb roller.

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.

An adhesive bond test should be completed in several locations across the floor. Glue down a piece of material with recommended adhesive and trowel; let it sit for 48 hours before trying to remove. It should be relatively difficult to pull the tile up in full pieces. There should be adhesive on the floor and the tile.

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.

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

1. Do not install cork over any existing floor covering.
2. Spread adhesive in a uniform semi-circular motion according to the directions on the adhesive pail. Pay close attention to spread rate, open time and working time. Environmental conditions, (i.e. temperature, humidity, direct sunlight) will affect open and working time. After troweling the

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adhesive, allow 10 minutes for the water to flash off before beginning tile installation. After the 10 minute flash period, you will have 30-45 minutes to install tiles before adhesive begins to skin over. Do not install on dried adhesive.

3. Place tiles in adhesive tightly together but do not push or slide together. If adhesive seeps through seams, either too much adhesive is being used or tiles are being pushed or slid together.

4. Periodically pick up a tile during installation to make sure proper adhesive transfer is being made. If proper transfer is not being made then the adhesive has been left open for too long. If it is necessary to work on top of the tile, use a kneeling board.

5. After 15 minutes, 30 minutes and 45 minutes, roll the floor with a 3 section 100 lb roller. Roll the floor in two directions. Hand roll all areas which cannot be reached with the large roller. Any uneven seams can be sandbagged overnight.

6. Adhesive on tiles or seams must be removed when adhesive is still wet. Removal of dry adhesive might cause damage to the tile.

7. Restrict foot traffic on the floor for at least 12 hours after installation. Do not allow heavy foot traffic, rolling loads or furniture placement on the floor for a minimum of 72 hours after the material has been installed. Heavy traffic and rolling loads can cause permanent indentations in adhesive which is not fully cured. Do not clean or finish the floor for at least 72 hours.

POST INSTALLATION:

The initial cleaning should not take place until 72 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.