

VINYL CLICK HERRINGBONE

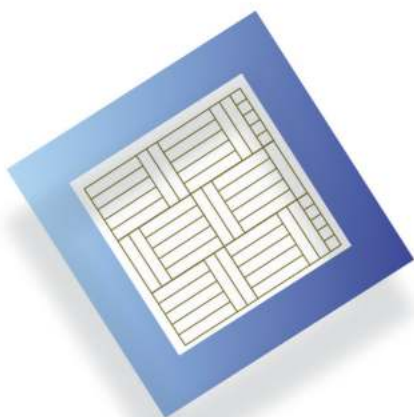




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Gerbür Vinyl Click Herringbone

is becoming one of the most popular floors to install for a variety of reasons. If you're a homeowner, property manager or business owner, Gerbür Vinyl Click Herringbone flooring may be a great option for your next project!



Classic Grey Oak

GB-HRB-01

Floors are the arguably the most important aspect of interior décor - and you simply can't go wrong with Classic Grey Oak from the high-quality Gerbür Vinyl Click range.

This herringbone style floor features a realistic ash wood effect, offering you the appeal of natural timber without worrying about the effort and expense of caring for real wood.

This Uni-Clic floating floor is effortless to install and comes with a 25-year residential guarantee. All this considered, you'd be hard pressed to find a better value floor.



Soft Classic Oak

GB-HRB-02

Turn your home or office into a sanctuary with Soft Classic Oak from the high-quality Gerbür Vinyl Click range. The soft, gentle tones and soothing geometric pattern of this herringbone style floor creates a calming atmosphere.

This is perfectly complemented by the organic wood grain effect, offering you the beauty of natural timber without the hassle of caring for real wood. This Uni-Clic floating floor is quick and easy to install and comes with a 25-year residential guarantee.



Reclaimed Oak

GB-HRB-03

Hit refresh with this stunning Reclaimed Oak effect flooring from the highly popular Gerbür Vinyl Click range. It looks just like a real timber floor, yet there's no need to guard against scratches and scrapes.

This high-quality vinyl floor is extremely easy to maintain and it's designed to stay gorgeous for years - no sanding and polishing required! This Uni-Clic floating floor is swift to install and comes with a 25-year residential guarantee.



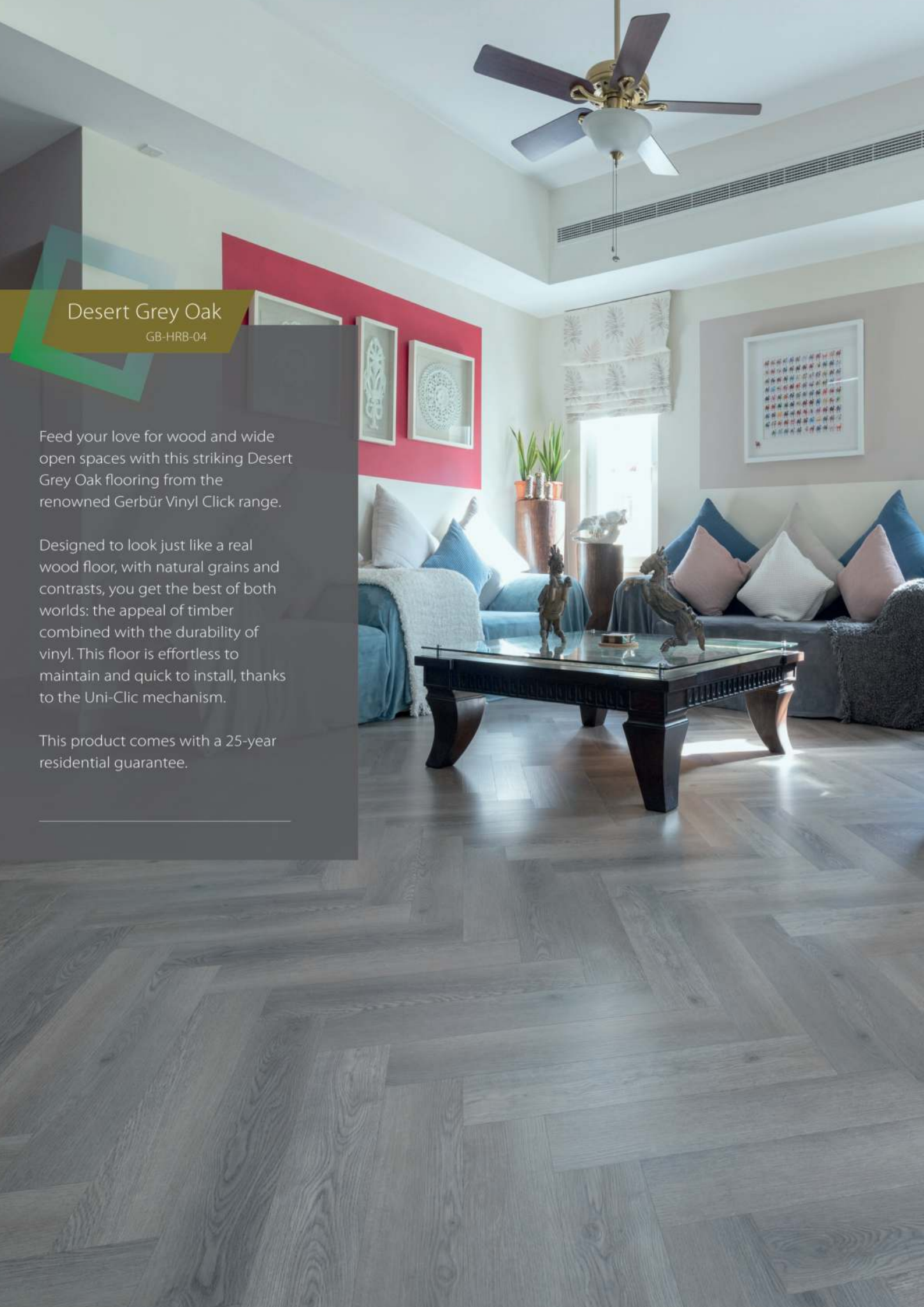
Desert Grey Oak

GB-HRB-04

Feed your love for wood and wide open spaces with this striking Desert Grey Oak flooring from the renowned Gerbür Vinyl Click range.

Designed to look just like a real wood floor, with natural grains and contrasts, you get the best of both worlds: the appeal of timber combined with the durability of vinyl. This floor is effortless to maintain and quick to install, thanks to the Uni-Clic mechanism.

This product comes with a 25-year residential guarantee.



Classic Dark Oak

GB-HRB-05

We bring the quality, you bring your individual sense of style. This Classic Dark Oak floor can be dressed up or down, depending on your interior design preferences.

The herringbone pattern really brings the tones of the timber effect to life in any space. As part of the Gerbür Vinyl Click range, this product is designed for easy maintenance and installation.

It also comes with a 25-year residential guarantee.





Classic Brown Oak

GB-HRB-06

This floor is classic yet designed to impress, thanks to its warm, rich tones and timeless herringbone pattern. The Classic Brown Oak wood effect suits a wide range of interior spaces, from bedrooms and studies to living rooms and playrooms.

As part of the Gerbür Vinyl Click collection, this floor is easy to maintain and a breeze to install, thanks to the Uni-Clic mechanism. It also comes with a 25-year residential guarantee.



Classic Walnut

GB-HRB-07

Gerbür Herringbone Walnut has mid-brown tones giving a rich, warm feel to any space. With a simple click locking system the flooring is easy and quick to install.

Robust and hardwearing, this herringbone flooring comes with a 25-year residential and a 10-year commercial warranty.



Pale Oak

GB-HRB-08

This modern yet traditional finish is a warm and light-coloured floor. The mix of tones creates a simplistic yet still unique herringbone pattern.

The neutral colour means it will complement both lighter and darker room themes and is also 100% water and scratch resistant. As part of the Gerbür Vinyl Click range, this product is designed for easy maintenance and installation.

It also comes with a 25-year residential and a 10-year commercial warranty.

Classic Oak Limed

GB-HRB-09

This Oak Limed floating floor from the Gerbür Herringbone range is a solution for a variety of room designs and areas. Limed Oak will always be a popular flooring choice due to its versatility, and these planks are even more beautiful with a wash of grey hues creating a soothing backdrop to your décor.

The range is easy to install and maintain and comes with a 25-year residential and a 10-year commercial warranty.



White Oak

GB-HRB-10

The Herringbone White Oak Vinyl flooring complements the rustic features of a realistic wood effect pattern with a light, neutral colour palette. The 0.3mm wear layer is scuff, dent, and stain resistant as well as easy to maintain looking like new.

The surface is also more comfortable to live with as it offers a softer, quieter, and warmer feel underfoot compared to some other types of flooring. It also comes with a 25-year residential and a 10-year commercial warranty.

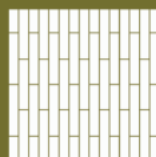


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Installation Guide

Just Play! Add some character to your layout with a pattern



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Laying Instructions

All flooring should be examined prior to installation for any visible defects. If there are any visible defects, please notify your Gerbür dealer and do not begin installation without its prior approval.



For any information on product properties and usages, please refer to its technical datasheet.

INTRODUCTION

Installing Gerbür Vinyl Click Herringbone is straight forward and follows the same guidelines that apply to all quality resilient tile floors. Good preparation is essential as the finished appearance of the floor will only be as good as the quality of the base and preparation over which it is installed. The base should be hard, smooth, clean and dry and free from defects. The surfaces should be even in order to achieve good fitting and adhesion. Any irregularities in the sub-floor will show through the finished floor.

The guidance notes provided by Gerbür are intended to give general information on the methods that can be used to prepare various sub-floor types.

SURVEYING

Suitability of sub-floors and site conditions must be assessed prior to beginning an installation to ensure that they are in accordance with Gerbür and sub-floor manufacturers' guidelines and national standards. Gerbür products are not suitable for external installation or unheated locations.

PREPARATION OF SURFACE

The quality and preparation of sub-floors, testing for moisture content and relative humidity, and installation procedures must be in accordance with Gerbür technical guidelines and BS 8201, BS 8203 and BS 8204.

INSTALLATION OF MATERIAL

Handle, store and acclimatise product according to Gerbür recommendations. Installation must not begin until all other trades have been completed.

The appropriate adhesive is required for all installations involving Gerbür products. Adhesive selection should be made according to the specific site conditions.

RECEIVING MATERIALS, CONDITIONING AND STORAGE

Before laying flooring, all materials must be checked to ensure that the batches are identical and free from defects. Complaints with regard to clearly identifiable defects cannot be accepted once the flooring has been laid. Boxes of tiles should be removed from pallets and separated from one another as part of the acclimatisation process. Ensure that the heating/air conditioning is fitted and operating. Alternatively, temporary heating or cooling may be used to maintain a constant temperature within the specified range.

Tiles, adhesive and sub-floor must be allowed to stabilise to a constant temperature between 18°C-27°C for a period of at least 24 hours before, during and after installation. If tiles and adhesive have been stored outside of this temperature range, then it is recommended that acclimatisation between 18°C-27°C is increased to 48 hours. Tiles must be stored flat and kept away from direct sunlight, heaters or air vents for proper conditioning.

MOISTURE IN SUB-FLOORS

Moisture testing of all sub-floors is essential before installation can begin. This is true of new and old buildings. Moisture testing must be carried out and recorded. All moisture tests must be undertaken in accordance with BS 8203 and using an appropriate method to suit the sub-floor type.

The sub-floor may be considered dry when the relative humidity is 75% or below. If readings are above this level, a surface damp proof membrane can be applied. Consult manufacturers for instructions. Alternatively sub-floors can be given sufficient time to dry.

PREPARING A SUB-FLOOR TO RECEIVE TILES

1. SOLID SUB-FLOORS

Concrete/Sand and Cement

Tiles must only be installed on suitably dry concrete or sand and cement sub-floors. Drying time will depend on several conditions, including thickness of slab, location, type of construction, temperature and humidity. New concrete bases contain a high percentage of residual moisture.

Sub-floors must be thoroughly mechanically cleaned of all paint, curing agents, grease, wax and any other foreign matter. The use of solvents to remove surface contaminants is not permitted. The floor must be hard, smooth, level and free from cracks. Use a suitable repair compound to fill grooves, cracks, holes and depressions. A levelling compound should be applied. Please refer to section titled Levelling Compounds for Solid Sub-floors.

Power Floated Concrete

Power floated concrete has a relatively non-absorbent, low porosity surface which will increase the drying time. It is not a suitable surface for direct application of adhesive. Surface laitance may also be produced by the power floating procedure. For these reasons, it is recommended that an appropriate method of mechanical preparation such as shot blasting or scarifying is used to prepare the surface.

A levelling compound should be applied. Please refer to section title Levelling Compounds for Solid Sub-floors.

Anhydrite

Anhydrite screeds can be difficult to identify and can be mistaken for the more traditional cement based products.

Provided ambient conditions are acceptable, anhydrite screeds dry at a similar rate to their cement-based counterparts. In the case of the floor screed not being sufficiently dry please consult the manufacturer on how to proceed, in most cases the screed should be allowed to dry out to an acceptable level.

When the floor is sufficiently dry a levelling compound should be applied. When the floor is sufficiently dry a levelling compound should be applied. Please refer to section titled Levelling Compounds for Solid Sub-floors.

Asphalt

Mastic asphalt is normally applied between 15 and 20mm thickness and sets to a dense hard mass which is impermeable to moisture and therefore forms an efficient damp-proof membrane. Mastic asphalt is often applied over an existing concrete base which lacks a conventional DPM. If the asphalt is cracked or damaged it will need to be repaired and damp proofing may be required.

The asphalt will need to be cleaned before a levelling compound is applied. Please refer to section titled Levelling Compounds for Solid Sub-floors.

Levelling Compounds for Solid Sub-floors

Most solid sub-floors will require an application of a levelling compound to provide a hard, smooth and level surface to which adhesive and tiles can be applied.

The selection of a suitable levelling compound is critical in determining the long term durability and appearance of the flooring system. Generally levelling compounds should be applied at a minimum of 3mm thickness. The manufacturer of this compound can supply details of the product within their range that should be used to suit the end use application together with details of which primer should be used.

Expansion Joints

Expansion joints are incorporated into concrete floor slabs in order to permit movement without causing cracks to form. These joints should not be filled with smoothing compound or overlaid with Gerbür floor coverings. In all cases they should be mirrored through to the surface.

2. TIMBER FLOORS

Existing Floorboards

Loose floor boards should be firmly nailed down and any damaged boards replaced. If necessary, the boards should be planed and/or levelled with a suitable levelling compound prior to covering with plywood. See section on Plywood Overlays. Wood sub-floors that exhibit excessive deflection, or are "springy" or "give" when walked on are not suitable for installing Gerbür unless suitable remedial work is carried out.

Chipboard, Hardboard, Particleboard

Tiles should not be adhered directly to such sub-floors whether they are free floating or fixed, and floors should always be overlaid with plywood prior to installation of tiles. See section on Plywood Overlays.

Wood Block Floors

Existing wood block floors laid onto a concrete base are unsatisfactory as an underlayment for resilient floors, even when plywood has been fitted. Such floors must be lifted and the sub-floor levelled.

Plywood Overlays

Plywood should be a minimum of 6 mm thickness Class 3 exterior grade, glue bond EN 314-2:1993. The thickness selected should be determined by the quality of the surface being covered. Panels should be acclimatised to the site conditions as recommended by the supplier. Plywood should be protected against damage or water prior to application.

The plywood should be laid in sheet sizes not exceeding 2400 x 1200 mm, and fixed using screws, twisted shank or ring shank nails, serrated or divergent staples. Fixing should start at the centre of each sheet – nailing, screwing or stapling at 150 mm intervals at intermediate centres and at 100 mm centres along the perimeters with the fixing line 12 mm from the edge. All fixings should be finished flush with the surface.

Joint lines should be staggered, and every effort made to prevent coincidence of joints in the sheets and the timber base. We would recommend the use of a suitable compound to ensure the joints of the plywood and all fixings are not visible when the installation is complete. The manufacturer of this compound can supply details of the product within their range that should be used to suit the end use application together with details of which primer should be used.

Underfloor Heating

There are various types of underfloor heating systems available – including hot water pipes embedded in the sub-floor and electrical systems that can be laid onto the surface of the sub-floor. In all cases, the temperature limitations are the same – the heating system must operate so that the temperature at the sub-floor surface (i.e. the adhesive interface) should not exceed 27°C.

The heating system must be commissioned before the floor tiles are installed, to ensure that the sub-floor is stable, the heating system is working as required with no leaks or cable breaks.

Laying Instructions

Underfloor heating should be switched off for 48 hours before, and should not be switched back on until 48 hours have elapsed after installation. It is recommended that the heating is slowly re-applied to return it to the required operating temperature.

With underfloor heating systems, it is the responsibility of the manufacturer and/or installer to recommend appropriate procedures and materials for producing a surface suitable for installing floor tiles. For electrical systems, this will require that the heating elements are fully embedded in a well-bonded and appropriate levelling compound, and that the temperature is adequately controlled to maintain the temperature at the sub-floor surface at a maximum of 27°C. Care should be taken in the placing of large insulating items such as rugs, beanbags and towels onto floors containing underfloor heating. This can result in localised "hot-spots" which may lead to distortion or discolouration of the tiles. No responsibility can be accepted under these circumstances.

OTHER SUB-FLOOR TYPES

Existing Resilient Floors

It is recommended that Gerbür are not directly applied over existing resilient floors. Generally, the old flooring should be removed and as much of the old adhesive scraped away by hand or using an appropriate mechanical method. Under no circumstances should solvents be used. NB: Some resilient tiles and adhesives can contain asbestos. In case of doubt, contact the relevant local authority for advice on their removal and disposal.

Terrazzo, Stone, Quarry tiles

Some existing flooring materials such as quarry tiles, ceramic or terrazzo may be suitable for the installation of Gerbür if properly prepared. These bases may be sufficiently porous to allow moisture to pass through to the back of the tile, and must be checked for moisture and damp-proofed if necessary. Worn and damaged areas must be repaired, including any tiles that are insecure, which must be removed.

The surface must be thoroughly cleaned of all sealants and varnishes, as well as foreign matter such as oil, grease, wax, etc. It is recommended that a suitable mechanical method is used to prepare the surface, as this will also provide a satisfactory surface to accept a levelling compound. Please refer to section titled levelling Compounds for Solid Sub-floors.

METAL

Indirect Application

The metal surface should be cleaned/degreased and then prepared by grinding or scarifying to ensure that it is clean and free from any contamination, such as rust or metal oxide. It should then be mechanically abraded to give a surface key. A suitable primer should be applied to the metal surface prior to putting down a suitable levelling compound, which must be applied as recommended by the manufacturer.

Once the levelling compound has dried, any adhesive from our range can potentially be used subject to the restrictions described in the Adhesive Section.

Raised Access Floors

Gerbür cannot be fitted directly to raised floor panels. Where this is required, the panels should be level and stable, and then overlaid with plywood, using appropriate fixings to suit the panels surface - see section on Plywood Overlays. Note that Gerbür Access has been specifically developed for fitting directly onto raised access floor panels.

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1. Pattern Layout: Measure to find the center of the room on the start wall and the finish wall (Fig 1.).

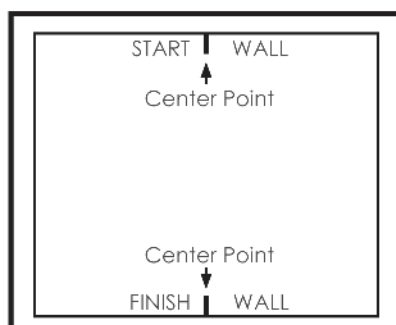


Fig 1.

2. Measure 45mm from the left and right of the center mark and right of the center mark at both ends of the room and strike a chalk line (Fig 2.).

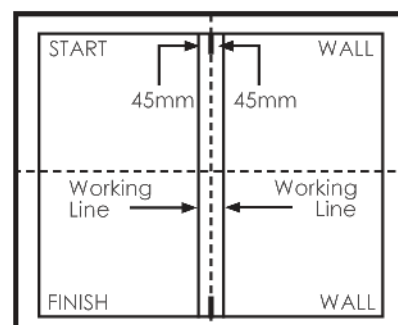


Fig 2.

- Open several cartons of the material. The planks will be marked "A" and "B" on the back (diagram below). Separate the different planks in stacks keeping the edges the same direction. While stacking mix up the planks to get good color separation for installation (Fig 3.).

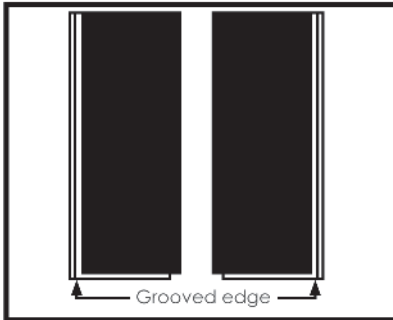


Fig 3.

- Take one "A" plank and one "B" plank and place as shown below. Angle the B plank at 45° and slide the joint together and lay flat (Figs 4a & 4b.).

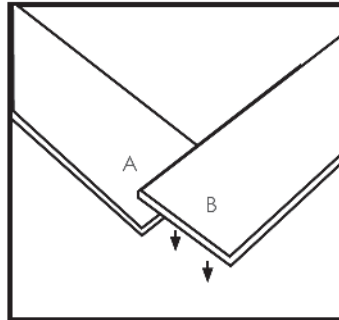


Fig 4a.

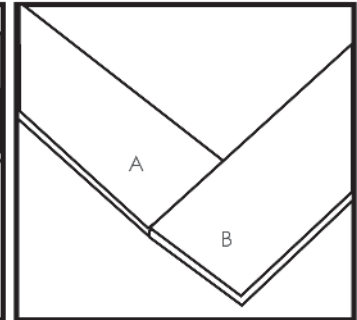


Fig 4b.

- This is your starting angle. Note: 5 mm spacers are required at all walls or vertical abutments (Fig 5.). Line up the outside corner edge of the plank on the "A" plank with the inside corner on the opposite line (position A & B as below).

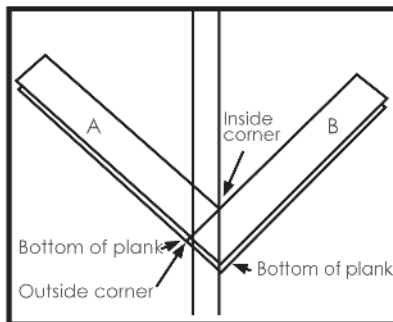


Fig 5.

- Continue installing planks without cutting any planks working in opposite directions. Verify that the installed planks are straight on the lines (Fig 6.).

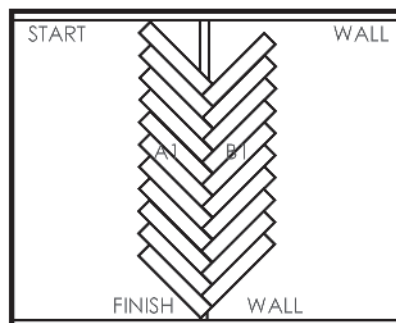


Fig 6.

- Start at the finish wall and slide the end joint of a "B" plank into the side of an "A" plank. Slide the "B" plank back into the end of the "A" plank at a slight angle until tight (Fig 7.). Note: If you find you're drifting off your center line you can easily move product across the floor back and forth.

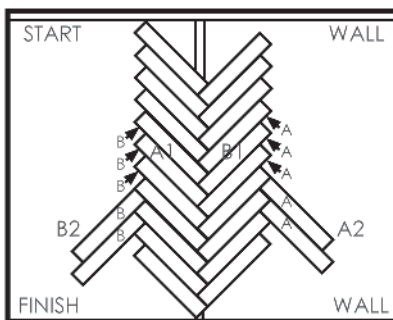


Fig 7.

- Continue with all B planks and repeat on the other side of the original "B" planks with "A" planks. Complete the room repeating the same method making sure to keep the expansion spacers in place and the pattern square (Fig 8.).

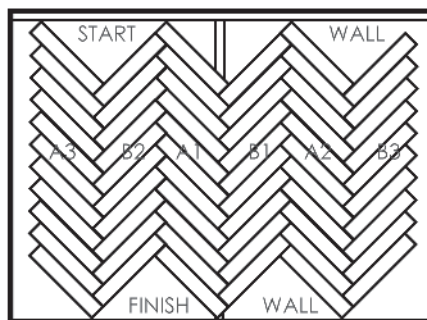


Fig 8.

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9. Cutting and installing planks at the walls should be done as follows. Measure and mark planks as shown in diagram. The angle for the wall can be found using an angle finder (see below) (Fig 9.).

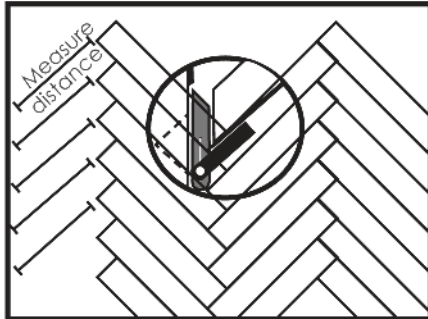


Fig 9.

Finishing

Remove all spacers, cover any expansion gaps with quarter round or skirting boards making sure not to nail through the floor, only into the walls.

Fill expansions around any wet areas (sinks, tubs, etc.) with a flexible acrylic sealant or a flexible silicone sealant (neutral cure).

Install coordinating T-moldings as necessary at transitions to other flooring and large areas over 15 m in each direction.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR FLOOR

- Regularly sweep the floor to remove loose dirt or grit as these can cause fine scratches.
- Avoid the use of regular household cleaners and bleach-based detergents. These could make the floor slippery or cause discolouration.
- Always mop up spills as soon as possible, to reduce the risk of slipping and possible staining.
- Use entrance mats to protect against grit and moisture. Ensure they are of non-staining variety
- Do not subject Vinyl Click Herringbone to standing water as this will present a slip hazard.
- (not rubber-backed) to prevent any discolouration of the floor.
- Avoid sliding or dragging furniture or other objects across the floor - use floor protector pads to prevent scratching.
- Use castor cups to protect against indentation from heavy furniture.
- Maintain room temperature between 64-81°F (18-27°C) for optimum performance.

Cleaning Instructions



Damp sweeping equipment

Flexible mop preferably fitted with disposable, antistatic and/or pre-impregnated gauze strips



Mechanical cleaning equipment

Auto scrubber, rotocleaner or single-brush machine



Mechanical cleaning disk

3M (or equivalent) colour disks



Manual washing equipment

Disposable microfibre mop or gauze



Steam cleaning equipment

Follow the manufacturer's recommendations

	Equipment used	Cleaning products	Cleaning methods
First use Mechanical cleaning	 or if soiled	Alkaline detergent	- Damp sweeping - Mechanical washing at 300-450 rpm (with water recovery)
Daily cleaning Manual cleaning OR Mechanical cleaning	 or almond or 	Neutral detergent	- Damp sweeping - Manual washing with flat mop - Rinsing - Damp sweeping - Mechanical washing at 300-450 rpm (with water recovery) or - Steam cleaning
Deep cleaning Mechanical cleaning	 or almond	Alkaline detergent	- Damp sweeping - Mechanical washing at 300-450 rpm (with water recovery)

These cleaning instructions have to be adapted depending on traffic and location of the area.

Manual Maintenance



In the case of **manual maintenance** and to offer you the best results in terms of hygiene and appearance, Engage SPC recommends **that you use neutral and alkaline detergents with high wetting power** (complete spreading and cleaning of the entire floor surface).

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE



- Never use abrasive disks or any procedure that risks damaging the surface treatment (abrasive products, solvents, etc.).
- Never use rubber caps (for chair legs or other furniture); instead, use PVC or Polyethylene caps.

STAIN REMOVAL DURING WORKS

Paint mark removal

- Do not use abrasive cleaning equipment (e.g. Scotch Brite, scouring pads, steel wool, etc.).
- Use the solvent for the paint if known. *If the solvent is not known, start with solvents such as Essence C, White Spirit, etc. before trying stronger solvents such as Taraclean spray.*
If the stain proves hard to remove, do not persist.
- Wipe and rinse the floor thoroughly after applying the solvent.

On paint drips

A freeze spray will yield excellent results when paint has formed a drip on the material (freeze sprays can be bought from cleaning product manufacturers or in pharmacies).

On adhesive marks

- **Fresh acrylic adhesive marks (< 1 month)**

Apply a water-based solution with added cleaning product, leave to act and mechanically clean and rinse the floor.

- **Dried acrylic adhesive marks (> 1 month)**

Use Essence C or White Spirit. Wipe and rinse the floor thoroughly after applying the solvent.

- **Solvent adhesive marks**

Use strong solvents (such as Taraclean spray), but do not persist if the adhesive marks are difficult to remove (as may happen with solvent-resistant cross-linked adhesives).

TIPS AND ADVICE FOR STAIN REMOVAL

Rust

Apply an anti-rust product or oxalic acid. Rinse thoroughly.

Food grease/paint/ballpoint pen/felt-tip pen/heavy grease (tar)

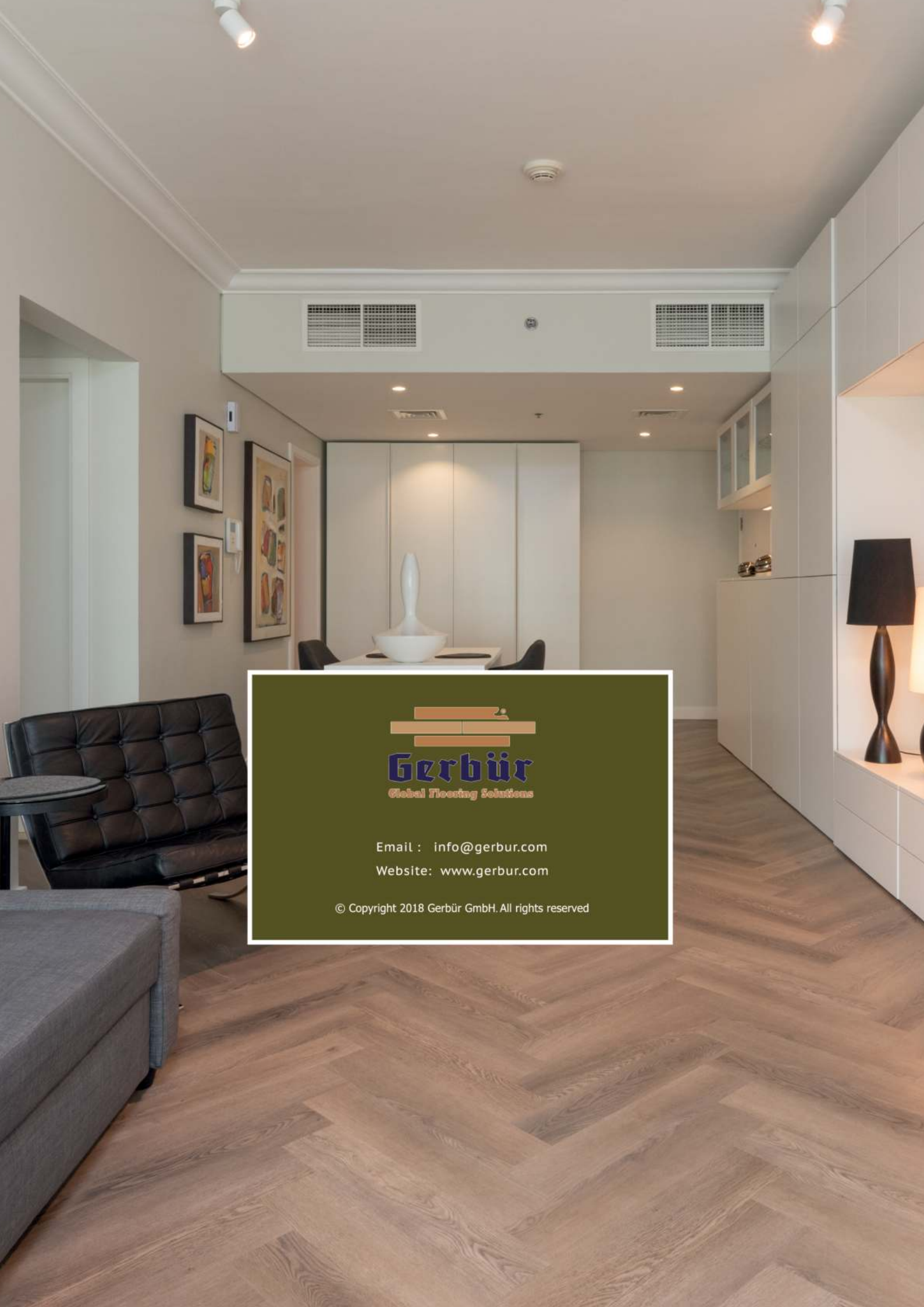
Apply a solvent such as Essence C or White Spirit. Rub with undiluted product and rinse with plenty of water.

Rubber marks/Shoe marks

Apply an alkaline detergent (such as Dynatech Trophy) to shoe marks. Leave to act for 5 minutes. Rub.

Chewing-gum

Use a freeze spray to harden the chewing gum, and then remove it with a plastic spatula (freeze sprays can be bought from cleaning product manufacturers or in pharmacies).



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