



INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

FOR

**TAJIMA CONTRACT-SILENT
TILES AND PLANKS**



Subfloor Preparation for Tajima Contract-Silent

The appearance and performance of the finished floor depend directly on the quality of the subfloor. Any unevenness or irregularities in the subfloor may remain visible in the final installation. Therefore, we strongly recommend following the guidelines below carefully.

Storage and Acclimatisation

Handle the product carefully to prevent damage.

- Store the cartons on a flat, dry surface.
- Stack a maximum of 10 cartons high.
- Avoid direct sunlight and do not place cartons near heating elements or ventilation outlets.
- The planks must acclimatise for at least 48 hours in the room where they will be installed.
- Installation temperature must be between 18°C and 29°C.

New Concrete Subfloor

New concrete floors must be completely dry, cured and protected by an effective moisture barrier.

- The subfloor must be level, clean, dry and structurally sound.
- Cracks, holes and other irregularities must be repaired or levelled.
- New concrete must be fully cured before installation begins.
- Moisture content must not exceed 3% when measured using the calcium carbide method.
- For floors at or below ground level, an effective moisture barrier must be present.

Wooden Subfloors

Wooden subfloors must:

- Be structurally sound and stable.
- Be free from movement and excessive deflection.
- Have any damaged or loose sections repaired, secured, or replaced.
- Have any uneven areas sanded, levelled, or filled.
- Be finished with a suitable flooring-grade plywood or equivalent material where necessary.

Ceramic Tiles, Terrazzo and Similar Subfloors

These subfloors must:

- Be securely fixed and stable.
- Be free from loose or detached sections.
- Be free from cracks, or have any cracks properly repaired.
- Be levelled where necessary.
- Have clean, properly filled joints or seams before the floor covering is installed.

Existing Hard Floor Coverings

Tajima Contract-Silent may be installed over existing hard floor coverings provided that they are:

- Smooth and level.
- Securely fixed and stable.
- Free from wax, polish, and maintenance coatings.
- Repaired in advance where any damage is present.

Do not install over rubber-based floor coverings.



Underfloor Heating

Tajima Contract-Silent is suitable for installation over underfloor heating systems, provided that the following conditions are met:

- The maximum floor surface temperature must not exceed 27°C.
- The underfloor heating system must be switched off at least 48 hours prior to installation.
- Where the system serves as the primary heat source, the temperature should be reduced to approximately 15°C before installation.
- For installations exposed to high thermal loads, full adhesion is recommended.

For a Beautiful Finished Floor

- All subfloors must be level, dry, and dimensionally stable.
- Installation must be carried out only under appropriate site and environmental conditions.
- Use only premium-quality adhesives specified by the adhesive manufacturer.
- The adhesive manufacturer's instructions regarding application, open time, and drying time must be strictly observed.
- Upon completion of the installation, the floor must be thoroughly rolled to achieve optimum bond strength.

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Determining the Starting Point

Locate the centre of the room by measuring the opposing walls and snapping a chalk line. Then mark a second line perpendicular to the first, creating four equal quadrants.

Carefully check that both lines are perfectly square to each other.

Before installation, dry-lay several planks from the centre towards the walls. If this results in a border plank narrower than half a plank width, adjust the layout lines to achieve a more balanced and visually appealing finish.

Adhesive Application

An approved anti-slip adhesive must be used and applied in accordance with the adhesive manufacturer's recommended coverage rate and application method.

Allow the adhesive to tack off sufficiently before placing the planks. Observing the correct waiting time is essential to achieving optimal adhesion.

Permanent adhesive installation is recommended in areas subject to significant temperature fluctuations, heavy traffic, or direct sunlight exposure.

Installation of the Planks

Begin installation at the centre of the room and work systematically towards the walls.

- Position the first planks carefully along the chalk lines.
- Ensure that all planks fit tightly together.
- Mix planks from several packages during installation to distribute colour and pattern variations evenly.
- Regularly check alignment throughout the installation process.

Cutting and Fitting

Edge Fitting

Place a loose plank directly on top of the last installed plank. Position a second plank against the wall and mark the cutting line onto the first plank. Cut the first plank along the marked line so that it fits precisely into the remaining space.

Where pipes or other obstacles are present, a paper template may be used to create an accurate cut.



Cutting the Planks

- Score the wear layer using a sharp utility knife.
- Carefully bend the plank along the scored line.
- Cut completely through the backing from the reverse side.
- If necessary, the material may be heated slightly to facilitate cutting. Allow the material to cool to room temperature before installation.

Completion and Use

- Do not walk on the floor until the installation has been fully completed.
- Do not move heavy furniture onto the floor immediately after installation.
- During any subsequent building or finishing works, protect the floor with hardboard sheets or plywood panels.
- Fit furniture with felt pads or other suitable soft protective glides.
- Avoid rubber feet, rubber castors, and rubber-backed mats, as these may cause permanent discolouration.

Important

For optimum results, all installation work must be carried out in accordance with the applicable installation standards and the adhesive manufacturer's instructions. Failure to follow these guidelines may adversely affect the appearance, performance, and durability of the floor.