



## NEW FRANCO BELGE

FLOOR COVERING LUXURY

# FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

## General

We recommend that the floor covering is laid by a competent professional carpet fitter.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that the material is the correct size and colour before dispatch, all rolls should be checked before cutting. Once the material has been cut or installed, we cannot accept returns, claims or consider allowances.

The installer should make a fitting plan while taking following criteria into account:

- › Install the sections in the direction of the light and or traffic
- › Plan as few seams as possible.
- › Keep the lengths of the sections manageable.

Take note of the length and add an excess of at least 20 cm.

Natural fibres tend to expand or contract depending upon humidity levels.

Communicate these lengths when ordering. These figures are very important in determining the roll lengths in production.

## Installation

Check the rolls for defects and identical production numbers before installing. We cannot be held responsible for visible defects once the floor covering has been cut to size or fitted.

Roll out the floor covering, providing for an extra 5 cm, about 24 hours before installing. Mark the direction of production and **install the rolls always in the same direction.**

Avoid cross-cut seams and use transition profiles if this cannot be prevented.

Sub floor preparation:

- › The floor has to be crack-free, clean, grease-free, pressure resistant and durably dry.
- › Leveled surfaces are essential for a good result, especially in renovation projects.
- › The following indoor climate conditions are to be met: floor temperature of at least 15°C, room temperature of at least 18°C and relative air humidity of maximum 75%.

## Different fitting methods:

### **Stretched on underlay:**

The gripper installation on underlay technique is a more time consuming method, but gives a better walking comfort and an improved thermal and acoustic isolation.

Using an underlay increases the wear-ability and the appearance retention. Renovation is a lot easier.

Use the correct gripper and underlay with sufficient thickness and density. After cutting the edges the seams of the carpet are to be sealed.

### **Single stick method on Egalsoft underlay:**

This method is increasingly used by professional carpet installers.

It is less time consuming and gives similar results as stretched fitting on underlay.

Egalsoft has to be rolled out with the adhesive layer downwards. Ensure that the carpet fits properly to the plinth. Press the underlay well and make sure that the seams connect properly. We advise to tape the seams of the underlay together. You then have to adequately roll the underlay in place.

The carpet can be easily slid in position over Egalsoft. Make sure the carpet is in perpendicular position to the underlay. Once the carpet is in its place, you can then turn it back on one side to apply adhesive. Follow the same procedure for the other side of the carpet. Make sure the carpet is evenly stuck on the underlay. After cutting the edges the seams of the carpet are to be sealed.

### **Double stick method:**

First the underlay is glued on the sub floor. The carpet is then glued perpendicular on this underlay while pressing the carpet well. This makes it more difficult to renovate afterwards, as remnants can stay on the sub floor.

### **Direct fit:**

We strongly advise against fitting the carpet directly to the sub floor.

It is strongly recommended to cover the floor immediately after its installation to prevent damage and soiling.