

IMPERIAL LUXURY VINYL PLANK FLOORING

Imperial Luxury Vinyl planks offers a 25-year limited residential and 5-year limited light-commercial warranty.

1. Tools required

Utility knife

Straight edge measuring
tape

Shears for cutting around irregular shaped
objects

1/8" spacers

Broom/Vacuum

Taping Block

Pencil

2. Planks needed to complete your project

Measure the length and width of your room. If the room has alcoves or offsets, measure these separately. This will give you the square footage of the room. Purchase a minimum of 10% extra to cover mistakes, trimming and for future needs or replacement. Most installations require about 10% overage.

CAUTION: Do not install Imperial Vinyl over carpet or any foam or underlayment. This product is not suitable for any outside use, sunrooms, solariums or saunas. We also highly recommend you do not install in rooms or homes that are not temperature controlled.

DIRECT SUNLIGHT: All vinyl flooring can be sensitive to extreme heat and direct sunlight. Vinyl flooring is engineered to perform in typical indoor temperatures (15°C to 30°C) (60°F to 80°F). In some cases direct sunlight through a large glass patio door can cause vinyl to heat up much higher than this. During peak sunlight hours, the use of drapes or blinds is recommended.

3. Installation

CHECK THE PLANKS BEFORE INSTALLING THEM TO BE SURE OF APPEARANCE: We maintain strict quality control but it is a good idea to check each plank for blemishes or flaws.

Acclimation

- Handle with care. Do not stand cartons on ends or sides. Stack wood flooring with proper support on the ends and center sections. Store in a dry place and provide at least a four-inch air space under and around cartons. Stack the cartons 3 to 4 high to insure efficient acclimation.
- Do not store directly upon grade concrete or next to outside walls. Cartons should be placed as close to the center of installation area as possible. Keep cartons away from exterior walls, windows, and doors. Keep out of direct sunlight and away from air vents.
- For a minimum of 5 days prior to acclimation and installation of any wood flooring product.
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4. Sub Floor Preparation

Sub-floor must be :

- CLEAN – Scraped or sanded, swept, free of wax, grease, paint, oil or other debris.
- SMOOTH/FLAT – Level within 1/8" in a 6-foot span. Use cement base leveling compound, with no less than a 3000 p.s.i. rating, to sand high areas or fill low areas.
- STRUCTURALLY SOUND – Nail or screw any loose areas that squeak or reveal movement. Replace any damaged subflooring or underlayments.
- DRY – Moisture content of a wood subfloor must not exceed 12% prior to installation of wood flooring. There should be no more than a 4% difference in moisture content between the flooring to be installed and the existing wood subfloor.

CONDITION THE IMPERIAL VINYL PLANKS BEFORE INSTALLATION: You must place vinyl horizontally in the room where it will be installed for 48 hours prior to installation. Be sure the room temperature is between 65 °F & 85 °F (18°C and 29°C). Do not remove the planks from the case during this acclimation period! Maintain this temperature during installation as well for a minimum of five days.

HELPFUL NOTICE: If laying IMPERIAL Vinyl over an existing floor that has an embossing or grout line on it, you must skim coat with a floor leveler if the embossing or grout line is greater than 1/8".

1. Installation should begin with a corner (right hand side) and proceed from the wall with the tongue facing out away from the wall. **Allow a minimum gap of 5/16"** for subfloor movement or product expansion, which should be covered by accessories. **Do not attach molding directly to the flooring.**
2. When laying the first row in a straight line interlock the short ends by inserting the tongue into the grooves at an angle of about 15° - 20°. Install per sequential plank on the short end (5.75 ") and be sure to line up evenly.

3. Make sure the seams between the planks are tight. You will feel and hear the click when locking the planks together to create a tight seam. There should be no gap visible between planks. If your seam appears not to be tight, you should immediately pull apart the planks and reinstall. Slowly lift the top plank away from the bottom plank and simply reinstall, repeating step 2.
4. When installing IMPERIAL Vinyl, it is strongly suggested to stagger the rows so that the short edge seams are not in a straight uniform line.
5. To start the second row with the plank in proportion. Measure and mark the plank, then using a straight edge and utility knife, score the plank and snap. Cut plank at least 6" shorter than the first row.
6. Interlock the plank tightly against the first row (long side) again at a 15° - 20° angle. For the next plank, interlock the short side first, leaving it slightly away from the long side and then slide into the long side.
7. Start the third row with the plank cut at appropriate length. Again the remaining piece can be used at the opposite end of the row, if the layout of the room permits.
8. Continue this pattern for the remainder of the rows to be installed. Always place the cut end of the first plank against the wall.
9. Fitting around irregular objects is not a problem. Simply make a pattern out of heavy paper to fit around pipes or irregular objects. Place the pattern upon the plank and trace. Cut along trace lines using a utility knife or heavy-duty scissors, and lay plank. Be sure to leave a minimum of 1/8" expansion space around all fixed objects, floor vents and doorframes.
10. The beauty of Imperial Vinyl is the ease of installing. You can install from both sides of the plank. This allows you to start in one room and continue through a doorway into another room with the same pattern and continue installing the floor forwards or backwards.

MAINTENANCE GUIDE

1. First, sweep and vacuum the floor surface to ensure removal of all loose dust, dirt, and debris. Using a mop (or, for large areas, a floor cleaning machine with a low abrasive pad), scrub the flooring surface. Using warm, clean water, rinse several times or as needed, then use a dry mop or wet vacuum to remove the water and allow drying.
2. Do not allow pets with unclipped nails to damage your Imperial Vinyl. It may result in severe scratching to the surface. The same is true for any high-heeled shoes that do not have proper tips on the heels.
3. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time. During peak sunlight hours, use drapes or blinds to minimize the direct sunlight on the Imperial Vinyl. Most types of flooring will be affected by continuous strong sunlight. In addition, excessive temperatures are not good for resilient floors. Some natural ventilation or intermittent air conditioning in vacant homes should be considered. Long-term continuous inside temperatures over 90°F combined with strong direct sunlight will damage your Imperial Vinyl and cause the installation to fail.
4. Always sweep or vacuum your Imperial Vinyl before cleaning so that all loose dirt and particles are removed. For best results don't use combination cleaner finish products.
5. DO NOT WAX your Imperial Vinyl! The surface of your floor is very dense and non-porous, which prevents wax from penetrating and thus builds up which can cause yellowing and dirt collection. The same non-porous feature also provides all the protection against wear and staining that you will need. Your Vinyl floor has been designed to be very easy to maintain.
6. If your floor has been exposed to excessive amounts of water due to flooding simply remove the water as quickly as possible. A dehumidifier should be promptly turned on in the room to reduce the moisture levels back to normal. Do not dry the room below the normal moisture level that existed previously.
7. When moving appliances or heavy furniture it is always suggested to use plywood panel on your floor and "walk" the item across it. We also recommend using floor protectors under furniture and placing a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt being brought in to your home.

are found to be defective, the Vendor will supply new products of the same or similar style, size, color, grade and gauge for repair or replacement of the defective area and will pay reasonable labor cost if it was professionally installed. Non-defective products that were damaged by improper installation would not constitute a valid claim under this Limited Warranty. Melmart reserves the right to inspect any claim, request photographs and/or samples prior to approving such claim.

Notes:

1-Inspect the ground before installation, the installation is feasible with the moisture under 40%; it is special ground with the moisture 40%-60% so you should install a little to confirm before

mass-installation; and it is unsuitable to install with the moisture over 60%. A way to test the moisture is to flatly place a couple of planks on the ground and see if there is moisture on the back 6-12 hours later.

2. Be sure when installing that no debris gets caught in the locking system as this can create problems. 3-The following situations are beyond the warranty: Minor color, shade or texture variations between samples, printed color photography and the actual material. Mix and install planks from several different cartons to minimize shade variations.

3. Though Imperial is treated against UV rays, no vinyl floor can resist direct sun rays or indirect sun through panes of glass which act as a magnifying glass. It is not recommended to expose vinyl flooring to too much direct sunlight. To prevent buckling and lifting, be sure to use blinds or other window coverings, especially during peak sunlight hours.

PRE-INSTALLATION LIMITED WARRANTY

The Vendor warrants that this Imperial product is free of visual defects. You and/or your installer should carefully inspect each piece before installation. Any pieces that appear to have defects should not be installed. The Vendor will not be responsible for any claim for product installed with visual defects.

WEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Imperial Luxury Vinyl is protected with a wear layer. The Vendor warrants that there will be no wear-through of the wear layer for the amount of years indicated for the specific product. "Wear-through" means complete loss of the wear layer so that the printed layer is changed or affected. This Limited Warranty only applies provided the recommended installation and maintenance procedures are followed. For complete details on the Imperial Limited Warranty and installation instructions and maintenance recommendations.

EXCLUSIONS TO LIMITED WARRANTY

- Dissatisfaction due to improper installation or maintenance. For additional information for proper installation and maintenance, please review the information on the product packaging.
- Damages or failure of floor to adhere to subfloor resulting from excessive moisture, alkali and / or hydrostatic pressure.
- Color variations between samples or printed illustrations and the actual production runs.
- Damages resulting from misuse or abuse including, but not limited to, scratches, cuts, burns, stains, indentations, improper or insufficient maintenance, and lack of proper floor protector.
- Direct sunlight baking floor. The floor needs protection from extended sunlight. The sun coming directly thru a window will add to the heat on the surface of the floor. We recommend blinds, shears or solar film to help disperse the sunlight.
- Floor products sold as irregulars or second quality which is sold "as is".
- Discoloration due to use of rubber-backed mats, coco-fiber mats, solvent-based polishes or cleaners, or asphalt tracked in from driveways or parking lots.
- Reduction of gloss from use.
- Installation over plywood, gypcrete or other similar materials that have not been first sealed with approved products.
- Residential or Commercial installations with heavy wheeled vehicle traffic that permanently indents, or damages the flooring.

This limited warranty is made solely to the original purchaser of the Vendor Imperial Luxury Vinyl Flooring products and is not transferable under any circumstances. This limited warranty is expressly in lieu of any other expressed warranty whether oral or written.