# **Kypro Flooring WPC Floating Plank Installation Instructions**

## ATTENTION! PLEASE READ BEFORE INSTALLING

Before starting installation, it is important you read all instructions and warranty information. By starting installation of this product you are agreeing that you have read and understand all installer/owner's requirements and responsibilities and and aware than deviating from the instruction and recommendations in this installation guide may result in voiding the product warranty.

WPC flooring should only be installed after all the other trades have finished and the job site has been cleared of any/ all debris that could damage a finished plank installation.

Verify colour and finish before installations, Once the floor is installed, it is deemed to have been inspected, approved and accepted.

It is the sole responsibility of the installer/owner, prior to installation, to assure that the planned installation area is suitable for WPC flooring and meets local building codes. Confirm that all sub flooring is dry, sound, flat and meets or exceeds all industry standards/local building codes; as well as the recommendations listed herein. The manufacturer accepts no responsibility for product failure extending from or related to failure to meet job area/environment and sub flooring requirements.

The Installer/Owner assumes full responsibility for the final inspection of this product. Inspection should be done prior to installation and should include: print/colour/texture, factory finish and locking system. If the product is not acceptable, DO NOT INSTALL IT. Contact your supplier immediately for assistance. Flooring that has been installed will be deemed to have been inspected and quality accepted.

Radiant Heat: If you wish to install over a radiant heating system consult with the manufactures of your radiant heating system to ensure that it is compatible with WPC flooring. Temperature must never exceed 26 °C (79°F) and changes in temperature settings must be gradual. Rapid temperature changes and /or excessive heat may damage the flooring and/or the finish. It is the responsibility of installer/owner to confirm the suitability of the radiant heating system for use with this product. Any damage to the floor caused by the radiant heating system will not be covered by the product warranty.

Installation in areas of potential rapid temperature change (solariums, sun-rooms, saunas, etc.) may exceed the temperature limitations of the product and void the product warranty. Verify the temperature fluctuations prior to installation to determine if the area is suitable for WPC flooring.

Product is rated for indoor use only within the required temperature range, do not install outdoors.

### **TOOLS REQUIRED:**

Safety glasses, mitre saw, straight edge, chalk-line, tape measure, pry-bar, saw, spacers.

#### PRE-INSTALLATION:

When calculating flooring square footage requirements, allow a minimum of an additional 10% for cuts, waste and defects. If installing a diagonal or other special pattern, allow for 10% additional materials.

## **SUBFLOOR REQUIREMENTS:**

All sub-floors must be clean, flat(smooth) and dry prior to installation, regardless of installation method. Floors installed over non-flat subfloors may squeak and /or deflect when walked on. Sweep or vacuum your subfloor immediately prior to installation ensuring there is no debris or grit, as it may interfere with installation, all subfloors muse be flat, high, or low areas exceeding 3/16" in 10' must be corrected.

Wooden subfloors, Recommended 3/4" CDX plywood, OSB or boards. Sand down high area, fill low areas. Nail or screw down any loose areas and replace damages sheathing (damaged, swollen, or delaminating).

Concrete: most concrete subfloors(slabs) are not flat(smooth) and must be levelled before installation. In all cases, verify the subfloor using a 10' long straightedge to locate high and low areas, low areas should be filled with a self-levelling compound.

## Do not install WPC flooring over soft, rough, non-flat or uneven surfaces.

#### **GENERAL TIPS:**

- It is always recommended to draw panels from a minimum of 3 different boxes during installation to assure an even distribution of any minor colour variations and slight differences in embossing levels.
- Verify locking profile prior to installation, checking for debris or damage, Clean, trim or discard and affected sections.

#### CLICK FLOATING GENERAL INSTALLATION INFORMATION:

- For a click floating installation, follow the directions noted above regarding sub-floor preparation.
- Floating installations may be made over most subfloors including: Plywood or OSB, ceramic/porcelain tile, smooth stone, marble, granite, and linoleum. Do **NOT** install over carpet.
- Begin by measuring the width of the room and divide the total width of the room by the width of the panel. Adjust the first row width so that you finish with at least a half a width of a panel on the far wall.
- Set up starting line foe the first row by measuring the width of the (adjusted) panel. Add 1/4" (6mm) to this number and mark the floor at each end of your starting wall, approximately 6" (150mm) away from the corners.
- Using a chalk-line, carefully snap a line between these two points. Check to make sure there will be approximately 1/4" (6mm) between the edge of your first row of panels and the wall. This spaces allows for any slight expansion of the WPC flooring and will be covered by the baseboard/quarter-round.
- Lay out the first row of panels, the short tongue should be facing the wall. First panel should start 1/4" (6mm) form the wall. Cut the last panel to finish 1/4" (6mm) from opposite wall. we recommend you use temporary shims to keep the floor away from the walls, as the floor will shift during installation due to it being a floating floor. Place the shims every 2-3' (60-90cm) along the starting wall, plus at the end of each of the starting rows so panels do not shift when set into place.

- Assemble the end joints by inserting the tongue on the short side of the panel at an angle of approx.25 degrees, and lower it into place. Continue in this manner until the first row is complete.
- To start the second row, use the remainder of the last panel of the first row if it is longer than 30cm (12") long, otherwise, cut a new panel in half and proceed. To ensure structural integrity of your floor, it is mandatory to ALWAYS STAGGER THE END JOINTS FROM ROW TO ROW BYAT LEAST 20cm(8").
- Install one panel at a time, so that the end with the large lip is exposed to receive the next plank. Using a sacrificial cut piece with the profile that locks into the large lip end of the panel, gently tap on the sacrificial cut piece until the ends of the panels lock together and repeat for rest of row. Do NOT use too much force when tapping the panels together, as this may damage the locking profile. For final board in row, use a pry-bar to pull it tight and lock the end profiles. Do NOT strike directly on the locking profile to tap the panels together, as this may damage the locking profile.
- In the case where you are unable to angle panels (eg. Under a doorframe or radiator), you can cut away the locking edge of the lip of the bottom groove by using a utility knife. Run a bead of Seam Sealer on the now modified tongue and groove. Tighten the panels gently with the use of a pull bar and a hammer.
- If a doorframe must be undercut, lay a panel of flooring next to the doorframe with the patterned side facing down. Undercut the doorjamb with a saw, then slide the flooring panel under the doorjamb with the decorative pattern facing upwards. Please note that the floor muse be allowed to expand under doorjamb and recommended expansion gap muse be respected.
- Ensure there is minimum 1/4"(6mm) gap around the entire floor perimeter and any obstacles. Measure and cut the last panels to fit so that there is a minimum 1/4"(6mm) gap along the last wall.
- Remove all temporary shims, sweep & Vacuum Immediately.

## PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR YOUR FLOOR

- General cleaning: It is recommended that you sweep & vacuum the area immediately after installation to remove potential damaging grit and debris.
- Further cleaning with an approved PH Neutral vinyl floor cleaning agent recommended, as required.
- Do not buff, was or use cleaning products that contain surfactants.
- Never steam clean or use a steam mop on the floor.
- Baseboards and quarter rounds: Replace or install new matching baseboards and quarter rounds
  in all areas. Baseboards are to be nailed into the wall and quarter rounds into the basements.
  DO NOT nail either of these into WPC flooring.
- Transition pieces: if you have removed any transition pieces and not covered their place with WPC flooring, reinstall them immediately.
- Furniture & appliances: if you are moving and placing furniture and appliances in areas with WPC floors, cover all feet and floor contact points with heavy self-adhesive felt pads to protect the floor. Lift heavy objects when moving(furniture or appliance) DO NOT roll or slide them across the floor.
- We recommend that areas with "rolling loads" (wheelchairs, hospital beads, carts, rack, tables, etc.) should be glued down using a resilient flooring adhesive.
- Felt Pads on chair legs should be replaced periodically, as they wear and accumulate grit with use and can damage the floor.

# **Kypro Flooring WPC Limited Flooring Warranty**

This warranty is subject to the procedures, recommendations, limitations, disclaimers and exclusions mentioned herein and in the general information, installations and warranty sections of this document.

WPC flooring products carry a limited residential warranty, when installed in a residential situation \*(SEE NOTE AT BOTTOM OF WARRANTY), against manufacturer and workmanship defects when used under normal conditions and installed in accordance with Manufacturer's installations instructions to the original purchaser owner of the home, as long as they continually own the home for the period of the warranty. Consult your original packaging for the warranty time specific to the product you have purchased. Note that you must retain an original label of the product purchase which denotes your warranty duration, as well as the UPC code and your original receipt of purchase. This warranty is not transferable. Manufacturer's warranty and liability does not extend beyond the flooring planks or tiles and is limited to maximum value of the original purchase price. Warranty is limited to repair or replacement of the planks or tiles at the sole discretion of the manufacturer. The warranty does not include labor and installation costs no any secondary costs. Claim compensation (if approved an/or authorized) is limited to the specific area which is deemed to be valid under the claim.

This warranty does not cover and specifically excluded such damages as: scratches or indentations from normal wear and tear, chips, and stains caused by normal wear and tear, sheen loss in high traffic areas, erosion from pebbles, stones, sand, and all other abrasives, steam mopping, inadequate protection, insects, rot, mold, mildew, bacteria, lack of maintenance, weather conditions, fire, excessive cold, natural disasters, excessive heat, heating and air conditioning systems, accident, improper installation or handling, cleaning agents, negligence or other causes not attributed to manufacturing or workmanship defects. Failure to adhere to and follow all the instructions for installation and maintenance and incorrect or insufficient maintenance. Any modification to the product other than as outlined in the manufacturer's installation instructions will render the warranty null and void.

This warranty excludes problems due to moisture in the subfloor or underneath the flooring. It does cover topical moisture as long as it does not flow over the outside edges of the installations.

This warranty excludes floors which have been installed in area without adequate temperature control and/or when temperature has not been continuously maintained within required temperature level throughout the entire year as required herein.

This warranty excludes changes to gloss levels.

This warranty excludes claims due to differences in the colour and texture from display models and literature, as well as differences in colour and texture from board to board.

The warranty excludes claim due to lightening or darkening of the product from exposure to light or to areas which have not darkened due to less exposure to light than surrounding areas.

This warranty explicitly excludes products sold "as is", The original purchaser is responsible for correct installation, maintenance and cleaning of the flooring in accordance with the included instructions.

This warranty specifically excludes damages to floors caused by heating systems: heating ducts, heat sources and heating system components of all types.

This warranty specifically excludes colour variances from one print/batch number to another. Prior to installation, verify the colours are an acceptable match. Co-install all batched in evenly distributed and well mixed manner.

In the case of claims for commercial installations, please note the following should your floor carry a limited commercial warranty. If applicable, the limited commercial warranty is only applicable to "light commercial" use and applications, which are defined as follows: low traffic areas in commercial offices, showrooms, and retail spaces. In all cases, installed areas must not be subject to abrasive debris or other conditions caused by dirty foot wear, these types of conditions will void the warranty. High traffic areas as defined previously herein are excluded from this warranty.

The warranty applies to the original owner/user that its products, when in its original manufactured condition, aside from previously mentioned information and exceptions, will be free defects and dimensional inconsistency during the warranty period when installed and used under normal residential use in accordance with the terms, installation instructions, limitations and conditions herein. This warrants to the original user that the finish on its product will not wear through nor separate from the flooring during the warranty period when installed and used under normal residential use in accordance with the terms, installation instructions, limitations and conditions herein.

This warranty is the entire and sole statement of warranty for the product and replaces any and all previous warranties, written, spoken, implied or otherwise. No implied warranties exist beyond the terms and conditions or this warranty, the manufacturer assumes no legal liability for any and all actual incidental and/ or consequential damages, however, some states within the USA do not permit the exclusion or limitation of incidental and/or consequential damages, as such, this exclusion may not apply to you. This like all warranties gives you specific rights, in addition, you may also have other rights that vary from state to state or from province to province.

To file a warranty claim, contact the original supplier where the flooring was purchased

\*Note: Rental units, leased properties and apartments are considered commercial properties under this warranty. The limited residential warranty does not apply to these types of properties and installations. If you product purchase also carries a limited commercial warranty, it is the limited commercial warranty that applies to the rental units, leased properties and apartments per the condition, exclusions and term specified herein.

Note that manufacturer/distributor/retailer reserves the right to visit or have its agent visit the premise where the product claim originates to inspect the product in dispute and to remove samples for verification and technical analysis. Failure to provide reasonable access to the installation area or provide required information and /or documentation may result in denial of the claim.

All warranty claims must be made in writing through the original reseller and must include a complete copy for the original purchase receipt, installation documentation as available. Other additional information that may be required by the manufacturer/distributor/retailer regarding details includes in this warranty.