

WOOD FIBER UNDERLAYMENT

for floating LVT, laminate, engineered and hardwood floors

Please read the following instructions carefully before beginning installation.

If additional information, or clarifications, are needed, please contact our technical support department at **(800) SUNCO-38** or Email us at **sale@suncoamerica.com**

Tools recommended to have on hand (Pic # 1):

- Box cutter or Utility knife *
- Metal ruler
- Pencil

Pre-Installation instructions:

- The sub floor surface has to be hard, clean and dry before installation.
- Uneven spots on the concrete slab should not be higher than the thickness of the underlayment.
- In the event when protruding spots on the slab are too big, the underlayment can be shaved, or cut, to overcome the protrusion using any sharp knife.
- Underlayment packages should be stored horizontally, stacked one on top of another.
- It is highly recommended to leave the underlayment open, not sealed in it's packaging, for at least 24 hours prior to installation in the space where it is intended to be installed. The reason for this recommendation is to allow the underlayment to adjust to the moisture level of the room, and thus reach an equilibrium of moisture level with the air in the room.
- **If moisture in or below the ground is a concern or if the concrete slab is not dry, it is recommended to install vapor barrier as a precaution underneath the underlayment in the area where the installation will take place.**

Installation instructions:

- The underlayment sheets can be placed on the properly prepared surface on either side. It does not make a difference which side faced up or down.
- Installation should start at one of the corners of the room. It is highly recommended to lay out the underlayment sheets seamlessly, and in a "brick pattern", when each additional row is slightly shifted so the seams do not align.
- In the event that multiple layers of the underlayment are installed by staggering them one on top of the other, such as in cases when it is needed to level the floor, each additional layer has to be laid down in a 45 degree angle to the layer below it, so the seams of two layers will not co-inside. (also in a brick pattern **Pic # 2**).
- It is not necessary to tape down the seems between the sheets during installation, but it can be done if desired by the installer.
- If installer prefers to tape the boards, It can be done by applying tape on either the entire seem between the boards, or small pieces (3") of tape along the seems. Any adhesive tape can be used.
- The underlayment is designed to perform as a floating barrier, and therefore does not have to be

glued down to the concrete surface. However, if the installer desired to glue down the underlayment, it can be done by applying a few spots of glue on the four corners of the sheet, and adhering it to the floor. In such case, any construction glue, such as "Liquid Nails" glue, can be used.

- A space equal to the thickness of the underlayment should be left between the laid down sheets and the walls. To accomplish this task, it is recommended to cut 1" strips of the underlayment and place them along the wall perimeter of the room. Then lay the sheets of the underlayment as instructed. When completing installation in a room, the strips along the walls should be removed, leaving the desired space between the laid down sheets and the walls.
- Both full size sheets and/or leftover pieces can be used in installation (**Pic #3**)
- The flooring is installed directly on top of the underlayment. It should be installed in a "floating" manner (**Pic # 4**)
- In the event when a plastic moisture barrier is needed to be installed, it should be installed directly on the concrete slab. The plastic barrier should be rolled out throughout the length of the room, in stripes as wide as the width of the roll, and connected together in the seems by a construction scotch tape. An edge of 1" of the plastic cover has to be lifted to cover the perimeter

of the walls. The underlayment sheets should be installed on top of the plastic barrier. After the installation of the finished floor is completed, and before installing a base-board, the 1" edge of the plastic barrier along the walls is to be cut with a utility knife.

* Note: Please make sure that the knife, or the blade on the cutter is very sharp and new. It is important to prevent the possibility of breakage and dusting of the natural wood-fiber material. In the event where a new or very sharp knife/blade not available, and you are noticing formation of dust, please use a simple protective mask IF the installer suffers from various allergies.

Keep away from reach of children.

Wood Underlayment has a five year limited warranty

Dear Customer, Thank you for choosing our product!

Please feel very welcomed to contact us if there is anything we can do for you.

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