

# KLIX RIGID LUXURY VINYL FLOORING

## INSTALLATION GUIDE: HERRINGBONE

Thank you for choosing our Klux - Rigid Luxury Vinyl Tile flooring. When properly installed and cared for, your new flooring will be easy to maintain and will keep its great looks for years. Please read all instructions before you begin the installation. Improper installation will void your warranty.

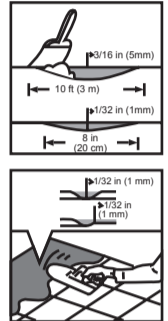
### GENERAL PREPARATIONS

Tools Required: Spacers, Rubber Mallet, Pencil, Ruler, Tape Measure and Utility Knife.

- Prior to installation, inspect material in daylight for visible faults/damage, including defects or discrepancies in colour or shine; check the edges of the flooring for straightness and any damage. No claims on surface defects will be accepted after installation.
- It is preferable to lay boards perpendicular to the window, following the direction of the main source of light. For the best result, make sure to always work from 3 to 4 cartons at a time, mixing the planks during the installation.
- Check if sub-floor/site conditions comply with the specifications described in these instructions. If you are not satisfied, do not install, and contact your supplier.
- Flooring products can be damaged by rough handling before installation. Exercise care when handling and transporting these products. Store, transport and handle the flooring planks in a manner to prevent any damage. Store cartons flat, never on the edge.
- Flooring products can be heavy and bulky. Always use proper lifting techniques when handling these products. Whenever possible, make use of material-handling equipment such as dollies or material carts. Never lift more than you can safely handle; get assistance if needed.
- Calculate the room surface prior to installation and plan an extra 15-20% of flooring for cutting waste.
- The environment where the flooring is to be installed is critically important with regard to successful installation and continued performance of the flooring products. The flooring is intended to be installed in interior locations only. These interior locations must meet climactic and structural requirements as well.
- In most cases, this product does not need to be acclimated. However, if the boxes of flooring were exposed over 2 hours to extreme temperatures under 50°F/10°C or over 104°F/40°C within the 12 hours before the installation, acclimation is required. In this case, keep the boards in room temperature for at least 12 hours in unopened package before you start the installation. The room temperature must be maintained consistently between 70-80°F/20-25°C before and during the installation.
- Flooring should only be installed in temperature-controlled environments. It is necessary to maintain a constant temperature of 70-80°F/20-25°C before and during the installation. Portable heaters are not recommended as they may not heat the room and sub-floor sufficiently. Kerosene heaters should never be used.
- After installation, make sure that the flooring is not exposed to temperatures less than 50°F/10°C or greater than 120°F/50°C.
- For floor surfaces exceeding 4356 sq. ft./400 m<sup>2</sup> and/or lengths exceeding 66 lineal ft./20m, use expansion mouldings/joints.
- This product is designed to be resistant to wear, however no product is guaranteed against scratches or loss of gloss. Please be sure to follow our maintenance instructions to ensure that your floor remains new as long as possible.
- A combination of heat and sunlight can cause most home furnishings to fade and discolour. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods. During peak sunlight hours, the use of blinds or drapes is recommended.

### SUB-FLOOR INFORMATION

- Inspect your sub-floor before you begin, it must be structurally sound, clean, dry, flat and smooth. High-spots and bumps must be levelled. Deflections more than  $\frac{3}{16}$ "/5mm within a 10ft./3m radius must be levelled out with an appropriate levelling compound, the same applies to unevenness of more than  $\frac{1}{32}$ "/1mm within 8"/20cm.
- Ceramic tile floors, ceramic and marble grout joints, and irregularities in concrete should be filled and levelled.
- Depressions, deep grooves, expansion mouldings/joints and other sub-floor imperfections that exceed 4mm wide and 4mm depth must be filled with patching or levelling compound.
- Substrates must be free from excessive moisture or alkali. Remove dirt, paint, varnish, wax, oils, solvents, any foreign matter and contaminants.
- Do not use products containing petroleum, solvents or citrus oils to prepare substrates as they can cause staining and expansion of the new flooring.
- Although this flooring product is water-proof, it is not aimed to be used as a moisture barrier. The concrete moisture vapour emissions should not exceed 8lb/3.63kg (ASTM F1869)/90% RH (ASTM F2170) with a PH limit of 9/max. 2.5% moisture content (CM method).
- This flooring product is also not to be installed in areas that have a risk of flooding such as saunas or outdoor areas.
- Existing sheet vinyl floors should not be heavily cushioned and not exceed more than one layer of thickness. Soft underlayment and soft substrates will diminish the product's inherent strength in resisting indentations.



### WOOD SUB-FLOORS

- If this flooring product is intended to be installed over an existing wooden floor, it is recommended to repair any loose boards or squeaks before you begin the installation.
- Nail or screw every 6"/15cm along joists to avoid squeaking.
- Basements and crawl spaces must be dry. Use of a 6mil/0.15mm poly-film is required to cover 100% of the crawl space earth.
- We recommend laying the flooring crossways to the existing floorboards.
- All other sub-floors - plywood, OSB, particleboard, chipboard, wafer board, etc. must be structurally sound and must be installed following their manufacturer's recommendations.

### CONCRETE SUB-FLOORS

- Existing concrete sub-floors must be fully cured, at least 60 days old, smooth, permanently dry, clean, and free of all foreign material such as dust, wax, solvents, paint, grease, oils, and old adhesive residue. Curing agents and hardeners could cause bonding failure and should not be used.
- We recommend using a minimum 6mil/0.15mm poly-film as a moisture barrier between the concrete sub-floor and the flooring.

### DO NOT INSTALL OVER

- Any type of carpet. Existing cushion-backed vinyl flooring. Floating floor of any type, loose lay, and perimeter fastened sheet vinyl. Hardwood flooring/wood sub-floors that lay directly on concrete or over dimensional lumber or plywood used over concrete.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

In-floor Radiant Heat: Flooring can be installed over  $\frac{1}{2}$ "/12mm embedded radiant heat using the floating method. Maximum operating temperature should never exceed 85°F/30°C. Use of an in-floor temperature sensor is recommended to avoid overheating.

- Turn the heat off for 24 hours before, during and 24 hours after installation when installing over radiant heated sub-floors.
- Before installing over newly constructed radiant heat systems, operate the system at maximum capacity to force any residual moisture from the cementitious topping of the radiant heat system.
- Make sure that the temperature in the room is maintained consistently between 70-80°F/20-25°C before and during the installation.
- Floor temperature must not exceed 85°F/30°C.
- Once the installation has been completed, the heating system should be turned on and increased gradually (5-degree increments) until returning to normal operating conditions.
- Refer to the radiant heat system's manufacturer recommendations for additional guidance.

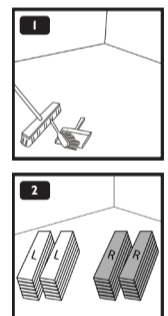
**Warning:** Electric heating mats that are not embedded into the sub-floor are not recommended for use underneath the floors. Using electric heating mats that are not embedded and applied directly underneath the floors could void the warranty for your floor in case of failure. It is best to install the flooring over embedded radiant floor heating systems and adhere to the guidelines listed above.

### INSTALLATION

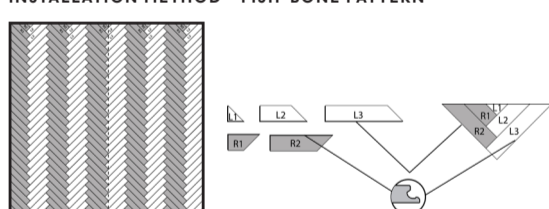
- Remove baseboard, quarter-round moldings, wall-based appliances and furniture from room. For best results, door trim should be under-cut to allow flooring to move freely without being pinched. After preparation work, sweep and vacuum the entire work area to remove all dust and debris.
- With a floating floor, you must always ensure you leave a  $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6mm gap between walls and fixtures such as pillars, stairs, etc. These gaps will be covered with trim moldings after the floor is installed.
- Whenever possible, plan the layout so that the joints in the planks do not fall on top of joints or seams in the existing substrate.
- Do not install your kitchen cabinets directly over your floor. The floor's quality can only be guaranteed as long as the floor is allowed to move freely.
- **Underlay:** This product has a pre-attached underlayment, the use of an additional underlayment could damage the locking mechanism and will void warranty.
- **Cutting Tips:** To cut the plank, use a simple utility knife and ruler, and with the top side facing up, cut heavily and several times on the same axis. The knife will not go through the surface but make a deep cut. You can then lift one half of the plank using your other hand to hold down the second placing it very close to the cut. The plank will split naturally. For ease of installation, cuts may be made using a laminate or vinyl flooring cutter.

**Attention:** The letter "L" or "R" marked on the back of each herringbone plank indicate two different profiling directions. There is the same number of L planks and R planks in each box. Please pay attention to the markings and always install them paired together. In below instructions, L planks are represented in white, R marked planks are represented in grey.

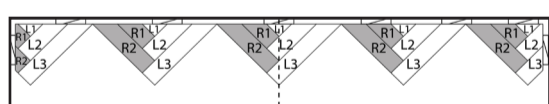
- 1 - The sub-floor should be even, dry, clean. Carpet staples or glue residues must be removed, and the floor must be clean to ensure proper installation.
- 2 - Separating into distinctive piles will make it easier to find the correct plank should the L or R markings be cut off.



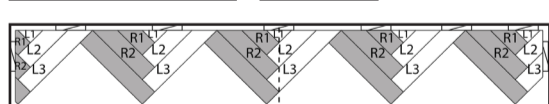
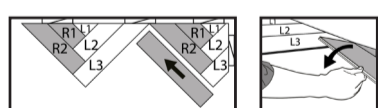
### INSTALLATION METHOD - FISH-BONE PATTERN



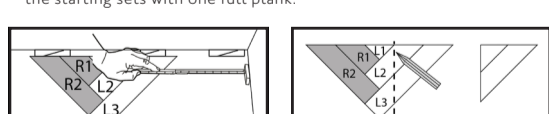
- At first, follow the cutting template on the inside of your box to cut the 5 pieces (L1, L2, L3, R1, R2) needed for one starting set. You will need a total of 5 planks in order to make the required 5 starting set pieces (L1, L2, L3, R1, R2). You won't be able to use offcuts of the same planks within one set.



- Align the first starting set with a chalk line going through the centre line of the room (to centre the installation, make sure the line goes through the tip of the pattern). Always leave a  $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6 mm expansion gap with the wall.



- Each starting set is 34.25"/ 870mm wide, measure how many starting sets you will need based on the width of the room. You can connect the starting sets with one full plank.



- When you reach the walls on both sides, measure the distance between the wall and the closest starting set. Assemble a new set, mark the measured distance on it, cut the planks (the set can be disassembled for this) and install the planks in the gap.
- Continue this pattern until the room is entirely covered.

### CLICKING TIPS

Place the short end panel at a 45° angle. Click it into the long end of the parallel panel at a 45° angle. Fold down in a single movement. It is recommended to slightly tap the planks on the edge after clicking them together to make sure they are clicked at the same height.

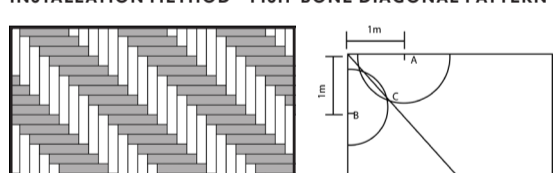
**Note:** If you notice both planks aren't at the same height or are not well locked together, please follow the disassembling instructions at the bottom of the page, disassemble and check if any debris stuck inside the lock is obstructing.

**WARNING - FAILURE TO PROPERLY LINE UP THE END JOINT AND ATTEMPTING TO FORCE IT IN WHILE OUT OF ALIGNMENT COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT DAMAGE TO THE END JOINT.**

### DISASSEMBLING

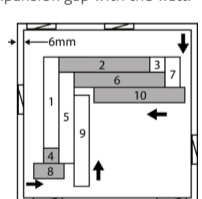
To disassemble, simply lift the planks one by one following the opposite sequence as the installation.

### INSTALLATION METHOD - FISH-BONE DIAGONAL PATTERN

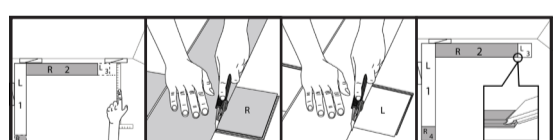


- Using a pencil, string and ruler, draw a line at 45° that is used to align the pattern according to the image. You can then start staggering spacers across your wall, leaving a  $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6mm expansion gap with the wall.

- Start from the left corner opposite from the door. Use an "L" marked plank first and put the tongue sides against the wall. Then take your 2nd plank (marked "R") and place it perpendicularly to the 1st (Refer to the clicking tips on the bottom of the page). For the 3rd and 4th plank, refer to the cutting tips below. Continue the installation according to the sequence.



- **Cutting Tips:** To install the 3rd (L), 4th (R) and any other plank that will have the short side against the wall, measure the length of the plank to fit and cut accordingly. Make sure you use the correct side of the plank (see images below).



- This sequence is given as an example, it will depend on the shape of the room. It is important to always start with the planks placed against the walls.

### Holes For Pipes:

Measure the diameter of the pipe and drill a hole that is  $\frac{1}{32}$ "/20mm larger. Saw off a piece and lay the board in place on the floor. Then lay the sawed-off piece in place.



### Door Moulding & Skirting:

Lay a board (with the decorative side down) next to the door moulding and as shown in the figure. Then slide the floorboard under moulding.

### FINISHING THE INSTALLATION

- Replace moulding or wall base, allowing slight clearance between the moulding and the planks. Nail the moulding to the wall surface, not through the flooring. At doorways and at other areas where the flooring planks may meet other flooring surfaces, the use of a transition moulding is required to cover the exposed edge but do not pinch the planks. Leave a  $\frac{1}{4}$ "/6mm gap between the planks and the adjoining surface.

### MAINTENANCE

- Sweep or vacuum daily using soft bristle attachments.
- Clean up spills and excessive liquids immediately.
- Damp mop as needed and use cleaners recommended for vinyl flooring.
- The use of residential steam mops on this product is allowed. Use at lowest power with a suitable soft pad, and do not hold a steam mop on one spot for an extended period of time (longer than 5 minutes). Refer to the steam mop's manufacturer instructions for proper use.
- Use proper floor protection devices such as felt protectors under furniture.
- Place a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt brought into your home. Do not use mats with a latex or rubber backing since these backings can cause permanent discoloration.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, bleach or wax to maintain the floor.
- Do not drag or slide heavy objects across the floor.

