

## **HARLEQUIN HI-SHINE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Harlequin endeavours to ensure every roll of flooring is sent to you in pristine condition, however, mistakes in orders or coloration differences may occur. Please inspect your entire order BEFORE you cut or use any flooring and refer to the Harlequin return policy.

### **HARLEQUIN HI-SHINE**

Harlequin Hi-Shine is a contract quality sheet flooring. It is a composite of calendered laminated PVC (polyvinyl chloride) with a high-gloss PET display surface. Supplied in rolls, it is suitable for loose-lay installation. The product is comprised of PVC resins, plasticisers, pigments and PET.

### **PREPARATION FOR INSTALLATION**

Thoroughly sweep your sub floor to remove grit and dust before laying down your new Harlequin floor. An excellent precaution is to follow this by wrapping a damp cloth around the broom and 'mopping' the floor with this.

Before cutting and/or taping your floor, we always recommend that you unroll it and let it 'relax' for at least 48 hours at room temperature (approximately 18°C) to remove the stretching tension which may result from the packing of the roll at our factory.

If you need to make a preliminary cut to have enough space to 'relax' your floor, leave an extra 5cm for every 10m in the unlikely case of shrinkage. This is particularly important if you will be cutting close to walls or around obstructions such pillars. Then, after your floor has 'relaxed', you may make your final cut.

### **CUTTING**

If you are cutting a long roll into shorter lengths, fully unroll it first and check the full length. Harlequin will not be responsible for any issues after the roll has been cut. Always keep the roll labels.

Cutting your Harlequin floor is really very easy, so long as you proceed slowly and carefully.

First, draw a straight pencil line across the flooring at the point you will be cutting. Use a straight edge to draw your line and carefully cut the roll along the straight pencil line with a sharp utility knife.

The two pieces can then be easily be separated by hand.

## **INSTALLING THE FLOOR**

Harlequin do not recommend taping the top surface of Harlequin Hi-Shine as this will look unsightly and removal of the tape may damage the surface of the floor. Hi-Shine should always be installed by taping the underside of the floor.

Please note that a quality installation will require two people.

For the installation of Harlequin Hi-Shine, we recommend the use of Harlequin double sided high tack/low tack PVC tape, or a similar high quality plasticiser resistant PVC double-sided tape.

Should you choose not to use Harlequin double-sided tape, please check with the adhesive tape manufacturer to ensure that their double-sided tape is suitable for use with Harlequin Vinyl Dance Floors and PVC Welding Rods.

For all other Harlequin Floors, allow the floor to "relax" as described before. Lift back the floor at either side of the join, being sure not to let the floor move.

Turn back one edge of each of the joints and mark the sub-floor with chalk to follow the approximate line of the joint. Lay a line of double-sided tape on each side of the chalk line, but do not remove the top release paper from the tape yet. Do not put double-sided tape on the ends of each length of flooring.

Starting at one wall, remove the release paper from the tape nearest to one wall and smooth the flooring down onto the tape, brushing out any air bubbles with a soft broom as you go.

Working away from this first line of tape, ease out any fullness in the flooring and smooth the opposite edge down onto the next line of tape, removing the release paper and brushing out any air bubbles with a soft broom as you go.

Remove the release paper from the next line of tape and lay the second length of flooring onto it, so that the edges of the flooring almost touch, but leave a clean hairline gap.

Continue in this way until all lengths of flooring have been laid.

It may be helpful with raw cement floors and some wood floors to prime the strip where the double-sided tape will be placed. This will make the tape stick better. To prime the floor, brush regular strength wallpaper adhesive (or a 10:1 dilution of PVA wood glue) and allow it to dry. This will make the floor a little shiny, or less "powdery", and the double-sided tape will get more grip.

**If you have any questions regarding the installation or maintenance of your Harlequin floor, please contact our customer services team on +44 (0)1892 514 888**