

10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

before installing your Luxury Vinyl Tile



01. Leveling

It's crucial to level the subfloor before installing vinyl flooring to achieve a seamless finish. Any gaps or uneven areas should be filled to ensure a smooth, level surface. When installing over tile, it's important to fill out grout lines to prevent the floor to crack and break.

For a proper installation, maintain a temperature range of 60°F to 80°F and a relative humidity between 35% and 65% for 48 hours throughout the acclimation process, as well as during and after installation.



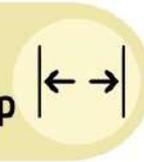
02. Temperature



03. Moisture and Leak

If you encounter a moisture problem or a leak, it must be addressed before proceeding with any flooring installation. Failure to do so may result in the moisture becoming trapped under the flooring, leading to mold growth and eventually buckling over time.

Around the room's perimeter and around any vertical obstructions like pipes and columns, an extension of 1/4" must be allowed.



04. Expansion Gap



05. Underlayment

Each collection of Silent Blue LVT flooring includes an attached underlayment. Do not add additional underlayment as an excessive amount of cushion can compromise the locking mechanism and make the floor unstable.

Do not glue, nail, screw, or affix the Silent Blue floor to the substrate. Install the cabinetry, island and peninsula counters, vanities, baths, and showers, before LVT floors. Cabinetry, island and peninsula counters, vanities, baths, and showers should never be installed on top of Silent Blue floor.



06. Cabinets



07. Cleaning

Regularly clean your floor with a pH neutral cleaner. Avoid wax, oil, and polish cleaners since they leave a dull coating. Do not use any steam mop, instead use damp mopping.

Protective felt patches should be placed over the legs of furniture, including those of chairs, tables, and sofas, to prevent scuffs and scratches. When utilizing rolling chairs, a floor mat is required..



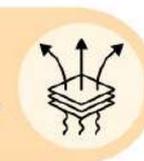
08. Rolling Chair



09. Expansion and Retract

To ensure proper expansion and contraction, pool tables, pianos, and gym equipment weighing more than 300 pounds should not be laid directly on the flooring. A T-molding is required on the doorway to accommodate the expansion and contraction of the flooring.

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10. Vapor Barrier

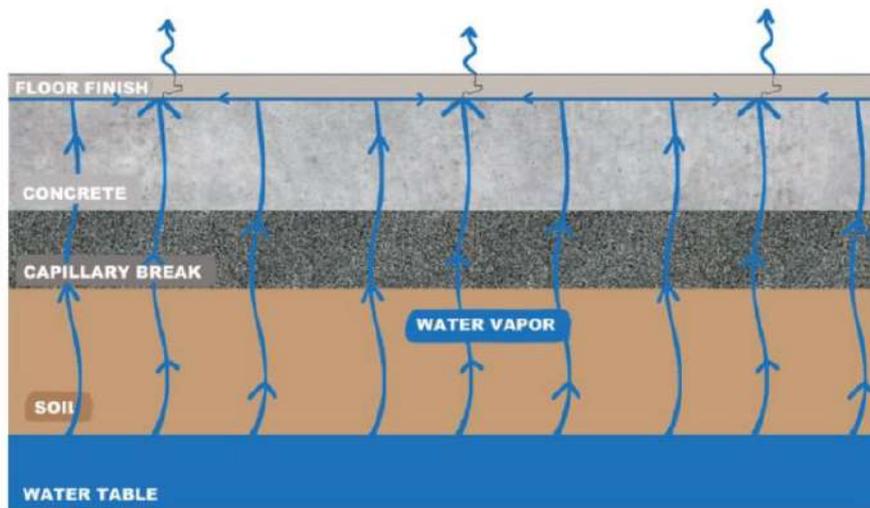
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Moisture issue from the slab **without** a 6-mil plastic moisture barrier.



Moisture issue from the slab **with** a 6-mil plastic moisture barrier.

