



ULTIMATE RB ROLLED GOODS INSTALLATION GUIDE



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BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Read all product and subfloor preparation instructions, adhesive instructions, and warranty and other disclaimers BEFORE you begin to install Ultimate RB rolled goods.
2. The installation surface and rubber rolled goods need to be clean and dry prior to installation. Subfloors to receive rubber rolled goods should be maintained at a consistent temperature for 24 to 48 hours before, during, and after the installation. Ultimate RB recommends an optimum temperature of 68°F (18°C) be maintained in the installation area.
3. Room temperature variations can affect rubber rolled goods as the material can expand (warm) or contract (cold). Temperature requirements for the flooring adhesive should be reviewed as well.
4. Prior to starting any installation, thoroughly review all roll material. Verify the following for all rolled goods:
 - Material type, color, and style are correct
 - Material is the correct size and thickness
 - Amount of material supplied is correct
 - No visual defects are present on the material

Note: Skive/knife marks on product are inherent characteristics of using recycled rubber and are not considered defects.

IMPORTANT

ANY suspect or defective material must be brought to the attention of the supplier immediately. ABSOLUTELY NO CLAIMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE MATERIAL HAS BEEN INSTALLED.

5. Ultimate RB rolled goods are wound tightly for packaging and will retain a certain amount of memory when unrolled. The material (and adhesive) should be acclimated to the installation room temperature for 24 hours. Allow additional time in colder temperatures or use room heaters to increase the ambient air temperature. If heaters are used, be sure to maintain a consistent temperature throughout the installation process. See step 2.
6. If material is stored prior to installation, always lay the rolls on their side. Storing rubber material on end will result in curled edges. Edge curl must be trimmed straight before material is installed. Always store rubber material on a clean, dry, and flat surface. Ultimate RB recommends storing rubber rolls at a minimum of 55°F (13°C) with less than 50% humidity.

7. For best results, Ultimate RB recommends using a one-part polyurethane adhesive to glue the rubber roll material to the subfloor. Visit www.ultimaterb.com for recommended flooring adhesives.

IMPORTANT

DO NOT use petroleum-based products in conjunction with Ultimate RB rubber rolled goods. This includes solvents, adhesives, and sealants.

8. An adhesive bond test should be completed in several locations across the floor. Glue down 2' x 2' pieces of material with recommended adhesive, trowel, and let set for 48 hours before trying to remove. The squares should be relatively difficult to pull up and there should be adhesive on the rubber square.
9. Rolled goods that are loose-laid in the installation area (to acclimate to room temperature), or permanently installed, should be securely covered with a tarpaulin or other protective material when other trade professionals are working in the area. If possible, install the rubber material after all other work is completed in the installation area.

RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION TOOLS

- Rubber gloves
- Safety glasses
- Knee pads
- Utility knife
- Extra knife blades
- Adhesive trowel (1/16" x 1/16" x 3/32")
- Polyurethane flooring adhesive
- 75 lb. sectional roller
- Metal carpenter's square
- Measuring tape
- Chalk line
- Pen or Marker
- Tarpaulin



SUBFLOOR REQUIREMENTS

SUBFLOOR REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLATION

1. Ultimate RB rubber rolled goods (Ultimate Design, Ultimate Tough, or Ultimate Cushion) may be installed over concrete, cement-type leveling bases, asphalt, and wood subfloors.
2. All subfloors should be thoroughly cleaned and primed. Remove all paint, varnish, oil, grease, dust, wax, or any foreign substance that may decrease the bond strength of the polyurethane ring adhesive. (Review ASTM 710 for more information.)
3. Verify the subfloor is dry, smooth, and level. Subfloor surfaces should not vary more than 1/8" in 10 feet.
4. Gypsum patching compounds and leveling products should not be used on subfloor surfaces.
5. Stabilization of the subfloor is the sole responsibility of the installer and/or property owner.

CONCRETE (OR LEVELED CEMENT-TYPE) SUBFLOORS

1. Concrete surfaces must be thoroughly cured, free from hydrostatic pressure, leveled, and cleaned to remove any foreign materials such as dust, dirt, paint, oil, and water prior to installation of rolled goods.
 - Use a trisodium phosphate solution (or Xylol for rubber-based paint) to remove oil, grease, or wax.
 - Remove paint, old adhesive, or other foreign materials by either machine sanding or scraping.
 - Thoroughly wash and rinse treated areas. Allow subfloor to dry completely.
2. To reduce the amount of adhesive required, concrete surfaces should be reasonably smooth.
3. Any separation of concrete layers, heaving, etc. is the sole responsibility of the installer and/or property owner.
4. Allow for good drainage of the installation area with either a well-defined gradient (1% or greater depending on the coverage size of the surface) or well-placed drainage pipe in lower spots of the area.
5. The existing concrete surface shall be free of significant cracks or gaps prior to the installation. Patch areas with a latex-based leveling/filler compound according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Allow compound to dry as directed.
6. New concrete, or the like, should be allowed to cure for a minimum of 60 days prior to installing Ultimate RB rolled goods. The surface should be smooth and level.

7. Both moisture and pH tests should be conducted on concrete subfloors to determine if they are suitable for installation. Moisture should not exceed 3 lbs./1,000 sq. ft. and pH level should be 7-10. (Review ASTM F1869 for water vapor emissions.)

WOOD SUBFLOORS

1. The wood subfloor should be in good condition, rigid, and free from movement. The subfloor should have good cross ventilation under the floor to prevent distortion.
2. The wood surface should be clean and free from any foreign materials such as dust, dirt, paint, or protruding nails or screws. All damaged wood should be replaced.
3. The surface should be leveled, clean, and dry before application. Trapped moisture may cause deterioration and premature rotting of the wood. The subfloor should be free from excessive cupping or warping.
4. The existing wooden surface shall be free of significant cracks or gaps prior to the installation. Patch areas with a plastic wood compound according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Allow compound to dry as directed.
5. Re-nail all loose boards. Replace worn or damaged boards. If necessary, sand floor to a level finish and prime. Wood subfloors can also be covered with a five-ply, 5/8" (15.875mm) plywood or hardboard. Prime newly replaced floorboards.

ASPHALT SUBSURFACES

1. Asphalt sub-surfaces must be hard enough to not melt during hot weather, leveled, and free from any foreign materials such as grease, oil, dust, paint, and other contaminants. Avoid installation of rubber rolled goods on new asphalt until surface oil has had time to dissipate (approximately 30 days after compacting) and drainage can be evaluated.
2. Any separation of asphalt or blacktop layers, heaving, etc. is the sole responsibility of the installer and/or property owner.
3. Allow for good drainage of the installation area with either a well-defined gradient (1% or greater depending on the coverage size of the surface) or well-placed drainage pipe in lower spots of the area.
4. The existing asphalt surface shall be free of significant cracks or gaps prior to the installation. Fill cracks and gaps to level surface.
5. All rubber rolled goods installed on asphalt must be adhered using a polyurethane adhesive. Visit www.ultimaterb.com for recommended adhesives.



SHEET INSTALLATION

PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

1. Installation of the rubber ring will only be as good as the substrate beneath it. If the substrate is uneven, the rubber will not lay flat. A wet, greasy substrate is the first major cause of bonding failure. Review “Sub Requirements” section starting on page 3.
2. Roll out the rubber ring and allow the material to “relax.” The material should be acclimated to the installation room temperature for 24 hours.
3. Orders for more than one roll of rubber will be marked with letters (i.e. "A", "B", "C") to ensure that each roll is positioned correctly during installation. Roll "A" should be positioned next to roll "B", and so on. Installing rubber rolls out of sequence could result in undesirable seam gaps.
4. Pre-cut rubber rolls, making sure to leave 1" to 2" of extra material at the beginning and end of the roll. This will allow for an exact fit against a wall or for seaming at each end. Trim rolls to fit upon adhering to the subfloor. When possible, any cuts should be against the wall.
5. Carefully read all adhesive application instructions prior to using the product.
7. Repeat steps 4 through 6 for the second half of the first sheet.
8. Position the second sheet flush against the first sheet. Do not place pressure on the first sheet, as the glue will still be wet and the sheet may shift. Verify that there are no gaps between the rubber sheets and that seams are tight.
9. Continue to place the rubber material adjacent to the previous sheet laid, until the entire floor is covered. Immediately roll each sheet with a 75 lb. roller.
10. Hand-roll all seams after the floor has been rolled. If there is some gapping in the seams, masking tape (3M “Long Mask” #2090 is preferred) can be used to pull the seams together. **DO NOT USE DUCT TAPE** as it may leave a residue. Once the floor has set, the tape may be removed.
11. If adhesive pushes up in the seams, immediately clean with a damp rag and mineral spirits. Cured adhesive on the floor is very difficult to remove. Ultimate RB strongly recommends using gloves when applying floor adhesive.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Beginning along a straight wall, lay the first sheet of flooring. If the walls are not square, use a chalk line to lay the sheet.
 2. Apply adhesive using a $\frac{1}{16}$ " x $\frac{1}{16}$ " x $\frac{3}{32}$ " U-notch trowel. Spread adhesive perpendicular to seam areas to prevent excess adhesive from protruding through the seam. Use a new trowel for each new pail of adhesive. **DO NOT RE-NOTCH THE TROWEL.**
 3. Review the flooring adhesive usage guidelines for spread rate and open times for curing. Higher temperatures and humidity will cause the adhesive to set up quickly. Low temperatures and low humidity will cause the adhesive to set at a slower rate. The installer should monitor on-site conditions and adjust accordingly. **DO NOT LET ADHESIVE SKIM OVER.**
 4. Fold the first roll lengthwise (half the width of the roll) and spread the adhesive over the subfloor using the U-notch trowel.
 5. Lay the material into the wet adhesive carefully. Dropping the rubber sheet into the adhesive will trap air under the flooring.
 6. Immediately roll the rubber flooring with a 75 lb. roller. Roll the width first, then the length. Roll flooring again in 30 to 45 minutes.
- Failure to roll the sheet while the adhesive is still soft is the second major cause of bonding failure.

BANKED TURNS: Immediately after rolling, weigh down the ring with sandbags to allow the rubber to conform to the subfloor contour.

IMPORTANT

DO NOT ALLOW foot traffic or rolling loads on the newly installed floor for a minimum of 24 hours. Permanent indentations in the adhesive could result, which can prevent a secure bond to the subfloor. For maximum strength, allow adhesive to cure for 72 hours.

POST INSTALLATION

Ultimate RB's rolled goods do not include a protective finish when shipped from the manufacturing facility. It is highly recommended that newly installed rubber floors be protected using a tarpaulin or other cover until they can be cleaned and/or sealed.

INITIAL CLEANING: Do not wash the floor for at least 5 days after installation. An initial cleaning needs to be done to remove any dirt and grit from the jobsite and to prepare the floor prior to applying a sealer or finish. Failure to clean properly will cause finish bonding issues, as well as the entrapment of dirt in the floor.

To avoid possible damage to the flooring, the following should never be used on the floor:

- Steel wool or abrasive brushes
- Abrasive or alkaline cleaners
- Solvents of any type.

Visit www.ultimaterb.com for recommended floor cleaners and sealers.



SHEET INSTALLATION (CONTINUED)

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

For regular maintenance, review the Ultimate RB Rubber Flooring Cleaning & Maintenance Guide at www.ultimaterb.com.

DISCLAIMER & WARRANTY

DISCLAIMER

The Ultimate RB Rolled Goods Installation Guide represents typical installation methods. Generally accepted installation practices should be followed. The use of a trained installation professional is recommended for best results. Ultimate RB does not warrant any installation work and specifically disclaims liability for any direct or indirect personal injury, property damage, or other costs or losses resulting from incorrect or inadequate installations.

WARRANTY

Ultimate RB shall warranty the flooring materials it has supplied to be free from manufacturing defects in MATERIAL ONLY for a period of 1 year from date of substantial completion and the flooring contractor shall warrant the installation to be free from defects for the same period. The foregoing warranty is in lieu of and excludes all other warranties not expressly set forth herein, whether express or implied, including, but not limited to, any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness.

Skive/knife marks on product is an inherent characteristic of using recycled rubber and will not be viewed as an appropriate reason for rejecting the final finished product.

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