

PuzzleTile™ Installation Instructions

I. REQUIRED TOOLS & MATERIALS

- A. Tape measure
- B. Chalk line
- C. Metal straight edge
- D. Utility knife with heavy-duty blades
- E. Carpenter's square
- F. Marking instrument, such as paint pens or chalk
- G. Push broom or vacuum

II. SITE CONDITIONS

- A. This product is intended for indoor use only. Do not use where the flooring will be exposed to fuels, oils, solvents, or other chemicals. Areas to receive flooring should be weather tight and maintained at a minimum uniform temperature of 65°F (18°C) for 48 hours before, during and after the installation.
- B. Install PuzzleTile over wood or concrete subfloors, existing resilient flooring such as vinyl, linoleum, laminate, ceramic tile, and wood. PuzzleTile can also be installed over "low pile" carpet using precautionary measures. All carpets have a "nap" in which the fibers run in one direction. The up and down motion of the mat above the carpet will cause it to move in the direction of the nap. To remedy this movement, plastic carpet runners may be installed, spikeed down under the PuzzleTile mat.
- C. Surface should be smooth to prevent irregularities, roughness or other defects from telegraphing through the new flooring.

III. MATERIAL STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Store the material in its original, unopened packaging with all labels intact.
- B. Inspect all materials for visual defects before beginning the installation. Verify the material delivered is the correct style, color and amount. Any discrepancies must be reported to the retailer where the material was purchased.
- C. Remove PuzzleTile from cartons and allow them to sit in the area to be installed. Tiles must be acclimated at a uniform room temperature for a minimum of 24 hours prior to installation.
- D. Mix tiles from several boxes or skids. Ensure that job site and subfloor conditions are met.
- E. Install PuzzleTile so that the directional markings stamped on the bottom of the tiles point in the same direction.

Installation Methods – 2 Options

I. AREA MAT LAYOUT

- A. For a simple area mat installation, lay down the tiles to the desired length and width and interlock the tabs.
- B. For a finished look, trim the interlocking tabs from the mat using a sharp utility knife and a metal straight edge (see diagram 1).

II. WALL-TO-WALL LAYOUT

- A. It is customary to begin tile installations from the center of the room.
- B. Measure the width of the area to be covered.
- C. Mark the center of the area at two points, one at each end (A and B).
- D. Snap a chalk line, line #1, through these two points.
- E. Determine the center point of the chalk line.
- F. Using a carpenter's square or another method, snap a second chalk line, line #2, perpendicular (at 90°) to the first line. The lines should intersect at their centers.
- G. The area to be covered is now divided into quarters. Begin the installation at the center of the area where the two lines intersect (see diagram 2). PuzzleTile must be installed in the same direction (directional arrows are stamped on the bottom of tiles).
- H. Lay whole tiles from left to right along chalk line #1 up to the wall on the opposite side of chalk line #2. The last tile will likely have to be cut to fit against the wall.

I. Cut the last piece to fit against the wall using a metal straight edge and a sharp utility knife (see diagram 1). Do not compression fit the tile against the wall. Allow a 1/4" around the perimeter for expansion.



Diagram 1

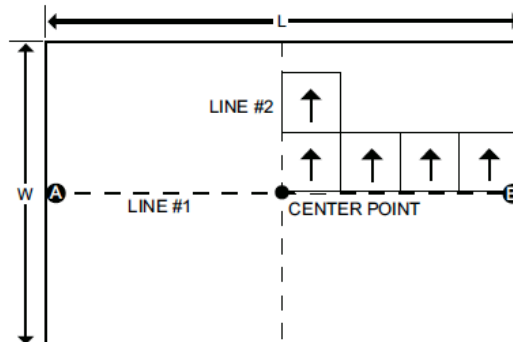


Diagram 2

Cleaning

I. SURFACE CLEANING

- A. Remove all surface soil and debris by sweeping or vacuuming.
- B. Damp mop to remove additional soil using Taski Profi diluted per the manufacturers instructions. DO NOT flood the floor with water, as PuzzleTile is permeable and will allow water to pass through. For tough stains or dirt build up, a nylon brush may be used in conjunction with Taski Profi.
- C. Use Taski Vision Matte 5 gallon or Centaur's EcoMatte to seal the floor. Use a microfiber mop or a roller and spread on a clean floor. Clean as needed however its recommended to clean and seal every 6 months. Vision Matte spread ratio is 1000 sq feet per 1 gallon Three coats of Vision Matte are recommended for the initial cleaning.

Warranty

PuzzleTile is guaranteed to be free from manufacturing defects on both material and workmanship. If such a defect is discovered, the customer must notify The Manufacturer through contracting installer, retailer, or directly. If material is found to be defective within three years under normal non-abusive conditions, the sole remedy against the seller will be the replacement or repair of the defective goods. At the seller's option, credit may be issued not exceeding the original selling price of the defective goods.

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