

DO'S & DON'TS

DURAFLOOR LVT Loose Lay — Care, Installation & Maintenance
Floortek India Private Limited

Following these guidelines ensures your floor performs at its best, protects your warranty, and lasts for years to come.

✓ DO'S

Best practices for a flawless, long-lasting installation

- 01** **Acclimate Before Installation**
 - Allow LVT planks to acclimate in the installation room for at least 24–48 hours at temperatures between 18°C and 27°C before laying.
- 02** **Ensure a Clean, Flat & Dry Subfloor**
 - The subfloor must be level (within 3 mm over 1.8 m), clean, and completely dry. Flatten all high spots and fill any low areas before installation.
- 03** **Maintain Correct Room Temperature**
 - Keep room temperature between 15°C and 35°C during and after installation. Loose Lay LVT performs best within this range.
- 04** **Use Appropriate Underlayment**
 - Where required, use an underlayment compatible with LVT. For underfloor water heating, confirm compatibility — only water-based systems are supported.
- 05** **Leave an Expansion Gap**
 - Maintain a 6–10 mm expansion gap around all fixed objects — walls, columns, and door frames — to allow natural movement with temperature changes.
- 06** **Use Felt or Rubber Pads Under Furniture**
 - Attach felt or rubber pads to the legs of heavy furniture and chairs to distribute weight and prevent indentation of the wear layer.
- 07** **Clean with a Damp Mop**
 - Sweep or vacuum regularly. For deeper cleaning, use a well-wrung damp mop with a pH-neutral floor cleaner. Dry the surface immediately after mopping.
- 08** **Use Entrance Mats at Doorways**
 - Place mats at all exterior entrances to trap grit, sand, and moisture before they reach the floor surface and cause premature scratching.
- 09** **Test Subfloor for Moisture Before Installation**
 - Always test subfloor moisture levels before laying planks. Use a moisture barrier or DPC membrane if readings exceed acceptable limits.
- 10** **Store Boxes Flat & Horizontally**
 - Store LVT boxes flat on a level surface, stacked no more than 6 boxes high, in a temperature-controlled space away from direct sunlight.

X DON'TS

What to avoid to protect your investment and maintain warranty

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| 01 | X | Do Not Install Over Uneven Subfloors
Never lay LVT over humps, dips, or cracked substrates. Unevenness will telegraph through the plank, cause rocking, and void the warranty. |
| 02 | X | Do Not Use Glue or Adhesive
DURAFLOOR LVT is a Loose Lay product. Using adhesive prevents natural movement, causes buckling, and makes future removal extremely difficult. |
| 03 | X | Do Not Install with Electric Underfloor Heating
This product supports only water-based underfloor heating. Electric heating systems generate temperatures that can permanently damage the LVT. |
| 04 | X | Do Not Drag Heavy Furniture Across the Floor
Always lift furniture when relocating. Dragging causes deep scratches on the wear layer surface that cannot be repaired. |
| 05 | X | Do Not Use Abrasive or Solvent-Based Cleaners
Avoid bleach, acetone, ammonia, wax-based polish, or steam mops. These strip the UV coating, cause discolouration, and void the surface warranty. |
| 06 | X | Do Not Allow Standing Water to Accumulate
Although LVT is waterproof, prolonged standing water at joints or edges can seep beneath planks, reaching the subfloor and promoting mould. |
| 07 | X | Do Not Install in Areas with Direct, Prolonged Sunlight
Continuous UV exposure through unshaded windows causes colour fading over time. Fit blinds or UV-filtering film in high-sun areas. |
| 08 | X | Do Not Use Rubber-Backed Mats for Extended Periods
Certain rubber compounds stain or discolour LVT surfaces. Use vinyl-backed or felt-backed mats for any long-term placement. |
| 09 | X | Do Not Install Below Grade Without Moisture Assessment
Basement and below-grade installations require thorough moisture testing. Excessive ground moisture can compromise the subfloor and the loose lay. |
| 10 | X | Do Not Omit Transition Strips at Doorways
When flooring runs between rooms, always fit T-moulding or transition strips at door thresholds. Skipping these causes planks to buckle as they expand. |

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