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General Installation Instructions

Important Pre-Installation Checks

- It is the installer's responsibility to verify that the product, color, pattern and quantity are all correct.
- Prior to installation, each plank should be carefully inspected in good natural light for any obvious visual defects.
- Never install defective product. If the product is incorrect or has any visual defects or damage, contact the retailer.
- Generally, HAPPY FEET will not be responsible for any visible defects after the flooring has been cut and/or installed.

Prior to Installation

- Follow all recommended acclimation instructions per Happy Feet warranty and installation guidelines.
- Cartons should be stored horizontally at all times. Protect carton corners from damage.
- Inspect the groove area, and remove debris that may prevent proper assembly of planks/tiles.

Moisture Testing & Mitigation

- Happy Feet requires documented moisture testing of all substrates prior to installation. Substrates must not exceed 3-5 lbs of moisture emission per 1,000 sq ft in a 24-hour period. (ASTM 1869 Calcium Chloride Moisture Test Standards)
- PH Levels must be between 7 and 9.
- Relative Humidity testing performed using in-situ probes should not exceed 80% relative humidity.
- Happy Feet requires the use of an approved moisture mitigating primer (HF525Z) under all glue down and loose lay applications. It is highly recommended that moisture mitigating primers be used under our floating floors as well.

Perimeter/Expansion Gaps

- A standard perimeter expansion gap of no less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch must be maintained against all fixed vertical surfaces (e.g. walls, cabinets, sliding doors, island benches, plumbing fixtures, etc.).
- For installation over large areas or in between multiple rooms that exceed 30 ft in length or width, leave no less than a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch expansion gap. A trim, such as quarter round, can be used to cover this gap, ensuring the floor is not pinned to the substrate or vertical surfaces.

NOTE: For installations that require the floor to pass through multiple pinch-points, for example doorways and transitional areas from smaller passageways to larger rooms, consideration should be given to additional expansion allowance at these points.