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LVT Installation Guide

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Before fitting | Product checks and site conditions

1 Scope and responsibilities

This guide applies to Textures dryback LVT planks, herringbone, stone tiles and Basket Weave Combinations in suitable residential and commercial interiors. These products are **fully bonded with an appropriate adhesive**; they are not click or floating floors. Professional installation is strongly recommended.

Read the current product specification, this guide and the instructions for the screed, preparation products, adhesive and any underfloor heating (UFH). A brand name alone does not confirm compatibility. If requirements conflict, obtain a coordinated written recommendation before work; do not choose the least restrictive instruction.

2 Check the product before installation

• Confirm colour, design, format, size, batch references and quantities, allowing for the layout, pattern and cutting waste. Keep batch labels, purchase details and spare material for future reference.

• Inspect pieces in good light before and during fitting. Check for damage, visible defects and unexpected shade or pattern differences. Normal design variation is intentional; plan a balanced blend from compatible packs.

• If anything appears wrong, **stop fitting the affected material**, retain evidence and contact the selling retailer. Do not install questionable material while awaiting advice. Continuing to fit an obvious defect may create avoidable loss; it does not automatically remove unrelated warranty or statutory rights.

3 Storage, acclimatisation and working conditions

• Store packs flat, dry and supported. Keep them away from direct sunlight, radiators, warm-air outlets and local hot spots. Do not bend pieces or use artificial spot heating to accelerate acclimatisation.

• Acclimatise the flooring and adhesive for **at least 48 hours at 18-24°C** in the installation area, or an equivalent area with matching conditions. Allow additional time if needed to reach a stable temperature. Follow packaging instructions for opening and stacking packs.

• Maintain the same stable **18-24°C conditions during fitting and for at least 72 hours afterwards**. Do not fit in an unconditioned building or rely on intermittent heating. Recommended ambient relative humidity is **35-65% RH**.

• The subfloor must be **above 10°C** and meet any higher minimum required by the selected preparation or adhesive system. A 10°C subfloor is not approval to use an adhesive that requires a warmer base. Check and record both air and subfloor temperatures.

• Shield glazing and control solar gain before, during and after fitting. Keep conditions within the stated limits even when the room thermostat appears acceptable. Refer to section 8 for heated subfloors.

Do not start until: the building is weather-tight; wet trades are complete; temperatures are stable; the substrate is ready; and a compatible preparation and adhesive system has been selected.



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Subfloor assessment | Moisture, preparation and adhesives

4 Subfloor condition and moisture

Prepare in accordance with **BS 8203:2017** and the selected system manufacturers' instructions. The base must be structurally sound, firm, clean, dry, smooth and sufficiently flat. As a general flatness requirement, departure beneath a **2 m straightedge must not exceed 3 mm**. Flatness alone is insufficient: small ridges, joints and trowel marks can show through LVT.

Identify the substrate and remove or treat laitance, dust, grease, paint, curing compounds and other bond-inhibiting residues using a compatible preparation method. Assess cracks, movement joints, weak surfaces and existing finishes before specifying primer, smoothing compound or moisture control. Do not bridge structural movement joints with flooring.

Test moisture rather than estimating from age or appearance. Use an appropriate calibrated test method complying with the relevant standard and record the locations, conditions and readings. A handheld electrical screening reading alone is not a substitute for the required acceptance test.

For conventional cementitious bases, **below 75% RH** is the usual dry-base criterion for resilient flooring, unless a specifically approved moisture-control and adhesive system permits otherwise. Use the stricter limit required by the actual products. Confirm the building damp-proofing arrangements where relevant; an upper-floor location does not remove the need to assess moisture.

Calcium sulphate (anhydrite) screeds require substrate-specific preparation and moisture assessment. Follow the screed and preparation manufacturers' limits for the chosen test method, particularly with UFH. RH and carbide/CM percentage results are different measurements and must not be interchanged. Do not apply a surface moisture barrier to this substrate without specific written system approval.

5 Timber and boarded subfloors

Confirm the structure is stable, adequately ventilated and free from excessive movement, rot or damp. Secure loose boards. Check timber with a suitable calibrated pin-type meter: **moisture content must not exceed 13%**, and the board supplier, adhesive system or service conditions may require a lower figure. A low reading does not cure a structurally unsuitable base.

Where plywood overlay is specified, use flooring-suitable material certified to **EN 636-3** and suitable for the purpose under BS 8203:2017 Annex A. Acclimatise and moisture-check it. Follow the board supplier's thickness, joint, fixing and preparation requirements. Obtain an approved preparation specification for chipboard, OSB, access floors or other specialist bases; do not assume direct bonding is suitable.

6 Select a compatible adhesive system

Recommended adhesive manufacturers include **F. Ball, UZIN, Bostik and Mapei**. **Other adhesives may also be suitable** where the adhesive manufacturer confirms compatibility with Textures dryback LVT, the substrate and intended service conditions. Select the specific product for the application, including any UFH, high solar gain or heavy use.

Follow the current adhesive instructions for storage, substrate moisture and temperature, trowel notch, coverage, open/working time, rolling and cure. Use compatible primers and preparation products. Obtain written technical advice before combining products or using any system whose compatibility has not been confirmed.

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Installation method | Layout, bonding and underfloor heating

7 Set out, bond and roll

• Dry-plan the layout and laying direction before spreading adhesive. Establish accurate reference lines, balanced perimeter cuts and any border positions. Check doors, transitions, fixtures and existing structural movement joints.

• For straight-laid planks, stagger adjoining end joints and avoid a visibly repeating joint pattern. Where practical, avoid end pieces shorter than **150 mm**; a suitable offcut of 150 mm or more can begin a later row. This plank-layout advice does not apply as a joint-stagger rule to herringbone or basketweave.

• For herringbone and basketweave, verify the pattern geometry and dry-set a trial area. Follow any pack direction marks. Basket Weave Combinations use **Box A frames and Box B inserts**: check that the correct components and sufficient quantities are available before starting.

• Spread only as much adhesive as can be covered within its working time. Use the specified trowel, replace worn blades and place each piece at the correct adhesive stage. Do not bond into skinned-over adhesive or assume every adhesive uses the same wet-set or pressure-sensitive method.

• Fit pieces neatly with consistent contact and aligned joints. Avoid trapped adhesive and remove residue promptly using the adhesive manufacturer’s approved method; do not use an unverified solvent or abrasive cleaner.

• Roll the installed area with a suitable heavy flooring roller at the weight and timing specified by the adhesive manufacturer, in both directions where instructed. Re-roll and hand-roll edges or details as required. Check bond, joints and alignment before the adhesive sets.

8 Underfloor heating: commission, protect and restart

Textures LVT is suitable for correctly specified **electric and water-based UFH**, subject to compatibility of the complete installation. The **maximum operating temperature is 27°C at the adhesive line/subfloor interface**. Use appropriate temperature control and floor sensing; rugs, furniture and sunlight can create local hot spots.

Commission and test the heating system and complete the screed manufacturer’s heating/drying cycle **before** the final moisture assessment and flooring installation. Do not use the UFH to force-dry freshly applied adhesive or smoothing compound.

Shutdown and curing are adhesive-specific. Agree the sequence before fitting and provide alternative room heating to maintain 18-24°C. Do not assume that merely reducing UFH to 12-15°C is acceptable. For example, F. Ball requires UFH to be **off for 48 hours before, throughout installation and for 48 hours afterwards**. Follow the selected manufacturer’s current requirements, including any longer shutdown or cure period.

Do not use 24 hours as a universal restart time. Restart only after the adhesive and preparation products permit it, while retaining the stable conditions required for the first 72 hours. Bring heat back gradually, typically in 3-5°C steps per day unless a slower increase is specified. Never exceed 27°C at the bond line. Stop and seek advice if the complete system’s requirements cannot be met.



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After fitting | Protection, care, handover and claims

9 Protect the installation while it cures

Observe the adhesive manufacturer's cure times before foot traffic, furniture, heavy rolling loads or protective coverings. These times vary with adhesive, temperature, humidity and substrate. Keep the site at the specified conditions and prevent other trades from contaminating or damaging the surface.

Lift rather than drag appliances or furniture. Where movement over the floor is unavoidable, use clean hardboard or plywood load-spreading protection and a suitable hand dolly, without trapping grit. Fit wide furniture protectors and clean felt pads; inspect them regularly. Roller chairs should have undamaged **Type W castors** suitable for resilient flooring.

Use colourfast, non-staining entrance mats confirmed suitable for LVT to collect water, grease, sand and grit. Verify backing compatibility before use. Keep grit out of wheels, pads and temporary protection. Maintain the installed floor within the **12-27°C service range**, without overriding the initial acclimatisation or UFH requirements.

10 Water resistance and first cleaning

Textures LVT is **highly water-resistant, not a waterproofing system**. It can withstand everyday spills and short accidental water exposure, but joints, edges, adhesives and subfloors are not thereby protected from flooding. Remove spills promptly. Avoid prolonged standing water or immersion; the product is **not suitable for wetrooms**.

Do not wet-wash, scrub or strip for at least seven days after installation, or longer if the adhesive requires it. Dry sweeping or gentle vacuuming is suitable once traffic is permitted. Remove any accidental spill promptly without flooding or aggressive scrubbing.

For subsequent care, follow the current **Textures & Elements LVT Care and Maintenance Guide**. Use Textures Floorcare at the current bottle-label dilution, a clean well-wrung microfibre mop and a non-abrasive method. Never use steam cleaners. Avoid unapproved solvents, abrasive products and strong acids or alkalis.

11 Handover, faults and warranty claims

Scratch-resistant does not mean scratch-proof. External scratches, impacts and indentations are different from progressive wear-through. Protect the floor rather than relying on a wear rating to prevent accidental damage.

Give the customer the care guide, applicable product warranty, product/batch references and relevant UFH and adhesive curing instructions. Explain when normal use and cleaning can begin. Retain installation records for any later assessment.

The selling retailer must raise and manage warranty claims with Textures. Report concerns to that retailer promptly. Textures normally deals directly with an end customer only if the retailer has ceased trading, without restricting enforceable rights. The retailer should send evidence to **enquiries@textureslvt.co.uk**, including purchase details, product/batch, photographs and installation records.

Inspection charges must be explained and agreed before an inspection. Cover, remedies and any agreed associated costs are assessed under the applicable warranty or contract and legal rights. Fitting does not automatically invalidate a genuine claim; avoidable additional loss from fitting an obvious defect will be assessed separately. Installation or maintenance issues affect cover where they caused or contributed to the claim.

Installer's record: product and batch; substrate assessment; moisture test method/results; site temperatures; preparation products; adhesive and trowel; UFH shutdown/restart; completion date; photographs; and customer handover.