

Textile Floor Coverings 2014 ClickTex Advisor

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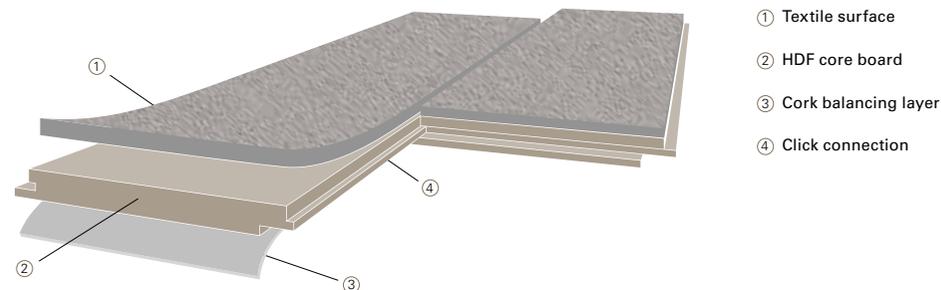
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Parador Click-TEX Floors Classic, Trendtime



	Length x Width	Installation height	Wear class	Top layer material	Top layer method of manufacture	Pile weight
Classic 4010						
Mélange velour antique white	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Mélange velour sand	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Mélange velour gold	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Mélange velour light brown	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Mélange velour beige grey	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Mélange velour slate grey	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Trendtime 1						
Frieze antique white	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze light beige	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze beige grey	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze silver	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze mid grey	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze dark grey	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze aubergine	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze apple green	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze lime green	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze marine blue	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze sky blue	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze pink	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze red	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze wood	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²
Frieze hexagon	1285 x 400 mm	13 mm	22	Nylon	Tufting	530g/m ²

Application options for Parador Click-TEX floors

With Click-TEX floors from Parador, you have opted for a new generation of flooring. The first particularly easy to install textile floor for clicking together.

It can be used in a variety of applications, such as a floor covering in living rooms, bedrooms, children's rooms and hallways. Click-TEX floors have a high noise insulation factor and put less stress on the joints and spine due to their high level of comfort. The textile top layer is easy to clean and has a very good light fastness.

The installation-friendly click connection makes Click-TEX floors ideally suitable for renovations.

The HDF core board has a stable centre made of a highly compressed fibreboard. The balancing layer made of the natural material, cork, has an additional noise-insulating and impact-absorbing effect and can even out slight uneven patches in the floor. An additional underlay for noise-insulating functions is no longer necessary due to this product composition.

Parador accessories: Textile floor coverings

Profiles

The Parador range includes laminate skirting boards in a wide variety of designs. These skirting boards enable an optically appealing transition from the floor surface to the wall.

PE film

When installing on mineral subfloors, an additional form of moisture protection (PE film) is essential.

Useful information

Materials used and material/product properties

Nylon

The yarns used are made 100 % of high quality polyamide (PA, nylon). This material is the most important one for the manufacture of carpets. At Parador, two different types of yarn are used. In the Classic range, a 2-coloured spun yarn (mélange) is used and turned into a velour. In the Trendtime range, however, a single-coloured yarn is twisted and set as a frieze (crimp effect) also in a velour design.

The material used is distinguished by its good wear and abrasion resistance. It is easy to clean and has a low attraction to dirt. In comparison to other materials used (e.g. polypropylene (PP)), nylon has a very high recovery ability. This means that it is easier for pressure marks to be straightened up.

Please find further information in the product-related "technical datasheets".

Certifications

CE mark
 Conformity mark
 Blauer Engel (Blue Angel) (currently in progress)
 TÜV (currently in progress)
 PEFC

Guarantee

Parador provides the following guarantees for Click-TEX products:

Home guarantee
 Click-TEX Classic 5 years
 Click-TEX Trendtime 5 years

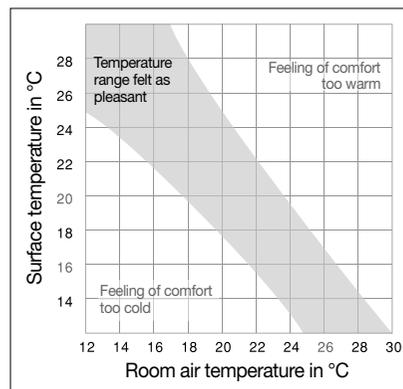
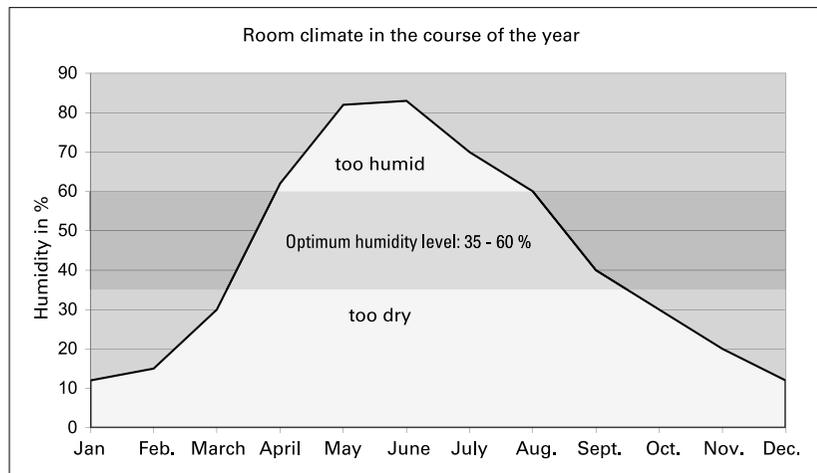
Relevant standards and leaflets; quality standard (laminated flooring and carpet)

DIN ISO 2424	Textile floor coverings – terms
DIN EN 685	Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings - classification
DIN ISO 1307	Textile floor coverings – grading
DIN 18202	Tolerances in building construction
DIN 18299	General regulations for any kind of construction work
DIN 18365	Floor covering work
BEB leaflet	Assessment and preparation of subfloors; heated and unheated flooring designs

Flooring and indoor climate

The core board made of wood-based products is a hygroscopic material, i.e. it can take up moisture and re-release it. On the one hand this can have a regulating effect on the room's climate, but it can also lead to the disadvantage of swelling (getting bigger) when it absorbs moisture or shrinking (getting smaller) when it emits moisture. Whether it swells or shrinks therefore depends directly on the indoor climate. If it is too warm and dry, the wood shrinks (gets smaller), if it is too damp, it swells (gets bigger).

Click-Tex floors also shrink and swell, particularly in the winter months, when the room humidity is often much too low (see illustration), the natural shrinkage of the material can lead to gaps forming. Conversely, when it is too damp, if the gap to the wall is not adequate or expansion joints are missing, the floor area may start to bulge.



Temperature-related feeling of comfort

For a room temperature that feels pleasant, not only the air temperature is responsible but also the surface temperature of the floor, walls and ceiling. This diagram shows how the feeling of comfort depends on the respective influence on temperature.

Preparation and installation rules

Before starting to install Parador Click-Tex floors, you must prepare the area and the material accordingly. Please take note of the subfloor requirements in the separate chapter. If other building work needs to be carried out on the installed floor, please ensure a suitable protective cover is put down to protect against dirt and damage.

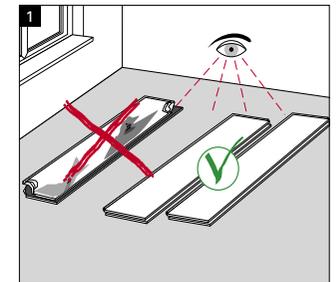
These installation rules and the assembly process shown below are generally applicable. Other special or different rules and instructions, which are advisable and mandatory, may be listed in the pack leaflets inserted with the relevant products.

1. Checking for material defects

The flooring elements should be checked thoroughly for material defects before and during installation. Claims cannot be made on installed goods. Planks with visible defects or damage must not be installed. Assembly should only take place under daylight or with adequate lighting, as otherwise any damage or faulty planks cannot be detected in some circumstances. Within an installation, please only use packs from one delivery in order to prevent colour differences.

Please also mix the planks from different packs in order to even out slight colour variations and to achieve an even decorative appearance.

Note: If the fibres are pressed down after installation, these are straightened back up by the cleaning on completion of construction work (vacuuming with soft brushes).



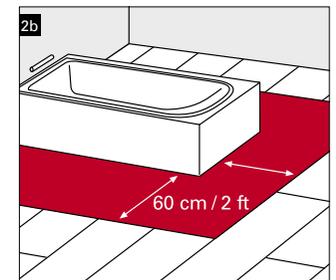
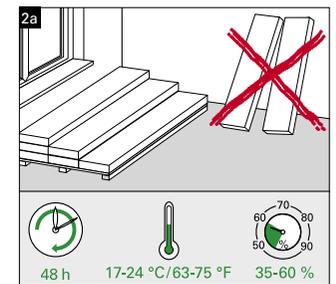
2. Acclimatisation before installation

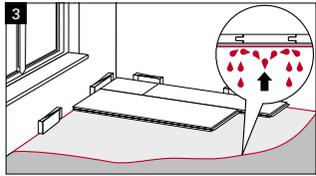
The flooring elements must be acclimatised over a period of at least 48 hours at a room temperature of at least 17 °C and a relative humidity of 35-60 % in the room where they are being installed. That means that the sealed packages must adjust to the climate conditions in the room. If there are major climate differences between the storage area and the room of installation, the acclimatisation period should be longer preferably. If the climate conditions are almost the same, the period can also be shorter. Please store the packages flat on an even base without opening them. It is essential that you comply with these points, especially in new builds where the humidity is usually very high.

No installation in areas where water splashes (permanently damp rooms/wet rooms)
Flooring elements with HDF core boards must not be installed in areas where water can splash on the floor. Standing water penetrates the HDF core via the edges and causes permanent damage.

In permanently damp areas or damp environments (sauna areas, small bathrooms etc.), floors with HDF core boards should not be installed, as the risk of moisture penetrating cannot be ruled out.

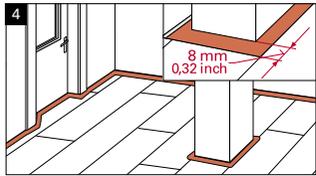
If flooring elements with HDF core boards are installed in bathrooms, care must be taken that this is not installed, as mentioned, in areas with splashing water (shower, bathtub, toilet, wash basin) and that the damp is always within the normal range of between 35% and 60% relative humidity. The formation of puddles and the effects of damp must be prevented at all costs at the edges and in the joint areas as well as on the surface.





3. Moisture barrier on mineral subfloors

As a matter of principle, a 0.2 mm thick polyethylene film or alternatively Parador underlays with integrated moisture protection should be laid on a dry, mineral installation subfloor. This prevents any residual moisture from reaching the bottom of the flooring elements. The polyethylene film only acts as a moisture barrier and is laid and glued with the seams overlapping by approx. 30 cm. In no way does a polyethylene film seal the structure! See also chapter on underlays.

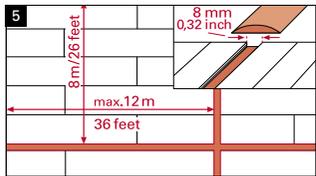


4. Maintaining expansion joints / wall clearance

The fibreboard on the flooring elements with an HDF core board is a wood-based product, which, like natural wood, is also subject to swelling or shrinking depending on climate conditions. The installed Click-Tex floor with HDF core board therefore needs to be kept a suitable distance away from all fixed components, in other words walls, supports, radiators etc., which is known as the wall clearance or expansion joint. Furthermore, expansion joints must be maintained when a defined installation area is exceeded (see installation rule 6). Too small a wall clearance is the most common installation error. This often only becomes noticeable in summer, as the increased humidity and temperature in the summer months makes the engineered wood floor expand. The expansion joint or wall clearance should be at least 8 mm* on floors with an HDF core board, more on larger areas. The rule of thumb is: per metre of floor keep at least a 1.5 mm expansion joint at both sides of the room (example: room width 5 m = at least 8 mm edge joint at each side).

*Note: at least 15 mm in case of a relative humidity of >60%.

Even if the installed material only abuts a single point in the room, the floating material may start to squeeze and warp. "Popular" weak points in this case are door frames, joints to stairs, radiators and end rails. Heavy objects like cupboards (the floor can only move to one side) require a wall clearance twice the size on the opposite side. We recommend setting up of heavy objects and fitted furniture (fitted units, aquariums etc.) before installation and only installing the floor just underneath the base. This makes it easy to take the floor back up at any time. The expansion joints are covered by skirting boards at the walls and in other areas by special floor profiles.



5. Layout of expansion joints

As the floor with an HDF core board will swell or shrink depending on climate conditions, further expansion and movement joints of at least 8 mm are necessary under the following circumstances:

- larger areas (over 8 x 12 m)
- irregularly shaped areas
- installation from room to room

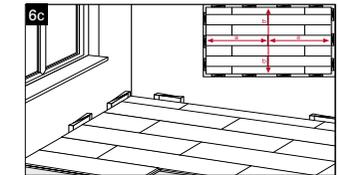
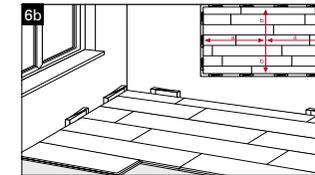
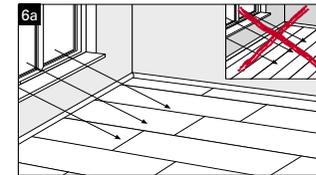
These movement joints are covered with appropriate expansion joint profiles. Note: The installer is always liable if expansion or movement joints are omitted.

If larger areas are not given expansion joints, an all-round joint on all sides (even to fixed components) should be maintained. Here it may be necessary to also glue the click geometry on the end edge. For these applications please contact the Parador application technology department.

6. Installation pattern installation direction / room floor plan

Click-Tex flooring elements can be installed in both a regular and an irregular pattern, as well as in other appealing patterns. In each case, care should be taken that the head joints are offset from row to row by at least 40 cm. Please also bear in mind that the flooring effect is not only strongly influenced by the incidence of light and the room floor plan but also by the installation direction / pile direction.

To create the desired designs, attention should be paid to the correct positioning during installation.



Subfloors

1. Requirements of the subfloor

The basic requirement for laying Click-Tex floors is a firm, clean, dry and even subfloor. Uneven areas of more than 3 mm across 1 m must be evened out with a suitable filler. When installing on old wood planks and particle boards, loose planks must be screwed to the substructure to reduce any creaking. The floor should be laid at right angles to the lengthways direction of the wood planks. For reasons of strength and from a hygienic point of view, carpets are not suitable as a subfloor and must be removed.

Installation can only take place on older PVC, CV or linoleum coverings if the floors are glued in place, have no loose areas and there is no underfloor heating.

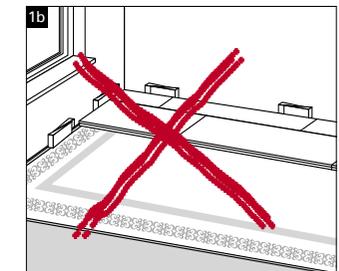
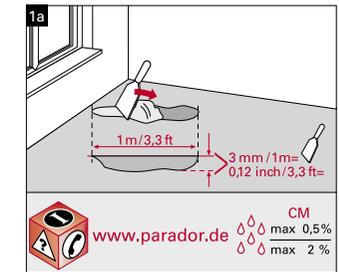
When installing on tiled floors, please bear in mind the required evenness of the subfloor. If the height differences in the joint area are small enough, underlay material from the Akustik range can be used as a levelling layer.

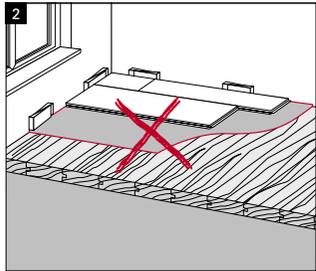
Screeds must not exceed the following moisture levels:

- Anhydrite screed Cement screed
- without underfloor heating max. 0.5 CM % max. 2.0 CM %
- with underfloor heating max. 0.3 CM % max. 1.5 CM %

Generally speaking, the screed moisture must be determined using a measuring device. With a flowing screed, please keep to the manufacturer's specifications about drying time. In any case, as a precautionary measure with mineral subfloors, place a 0.2 mm thick PE film underneath as a vapour barrier (allow strips to overlap by at least 30 cm, apply adhesive tape, allow to protrude at the edges to form a trough and cut off the excess with a knife after attaching the skirting board).

If moisture keeps on rising from the subfloor, please seal the floor area with a suitable liquid sealer.



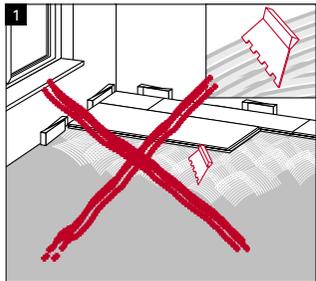


2. System-compatible underlays

Due to the product composition of Click-Tex flooring, there is no need for another underlay between the installation subfloor and floating floor. Underlay materials (fillers, levelling compounds, ...) can just be used to compensate / level out slight uneven areas in the floor.

A vapour barrier must not be used when installing on subfloors made of dry wooden planks or particle boards, for example, as otherwise mildew can form in the subfloor. It is essential to use a moisture barrier on all mineral subfloors (screed, concrete, tiles), as otherwise moisture can get into the floor from the subfloor, which in turn can lead to instances of cupping or warping.

Installation variations



1. Floating installation

If the Click-Tex floor is installed without a fixed connection with the subfloor, i.e. only the planks are joined to one another, we call that a "floating installation". The floor is able to move or float freely on the subfloor. Thanks to its simple click technology, Parador Click-Tex floors can be quickly and easily laid as a floating installation without prior knowledge and is therefore the most popular method.

Note: Gluing Click-Tex floors over the whole area is not permitted.

2. Installation on underfloor heating

Parador Click-Tex floors are suitable for floating installation on hot water underfloor heating systems. For installation on electric underfloor heating, please bear in mind the following information:

- installation only with systems that have temperature sensors and controllers
- no installation on older design electric underfloor heating systems (installed before 2000)
- no installation on night storage heaters.

When it comes to installation/application, please also bear in mind the "Checklist for installation on hot water underfloor heating" in the appendix.

3. Use of floor cooling

According to prevalent expert opinions, cooling a room by maximum 5 °C is easily possible at a maximum relative humidity of 65 % (According to the workplace directive, the lower floor temperature limit of 19 °C should also be maintained in „normal“ housing. People are more prone to ill health in areas with cold floors).

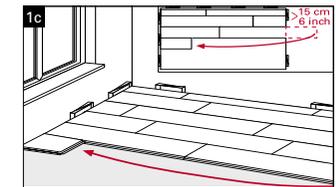
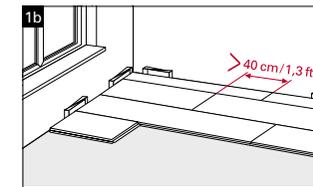
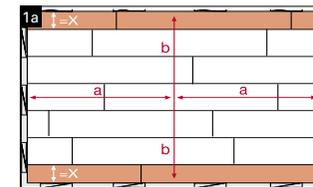
The Parador floor coverings can be used without restrictions if these specified conditions are complied with (whilst bearing in mind the main Parador installation and fitting instructions).

Assembly: Click-Tex floors

1. Preparation

Once you have taken note of the basic rules and the subfloor is installed, it is possible to start with the actual installation of the Click-Tex floor. In order to achieve an even appearance of the first and last row, measure the width of the room at right angles to the direction of installation and work out the width of the first and last row of planks (in each case at least ½ plank width). Install elements mixed from several packs if need be so that you get an even decorative appearance across the area and slight colour variations are compensated.

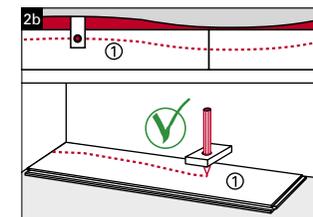
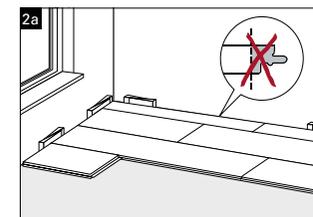
Please only work with covering material from one delivery. The last element of each row is cut to length and the remaining piece, which should not be shorter than 15 cm, is used to start the next row. The cross joints should be offset from row to row by at least 40 cm ("random bond"). Please bear in mind that expansion joints (so-called construction joints) in the subfloor must also be adopted in the top layer. Please check each plank for defects before installation and only lay planks that are in perfect condition.

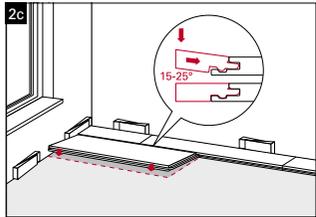


2. Assembling Click-Tex floors

Firstly remove the longitudinal tongues from the entire first row of planks with a saw. The first row of planks is laid so that the groove on the top side and the sawn off long sides face the wall. Start in the left-hand corner of the room. The required wall clearance for Click-Tex floors with an HDF core board is 8-10 mm* and is achieved using the Parador spacer wedges.

If the wall is not straight, adopt the contours of the wall and trim the first row of planks accordingly. Start by pushing together the end joints of the first row of planks. Align the long sides of the planks. *Note: at least 15 mm in case of a relative humidity of >60 %.



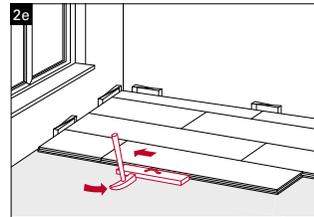
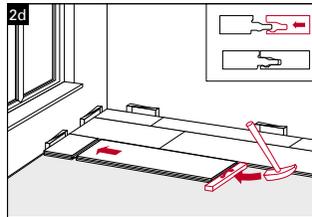


The first plank of the second row is then joined on the long side as follows:

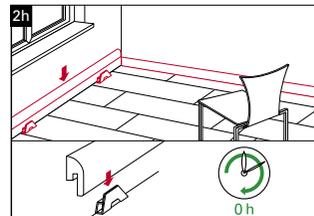
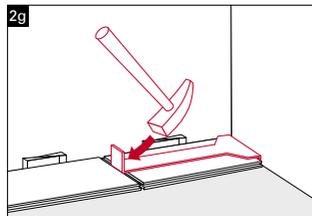
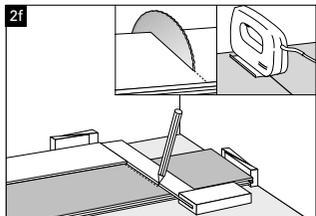
- (1) Push the plank on the floor up to the first row.
- (2) Tilt the plank slightly (15-25°) up to the click-in point.
- (3) The plank clicks in when lowered, resulting in a tight fit with no play.

The following plank, like all the rest, is then clicked in on the long side as described. Important: When clicking in planks on the long side, make sure that the gap to the end of the previous plank is as small as possible.

Then push together the ends of the planks horizontally with the aid of a tamping block. The SAFE-LOCK® profile I with its special edge geometry locks automatically. ATTENTION: Please also take note of the special dismantling instructions at the end of this guide.

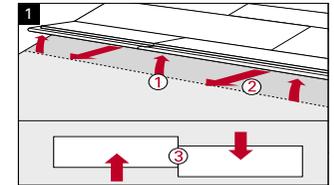


Please measure the end piece accordingly with a square and cut it off bearing in mind the required wall clearance. If you are using a jigsaw to cut the elements, it is best to guide the saw along the bottom of the plank. If using a bench saw, place the plank on the bench with the textile side facing up. In this way you will get the best quality cut. Carefully join end pieces of a row of planks with the Parador pull bar until the end edge is pushed tight. Cut the last row of planks to width by using a leftover piece of plank to transfer the width. Please also bear in mind the required wall clearance of at least 8 mm. The floor is ready to walk on as soon as it has been installed. Remove spacer wedges and attach Parador skirting board with clip technology.



Dismantling instructions for Click-Tex floors with HDF core board

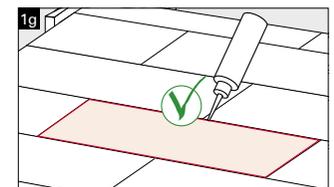
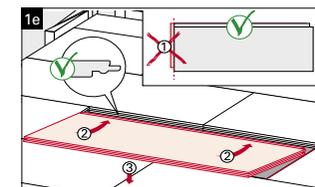
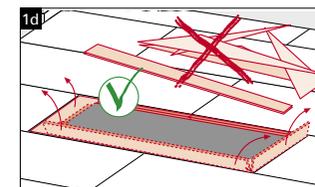
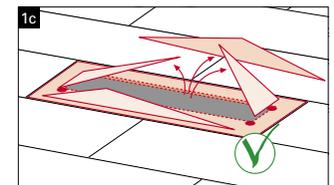
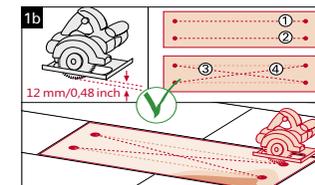
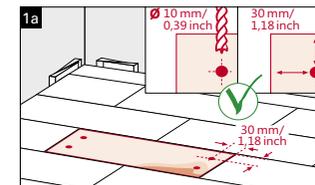
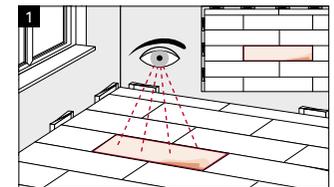
1. Dismantling To take up the planks without damaging them, proceed as follows: The complete row of planks is lifted on the groove side past the click-in point and pulled away in one piece. After that, lay the row of planks back on the floor. The end joints are not undone by pulling longways, but by pushing the planks crossways.

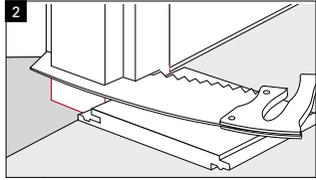


DIY tips

1. Swapping a damaged plank

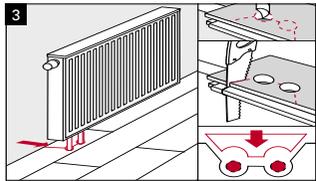
If, in exceptional cases, it is necessary to replace a damaged plank, it is possible to dismantle the installed area as far as the damaged plank. If this is not possible, you can also remove the damaged plank from the floor.





2. How to shorten a door frame

Lay a leftover piece of plank incl. underlay with the textile side facing down against the frame and saw it off along the plank as shown



3. How to make pipe holes

Make the diameter of the pipe holes 10 mm bigger than the pipe (play/movement joint). Mark the holes, drill out and saw off at an angle of 45° as shown. Glue the sawn out piece. Do not forget the wall clearance here either.

Value retention, cleaning and care

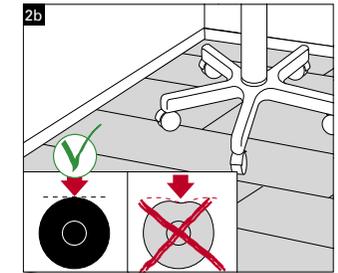
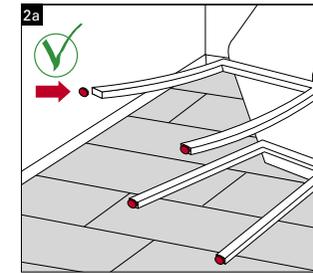
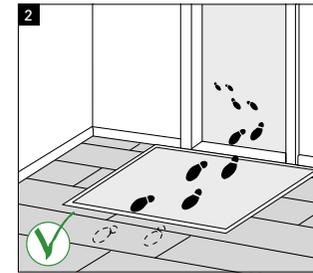
1. Value retention

General information for retaining the value of your Click-Tex floor:

- 35-60% relative humidity is ideal for Parador Click-Tex floors and also recommended for people's well-being.
- Avoid sand and dirt.
- Always wipe up liquids immediately.
- Do not use steam cleaners.
- If you are not sure whether the cleaning products used will lead to discolouration and/or other kinds of damage, it is recommended to carry out a test on a "hidden" area.

2. Preventing damage

As with all other floor coverings, you should protect your new Click-Tex floor from dirt particles by using suitable dirt-trapping zones (mats). When using such mats, make sure they have a non-colouring rubber or latex backing. Added plasticisers can also damage the Click-Tex floor. Rollers on office chairs, file trolleys and roller containers should be fitted with soft treads/rollers (type H, EN 12529). There is also the option of protecting the floor in these heavily used areas with suitable mats (available in office equipment stores). Also avoid using tyres or protective covers made of black rubber, as these may lead to discolouration.



3. Cleaning on completion of construction

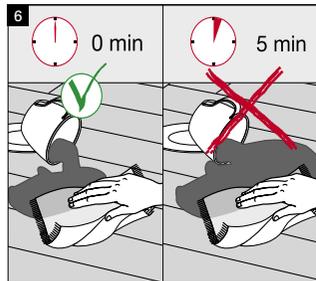
After the installation of Click-Tex floors, drilling dust and other loose particles should be immediately removed with a vacuum cleaner. At the same time, pressed down velour fibres e.g. due to transport can be straightened back up by this procedure. Any glue residue should be immediately cleaned off using a glue remover.

4. Regular cleaning

We recommend cleaning your Click-Tex floor regularly with a suitably powerful upright or cylinder vacuum cleaner (soft brushes). Please make sure that you set the brushes to the correct height. Areas with heavy duty use should be cleaned daily, areas with medium use every two days. Besides picking up dust, vacuuming will prevent the pile from becoming misshapen ahead of time. Steam cleaners are not particularly suitable for cleaning Click-Tex floors. The steam can penetrate the smallest of areas and damage the particle boards. What is more, steam cleaners are also supposed to potentially massage dirt deeper into the fabric.

5. Basic or intensive cleaning

Depending on the use of the floor, basic or intensive cleaning should be carried out at 6 to 24-month intervals. This cleaning helps to preserve the floor over the long term and can be done using appropriate dry foam or (granulated) powder cleaning agents (no washing detergent). The agents used should be applied, worked in, allowed to take effect and removed again according to the manufacturer's specifications. Please pay particular attention here to the respective drying times. So-called pad cleaning, where a liquid cleaning agent has to be worked in, is not suitable for Click-Tex floors. The spray extraction cleaning or combination methods, which require rinsing out with water, are also not suitable! Thermo-electric cleaning methods (static charge action) can be used, however, after a prior check.



6. Stain treatment

The immediate removal of stains with suitable agents is always the best way of tackling stubborn stains. Especially with staining substances with a bleaching or dyeing effect, their removal also depends largely on the period of exposure.

Minor areas of dirt can often be removed with lukewarm water and an absorbent soft cloth (cotton, paper).

Oil/grease-based stains can be removed by dabbing with white spirit (dampened cotton cloth). For solid stains (chewing gum), freezing sprays or other stain removers are available from retailers. If it is necessary to remove residual stains by using bleaching (oxygen-active) stain removers, it is also essential to observe the corresponding instructions of use here.

Chemical stain removers must be completely removed, as otherwise dirt can be expected to soon reappear in these areas.

7. Repairing

If serious signs of damage have developed on your Click-TEX floor (e.g. burn holes), these can be removed using a hole punch. In this case, the damage face covering is removed and replaced by an appropriate "leftover piece". Please bear in mind the fibre orientation here. It is therefore only necessary to swap a whole flooring plank in exceptional cases. Products are also available from retailers that are designed to repair burn holes on upholstered furniture. These products can also help if used correctly (colour mixing, application, gluing, ...).

8. Below are a few suppliers of cleaning and care products:

- CC-Dr. Schutz GmbH (www.dr-schutz.com): Carpetlife Tebo-aktiv Granulat or depending on stain type: Fleck&Weg or Fleckenspray R
- Please take note of your chosen supplier's respective instructions and labelling as well as the technical information for retaining the value of Click-TEX floors e.g. provided by CC-Dr.Schutz GmbH on the Internet.

Frequently asked questions

1. What are the benefits of a plank with a click connection and textile surface?

Click-TEX floors combine the benefits of carpets with the options provided by the simple use of ready-to-use flooring planks. They are easy to transport and, thanks to the all-round click connection, easy to install (one-man assembly). Cutting waste is kept to a minimum by the user-friendly plank dimensions.

2. What is special about textile floor coverings in the home?

Besides the ways that Parador Click-TEX floors can be optically arranged, textile floor coverings are quiet, easy to clean, convenient and give a pleasant feel when walking on them. Leftover pieces of flooring can be disposed of with household waste.

3. What are the benefits for me of a floor covering with a textile surface?

The walking comfort of textile covered floors is very high. The good distribution of the body's weight is kind on the joints but also the spine. Falls are also cushioned compared to hard floor coverings. Due to the very good storage properties, heat is held in the room longer. At the same time, the textile covering has a good effect against "rising" cold from unheated basements, for example.

4. Can I lay Click-TEX flooring on existing tiles?

In principle, a tile subfloor is suitable for installing Click-TEX floors. Please remember to lay down a 0.2 mm thick PE film. The tile floor must be even and must not have any protruding tile corners. Otherwise a suitable underlay must be used or the tile area filled.

5. How do I clean textile floor coverings?

Regular cleaning is done using a vacuum cleaner. Intensive basic cleaning for long-term maintenance purposes is carried out at intervals of 6 to 24 months depending on use. Parador Click-TEX floors with a short-pile face covering are easy to clean. Dirt can easily be removed by using suitable cleaning methods such as an upright vacuum cleaner. Dust particles, but also other air-borne substances (also fine dust) are "held firm" between the fibres and are therefore not released into the indoor atmosphere so quickly by turbulent air. They can be easily extracted next time the floor is vacuumed.

6. Can textile floor coverings be repaired?

If your floor has signs of damage or stains that cannot be removed (e.g. burn holes) in a particular area, there is the option of replacing the defective plank. In case of minor signs of damage, the area can be removed from the face covering using a hole punch. A piece of face covering of the same size is then inserted/glued in.

Frequently asked questions

7. Do textile floor coverings offer benefits in terms of noise problems?

Textile floor coverings offer outstanding properties with regard to ambient noise and impact noise insulation and therefore reduce noise levels considerably. The best compared to most other floor coverings.

8. Is there anything special to consider when using an underfloor heating system?

Due to the good heat storage property, the underfloor heating can be switched off sooner in spring and switched back on later in autumn. This makes it possible to save energy.

9. Do textile floor coverings provide a breeding ground for house dust mites?

Deep-pile face coverings, just like upholstered furniture, open book shelves, thick curtains and stuffed toys, can act as reservoirs for mites. In case of short-pile face coverings and regular cleaning, this is considerably reduced. This improves air hygiene. Please also bear in mind the use of appropriate filters in vacuum cleaners (e.g. hepa filter).

10. Do heavy objects cause pressure points in textile floor coverings?

The pressure and period of exposure are critical for pressure points developing. Very heavy furniture with a very small contact area, which is left in place for a long period, will leave pressure points behind on textile floor coverings. Increasing the contact area by placing something suitable underneath can effectively reduce this effect. To get rid of pressure points, using brushes but also carefully applying steam (from a steam iron) have proved effective.

11. Pets – do I have to bear anything special in mind?

Click-Tex floors do not have a loop pile design. The velour design used means that animal paws get hooked much less. Animal hairs can be removed from the floor covering relatively easily. Many manufacturers also offer special vacuum cleaner attachments for this purpose.

Note: Please bear in mind that many substances found on animal hairs can trigger allergies. To counter this, it is important if need be to use appropriate filters in the vacuum cleaner. For the removal of "animal odours", no substances should be used that have a lasting effect on the floor (bleaches).

12. Can different flooring products be installed together?

Due to the different product installation heights (laminare, engineered wood, vinyl flooring), it is not possible to install these products together with Click-Tex floors. For this application, appropriate transition profiles are available from retailers.

Inspection protocol for the trade

(template)

Mr / Mrs: _____ Order number: _____

Street: _____ Protocol number: _____

Postcode / town: _____ Date: _____

Installed on: _____

Pos.	Quantity (target)	Quantity (actual)	Item
1	_____ m2	_____ m2	Remove existing floor coverings / m2 basis
2	_____ m2	_____ m2	Install floor
3	_____ m	_____ m	Insert profiles
4	_____ m	_____ m	Attach skirting boards
5	_____ door(s)	_____ door(s)	Shorten doors
6	_____ frame(s)	_____ frame(s)	Shorten frames
7	_____ plank(s)	_____ plank(s)	Replace planks

Special features / comments: _____

The installed floor was assessed in a standing position without oblique lighting or other forms of light refraction (e.g. back-light) and without deviating from the condition of use. The floor shows no signs of defects or damage. The cleaning and care instructions for the installed floor were handed over to the user / client.

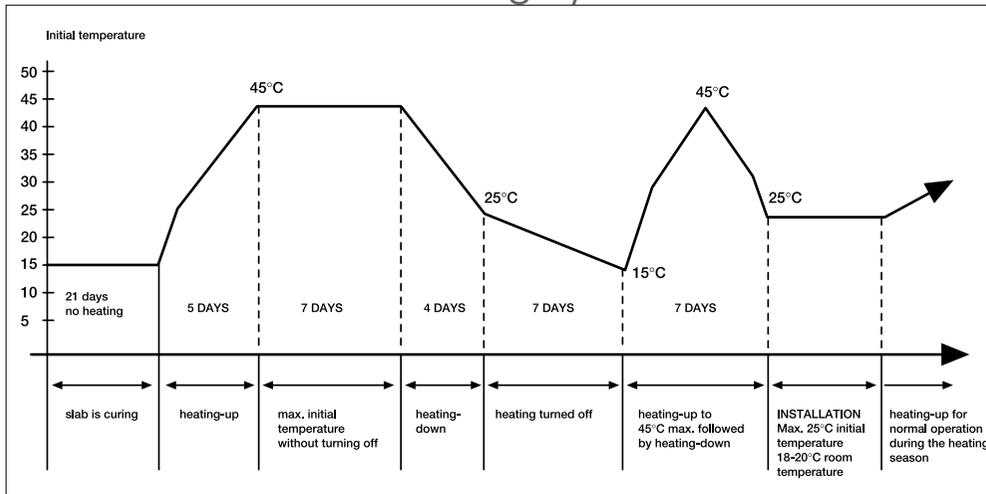
Signature of end user and/or ordering party

Place, date

Checklist for installation on hot water underfloor heating system

As a matter of principle, all mineral subfloors must be heated before installing engineered wood floors so that damaging moisture can no longer escape. This heating process applies to all times of the year, winter or summer. The screed must be professionally laid according to the generally acknowledged rules of the trade (DIN). It must dry out for at least 21 days before the heating process can begin. We recommend heating the screed according to the following diagram or using the "heating protocol" template. Please observe additional information given by your screed layer and heating engineer.

Heating diagram for a hot water underfloor heating system



Please bear in mind: The surface temperature of the Click-TEX floor should ideally not exceed 25°C (max. 28°C).

Heating protocol for hot water underfloor heating installations (template)

It is essential to keep a heating protocol for newly installed hot water underfloor heating systems.

1. a) The screed work was finished on _____.
- b) It is a cement anhydrite screed.
- c) The thickness of the screed is _____ cm on average.
2. a) The underfloor heating system was put into operation on _____ and heated up to 45°C with a daily temperature increase of 5°C (supply temperature).
- b) This maximum temperature was maintained for _____ days (target: 7 days) without being reduced at night.
- c) From _____ to _____ (target: 4 days) the supply temperature was reduced by 5°C a day.
- d) From _____ to _____ (target: 7 days) the heating was switched off.
- e) On _____ the heating was turned back on and on _____ the supply temperature of 45°C was reached.
- f) After reaching the supply temperature of 45°C, the supply temperature was reduced in stages of max. 10°C a day (max. 25°C) until the room temperature reached approx. 18-20°C for the installation of laminate and engineered wood flooring.
3. During the heating and cooling off period, were the areas ventilated but draughts prevented? yes
4. The last moisture measurements at the measuring points marked showed _____% residual moisture. (Permitted values: anhydrite screed max. 0.3 CM %, cement screed max. 1.5 CM %)
5. The heated floor surface is hereby approved for the installation of wear layers/coverings.

For the builder/client:

Place / Date / Signature / Stamp

The notes are used to advise the installer/heating engineer and the builder. Warranty claims cannot be derived from this. In case of doubt, corresponding regulations stipulated by the screed layer / heating engineer must be followed.

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