



SEQUEL RUBBER/CORK TILES INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

If Capri approved substrates, adhesive and/or finishes are not used when installing Sequel rubber cork; the Capri warranty is null and void.

No substrates other than those listed and described in these instructions are acceptable. These substrate requirements also apply when Sequel rubber cork flooring is being installed over access flooring. For installations over access flooring please contact Capri Technical Department.

BEFORE INSTALLATION STARTS: Verify product type; size; thickness; color. Check for any visual defects.

The natural cork content in Sequel may cause shade variations from tile to tile: tiles **MUST** be “shuffled” from several boxes during installation.

Any suspect defective material must be brought to the attention of your material provider. **NO CLAIMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE MATERIAL HAS BEEN INSTALLED.**

Installation of Sequel will only be as good as the substrate it goes over. More complete Substrate Preparation Instructions (Document #CC005) are available on the website www.capricork.com.

PREPARATION OF SUBSTRATE: All substrates should be cleaned, dry, smooth, flat and structurally sound. Substrate should be free of dust, solvent, paint, wax, oil, grease, sealers, old adhesives or other materials according to ASTM 710. Before installing any materials make sure that the area is completely dry and level 3/16” in 10 feet, do calcium chloride test and check for pH level. Moisture should not exceed 3 lbs/ 1000 sq ft; pH level should be 7-10.

Concrete floors: If floor is uneven, level it with a Portland based patching compound. If floor is new, be sure it is completely dry (several months curing is preferred). Sweep area clean. Slab should adhere to ASTM F1869 for water vapor emissions. Cracks, expansion joints and uneven areas should be filled.

Wood floors: Wood substrates must have a minimum 18” of cross ventilated space between the bottom of the joist and the ground. Crawl spaces shall be insulated and protected by a vapor barrier. If needed, floor may be covered with 3/8” A.P.A. approved underlayment plywood.

An adhesive bond test should be completed in several locations across the floor. Glue down a piece of material with recommended adhesive and trowel; let it sit for 48 hours before trying to remove. It should be relatively difficult to pull tile up and there should be adhesive on the floor and the tile.

JOB SITE CONDITIONS AND MATERIAL ACCLIMATION:

All trades must be out of the area before installation begins. After installation is complete, if other trades will work in the area, appropriate protective cover should be placed on the floor. Area

where flooring is to be installed should be climate controlled between 65° and 75° F, and 45% to 60% relative humidity, for 72 hours prior to, during and after installation. The material and adhesive must be placed in the area to be installed 72 hours before starting installation to properly acclimate.

INSTALLATION: After the substrate has been properly prepared and tiles have acclimated for 72 hours installation can begin.

There are 2 options for adhesive for Sequel. For general commercial areas, **CT100 Adhesive** which is a water based trowel on adhesive is recommended. In areas with heavy traffic and rolling loads, **WAKOL PU 225** should be used. Both adhesives are available from Capri.

Sequel must be dry laid prior to installing with adhesive. After the entire floor has been dry laid, view the room under normal lighting conditions and inspect for color acceptance and any defects that might occur. It is the installers’ responsibility to bring any discrepancy to the appropriate person before adhesive installation begins.

Please refer to the manufacturers’ recommendation for spread rate, open time and working time. Environmental conditions, (i.e. temperature, humidity, direct sunlight) will affect open and working time.

For CT100 Adhesive:

- a. Use a 1/16” x 1/32” x 1/32” U notch trowel.
- b. Allow 10 minutes for the water to flash off, after troweling CT100, before beginning tile installation.
- c. After the 10 minute flash period, you will have 30-45 minutes to install tiles before adhesive begins to skin over. Do not install on dried adhesive.

For WAKOL PU 225 adhesive:

- a. Use a 1/16”x1/16”x1/16” V notch trowel.
- b. Mix both components (A and B) thoroughly for a minimum of 3 minutes using a power mixer. Keep mixing until a homogenous color is achieved.
- c. Spread adhesive evenly and uniformly using the recommended trowel. Lay flooring into wet adhesive and press firmly.

Procedure:

1. Place tiles in adhesive tightly together but do not push or slide together as this will cause adhesive to seep through seams. If this occurs, either too much adhesive is being used or tiles are being pushed or slid together.
2. Periodically pick up a tile during installation to make sure proper adhesive transfer to assure an adhesive transfer of minimum 90% is being made. If you need to work on top of tile, use a kneeling board.
3. After 30 minutes, roll the floor with a 3 section 100 lb roller. Repeat rolling again at 60 minutes. Roll the floor in two directions.

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Hand roll all areas which cannot be reached with the large roller. Any uneven joints can be sand bagged overnight.

4. Adhesive on tiles or seams must be removed when adhesive is still wet. Removal of dry adhesive might cause damage to the tile.

5. Restrict foot traffic on the floor for at least 12 hours. Do not allow heavy foot traffic or rolling loads on floor for a minimum of 72 hours after the material has been installed. Foot traffic and rolling loads can cause permanent indentations in adhesive which is not fully cured.

NEWLY INSTALLED FLOORS: INITIAL INTENSIVE CLEANING:

Initial cleaning should not take place until 36 hours after installation of Sequel. This initial cleaning of the new floor is very important. This cleaning is done to remove any dirt and grit from job site. Failure to clean properly will cause finish bonding issues as well as the entrapment of dirt in the floor. Use the Dr. Schutz Cleaner (available from Capri).

1. Remove coarse dirt with a sweeping brush or vacuum cleaner.
2. Apply the Dr. Schutz Cleaner to the floor area, distribute and allow to stand for approximately 10 minutes.
3. Clean the floor surface using an automated scrubber, or scrubbing brush.
4. Take up the loosened dirt with a mop or shop vac.
5. Mop the floor with clear water until completely clean.
6. Once initial cleaning is done and the floor is completely dry the protective coating can be applied.

Sequel requires a protective coating.

There are 3 approved protective coating choices for Sequel: **Carefree Matte Mop on Acrylic Sealer, Hilway Direct Mop on Acrylic Sealer and Dr. Schutz Water-based Urethane** (all available from Capri).

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APPLICATION OF APPROVED PROTECTIVE COATINGS

Application of Hilway Direct Mop on Acrylic Sealer:

1. Before applying sealer, make sure that the floor surface is properly prepared.
2. Shake Hilway Direct Sealer well before use.
3. Apply an even, thin, undiluted coat to the surface of the cleaned floor using a new, clean string mop. It is important to pass the mop head in a figure 8 pattern to ensure that all areas are thoroughly covered.
4. When the protective film has dried enough to walk on (approximately 1 hour), repeat the procedure in the crossways direction.
5. Allow the film to dry for at least 12 hours before the floor is walked on, better still would be overnight.

Carefree Matte Mop on Acrylic

Notes for Carefree Matte:

1. Do not dilute.
2. Do not use on surfaces colder than 50° F / 10° C.
3. To avoid contamination, do not return unused finish to original container.

4. To maintain matte appearance, do not buff with high speed machines (1500-3000).

Application of Carefree Matte Mop on Acrylic

1. Apply 2-3 coats using a clean mop.
2. Apply an even, thin, undiluted coat to the surface of the cleaned floor using a new, clean string mop. It is important to pass the mop head in a figure 8 pattern to ensure that all areas are thoroughly covered.
3. Allow 30 minutes drying time between coats. Note: Temperature, humidity and ventilation may affect drying time.

FOR APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR DR SCHUTZ WAXNOMOR, MARKNOMOR, AND SLIPNOMOR REFER TO SEQUEL DOCUMENT SQ612DS

Regardless of protective coating regular maintenance of Sequel is required.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF SEQUEL:

1. Sweep or vacuum the floor daily.
2. Spot clean as needed.
3. For floors finished with Carefree Matte and Hilway Direct clean with a neutral floor cleaner (available from Capri). For floors finished with Dr. Schutz Marknomor or Waxnomor, clean with Dr. Schutz Cleaner (available from Capri).
4. Dilute the cleaner according to cleaner instructions.
5. If a scrubbing machine is used to clean floors, use a white pad at a low speed.

RE-COATING / MAINTENANCE COATS

Re-application of protective coatings is part of a regular maintenance program. Floor coatings need to be recoated periodically with frequency being determined by usage.

Please refer to document SQ606 for complete instructions on cleaning and re-application of coatings. SQ606 is available at capricork.com or by calling 800.492.2613.