



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTY CARPET TILES

### INTRODUCTION

Christy carpet tiles are designed for use in areas where broadloom carpet is not practical.

Arrows are printed on the back of all Christy carpet tiles to indicate the direction of the pile. These arrows facilitate different types of installation patterns such as parquet, straight, brick (ashlar) or various combinations although unless specified tiles should be laid with arrows in the same direction to give a broadloom effect.

Please note: the installer should double-check the method of installation required for the following products; Rawsilk, Straight & Narrow, Swirls and Stowe tile as we recommend these are laid horizontal ashlar (brick-bond).

Expressway, Line, Subway and Catwalk tile should be  $\frac{1}{4}$  turned.

Christy carpet tiles are easily cut from the back to accommodate electrical or communication outlets.

### SITE PREPARATION

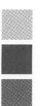
Floors must be free from all dust, grease, paint, wax, oil, old adhesive etc. Cracks, holes and depressions must be filled with a latex patching compound and any protruding objects must be removed. It is important that the building and floor are ready to accept the Christy carpet tiles before beginning work. Once you start installation, you accept the conditions that exist.

**NEW CONCRETE** must be properly cured and sealed prior to the installation of Christy carpet tiles. Installation is not recommended where hydrostatic pressure exists.

**TILE AND LINOLEUM** must have all wax removed using a liquid stripper or sander. Damaged tiles should be patched or replaced.

**TERRAZO AND MARBLE** floors must have all cracks and irregularities patched to level and any chemical finishes must be removed. Grout lines must be filled in with a levelling compound in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.

**WOOD FLOORS** must be stripped, small cracks must be filled, and missing or damaged boards must be repaired or replaced. Uneven wood floors may need sanding, or particle board or other suitable subfloor may be required before Christy carpet tiles are applied.





**FLOOR TEMPERATURE** should be no less than 68 degrees F. prior to installation. Christy carpet tiles and adhesive to be used must be stored at a minimum of 68 degrees F. at least three days prior to during installation.

**CHEMICALS AND COMPOUNDS** employed in your site preparation should be applied in accordance with manufacturer's instruction.

### **INSTALLATION**

Before installation the initial purchaser and/or flooring contractor should unpack and inspect the products for visible manufacturing defects, and also check for correct size, design, colour match and visible flaws. Any such defects must be notified to Christy Carpets within 28 days on receipt of goods and always before cutting takes place. Claims for such visible defects cannot be accepted after the carpeting has been cut or fitted.

Christy carpet Mills recommends that a full spread of release adhesive be used in all installations for best and most consistent results. Other installation techniques such as loose lay or retaining grid methods may result in shifting or buckling of tiles.

The full spread method is especially important in all areas with moderate to heavy traffic, where wheeled carts or chairs are used and in all doorways, pivot points and along all perimeter areas. We recommend any of the following release adhesives:  
F.BALL & SONS F41  
COLAS LAYBOND 79

### **MEASURING**

Determine the centre of the room. Prior to making your base chalk lines, be sure all perimeter tiles will be at least half-size or larger. To achieve proper perimeter size of tile, you may have to start slightly off centre in the room.

### **STARTING POINT**

When you have determined your starting point, strike two perpendicular chalk lines through this point dividing the room into four sections.

Spread the release adhesive according to manufacturer's instruction in any of the four sections. Allow enough time for the adhesive to go off (follow manufacturer's instructions and tests for transference to tiles before starting).





The installation should proceed in each section of the room by a stair step method from the starting point to give the installer a point of reference of two edges and a corner for the installation of each tile. Continue the installation to the corner of the section and then start on the next section.

#### **ALIGNMENT**

Carpet tiles should be installed snugly to prevent gaps, but should not be overly compressed so as to cause buckles. Each carpet tile should be aligned into place to avoid trapping any pile yarns in the joints. Incorrect alignment can result in poor floor appearance and performance.

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