

# HARLEQUIN REVERSIBLE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Harlequin endeavours to ensure every roll of flooring is sent to you in pristine condition, however, mistakes in orders or coloration differences may occur. Please inspect your entire order BEFORE you cut or use any flooring and refer to the Harlequin return policy.

## HARLEQUIN REVERSIBLE

Harlequin Reversible is a contract quality sheet flooring. It is a composite of calendered laminated PVC (polyvinyl chloride). Supplied in rolls, it is suitable for loose-lay installation. The product is comprised of PVC resins, plasticisers and pigments.

### PREPARATION FOR INSTALLATION

Thoroughly sweep your sub floor to remove grit and dust before laying down your new Harlequin floor. An excellent precaution is to follow this by wrapping a damp cloth around the broom and 'mopping' the floor with this.

Before cutting and/or taping your floor, we always recommend that you unroll it and let it 'relax' for at least 48 hours at room temperature (approximately 18°C) to remove the stretching tension which may result from the packing of the roll at our factory.

If you need to make a preliminary cut to have enough space to 'relax' your floor, leave an extra 5cm for every 10m in the unlikely case of shrinkage. This is particularly important if you will be cutting close to walls or around obstructions such pillars. Then, after your floor has 'relaxed', you may make your final cut.

### **CUTTING**

If you are cutting a long roll into shorter lengths, fully unroll it first and check the full length. Harlequin will not be responsible for any issues after the roll has been cut. Always keep the roll labels.

Cutting your Harlequin floor is really very easy, so long as you proceed slowly and carefully.

First, draw a straight pencil line across the flooring at the point you will be cutting. Use a straight edge to draw your line and carefully cut the roll along the straight pencil line with a sharp utility knife.

The two pieces can then be easily be separated by hand.



#### **INSTALLING THE FLOOR**

Harlequin do not recommend taping the underside of Harlequin Reversible as this product is not reinforced with mineral fibre and fixing it to the subfloor can cause expansion ripples if large temperature changes occur.

Harlequin Reversible should always be installed by taping the top surface of the floor.

For the installation of Harlequin Reversible, we recommend the use of Harlequin PVC or Harlequin Gaffer floor tape.

Should you choose not to use Harlequin tape, please check with the adhesive tape manufacturer to ensure that their tape is suitable for use with Harlequin Vinyl Dance Floors.

Taping the surface of your floor is very simple. First, lay the lengths of floor side by side. It is advisable to leave a gap of about 3mm in areas of high temperature fluctuations, such as on a stage.

Unroll a few centimetres of tape onto the join, then unwind the tape in a good straight line and lay it onto the seam. It can be helpful to have someone put their foot on the end of the tape to hold it tight. Tape all of the joins in this way.

Finally, tape down any exposed edges of the floor, such as in doorways. If the Harlequin Reversible is laid in the middle of a larger performance area, all the edges should be taped.

If you have any questions regarding the installation or maintenance of your Harlequin floor, please contact our customer services team on +44 (0)1892 514 888