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### Introduction:

#### What makes Traviloc so unique?

The dramatic “Hand Scraped” or “In Register Embossed” surface.

It can be installed on firm sub floors or over existing floors.

No Messy glues or adhesives are necessary.

It looks and feels like wood but is waterproof so can be installed in moisture prone areas, which are off limits to traditional wood and laminate floors.

It has a *Ceramic Bead* wear coating for added durability. (Rated Class “T” – the highest rating for vinyl flooring).

Planks “Lock” together forming a floating floor.  
It is quiet and warm under foot.

#### Caution:

Do not install Traviloc over carpet or foam underlays

Traviloc is not suited to long term exposure to direct sunlight or to external use

#### Under Floor Heating

Under Floor heating can be used with Traviloc subject to the following conditions:

It must be the radiant type (electric or hydro) and be a minimum of 12,5mm below the surface.

Temperature must never exceed 30 deg C.

The sub floor heating must be operational for at least a week before installation to calibrate the temperature.

### Installation Instructions:

#### Condition Traviloc prior to installation.

You must store Traviloc horizontally in the room / area of installation for 48 hours prior to Installation. Be sure the room temperature is between 18 and 30deg C. Do not remove the planks from the box during this period. Maintain this temperature during installation as well.

#### Subfloor Preparation:

The subfloor must be smooth, flat, dry, clean and solid.  
The floor must be flat to within 3mm in a meter. Any greater unevenness must be sanded / ground down or filled with a leveling compound. Voids or bumps in the subfloor will prevent Traviloc from locking properly.

Subfloors must be carefully checked for moisture problems. Traviloc is waterproof. It is NOT a water-proofer. Any moisture problems need to be addressed prior to installation. New concrete floors need to cure for a minimum of 60 days.

#### Installation:

Lay a row of loose planks without securing them to each other first to determine if you need to adjust the length of the first plank in order to avoid a small piece of less than 150mm against the opposite wall from which you started. If the remainder is less than 150mm, calculate half this amount and trim off the first plank. The last plank should be the same length as the first one. To cut a plank, measure, then using a straight edge, simply score and snap.

Installation should start in a left hand corner and proceed from the wall with the tongue facing away from the wall (**Fig. 1**).

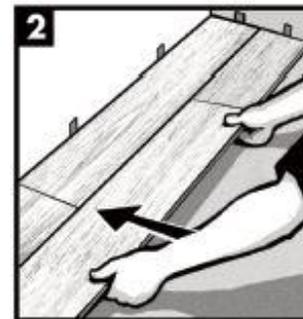


Allow a minimum gap of 3mm to allow for expansion, which should be covered by a molding.

When laying the first row in a straight line interlock the short ends by inserting the tongue into the grooves at an angle of approx. 15 to 20 degrees. Install each sequential plank on the short end and be sure to line up evenly.

Be sure to keep the seams tight. You will feel and hear the click when locking the planks together to create a tight seam. There should be no gap visible between planks.

When installing Traviloc it is strongly recommended to stagger the joints so that the short ends are not in a straight line. We recommend the staggered random method 3-2-1 (**Fig. 2**).

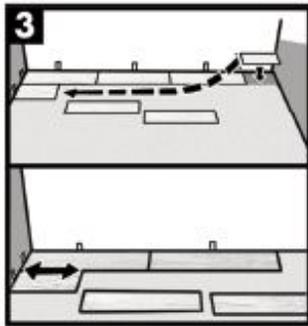


Start the second row with a plank cut to about 2/3 length.

Interlock the plank tightly against the first row (long side) again at 15 – 20 degrees angle. The next plank, interlock the short side first, leaving it slightly away from the long side and then slide into the long side.

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When cutting the plank for length, always be sure to cut the short side with the groove edge. The remaining piece can then be used on the opposite side, at the end of that row if the layout permits (Fig. 3).



Start the third row with a plank of 1/3 length. Again the remaining piece can be used at the opposite end of the row.

Continue this pattern for the remainder of the rows to be installed. Always place the cut end of the first plank against the wall (Fig. 4).



Fitting around irregular objects is no problem. Simply make a pattern out of heavy paper to fit around the pipes or irregular object. Cut along the trace lines using a trimming knife or shears, and lay the plank. Be sure to leave a minimum 3mm gap around all fixed objects, floor vents, door frames etc.

The beauty of Traviata is the ease of installing the opposite way. You can install from both sides of the plank. This allows you to start in one room and continue through a

doorway into another room with the same pattern and continue installing the floor forwards or backwards.

Should you have to replace a plank of Traviloc once a floor is installed, simply take a trimming knife and cut the bad plank out along the long sides of the plank only and lift out. Then cut the tongue and groove off the long side only of the replacement plank. Leave the tongue and groove on the short side and fit by locking the two short ends into place.

### Care and Maintenance:

#### Preventive Maintenance

Use Non-Rubber protective mats at any doors leading in from the outside. This helps prevent sand and grit from getting onto your floors.

Install proper floor protectors (preferably felt) on all furniture legs. Protectors will allow furniture to move easily over the floor without scratching. Clean protectors on a regular basis to remove any embedded grit from the furniture legs. For any swiveled office chairs or rolling furniture use 50mm soft compound (not hard Nylon) castors. (Approved castors are available from Traviata).

To keep floors looking their best, dust, mop or vacuum at least twice a week – more often for heavy traffic.

Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for extended periods. During peak sunlight hours use drapes or blinds to minimize the amount of direct sunlight on the floor. In addition excessive temperatures are not good for resilient floors. Some natural ventilation or intermittent air conditioning should be considered for vacant buildings (to minimize the greenhouse effect). Long term continuous temperatures of over 35 degrees C combined with strong direct sunlight will damage your Traviloc floor.

### Regular Maintenance:

Spills including food should be cleaned up as rapidly as possible with a quality liquid vinyl cleaner. Make sure the cleaner is an all purpose liquid cleaner that is Non Abrasive. We do not recommend powdered cleaners, oil soaps, dishwashing detergents or other dusting products. Try to use a non-rinsing, biodegradable cleaner that leaves no residue or haze and requires no rinsing after application.

Regular day to day dirt can be cleaned using the Traviata “Multi Purpose” concentrated cleaner. Some rubbing may be required to remove tough spots or spills. Always sweep or vacuum before cleaning so that all loose dirt and particles are removed.

Do NOT wax your Allure floor. The surface of your Allure floor is very dense and non porous and prevents wax from penetrating. The wax will build up a bed for yellowing and trapping dirt. The same non-porous surface provides all the protection against wear and staining that is needed.

If your Traviloc floor has been exposed to excessive amounts of water due to flooding – that is ok, it is completely waterproof. Simply remove the water as quickly as possible and ventilate the room. A dehumidifier should be used to get the room back to normal moisture levels.

Fine scratches resulting from normal use can be removed by rubbing with mineral spirits and then applying the Traviata daily cleaner.

You can remove chewing gum, crayon, candle wax and similar substances by applying ice until they become brittle enough to crumble off. The residue can be removed with mineral spirits. Heel and castor marks, moderate to heavy stains from long-standing water, non-dye products, ink and most chemicals can be removed using the Traviata cleaner and rubbing with a Scotch Brite type pad.