



NZ | Installation Instructions

tretford | INTERLIFE TILE

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

tretford INTERLIFE TILE – Quarter-Turn Installation

Dear Sir/Madam,

As the Australian Distributors for tretford INTERLIFE TILE, we confirm that the recommendation for installation of tretford INTERLIFE TILE is quarter-turned and that the Manufacturer can only provide formal written instructions for this installation method.

Because of its unique construction, tretford INTERLIFE TILE's Manufacturer has developed a very specific, highly technical process to cut precisely between the ribs. For this reason, the resulting finish means that the tile may not be exactly square, which is why 4 tiles quarter-turned resolves any inconsistency.

The edges of the tiles are also designed to be undercut on alternate sides so that they 'lock' into the opposing sides of the adjoining tile. Whilst this works effectively in a quarter turn installation, when attempted in brick, ashlar or monolithic, the edge cutting process removes the ability to achieve a 'seamless' finish. The contractor will also find that the tiles will run out. For this reason, tretford will not recommend these methods.

tretford is aware that these methods may have been used – but very rarely. However, the Manufacturer would not be responsible for warranting the finished installation as their concern is always meeting client's expectation of tretford installed. Should the installation depart from their recommendation, tretford could only give its relevant "wear warranty".

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ainsley Gibbon', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ainsley Gibbon
Managing Director
Gibbon Architectural

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions must be followed to retain Manufacturer's Warranties.

Installation guidelines on tretford architectural folders and the international website do not apply to Australian tretford installations. For the latest published guidelines, please refer to www.gibbonarchitectural.com.au.

General Information

The following instructions are to be reviewed in conjunction with AS/NZS 2455.1:2019 prior to installing tretford TILE carpet. The information supplied in these instructions are general and may not cover all subfloor conditions. For subfloor conditions not covered by these instructions please contact your local representative for guidance on how to proceed.

Gibbon Architectural will not be held responsible or warrant any tretford product that is not installed in accordance with these instructions and procedures.

All tretford products delivered should be inspected prior to installation to ensure the following:

- The correct style and colour have been supplied
- The correct quantity has been delivered
- That where applicable the correct dye lot has been delivered
- No transport damage has occurred. Please note that if there is any sign of transport damage, please photograph the damage before opening packaging and send the photos to your local representative as soon as possible.

DO NOT install any tretford TILE products if any of the above issues are noted.

Pre-Installation Requirements:

CROSS CHECK:

Installers must remember to check colour, quantity, and batch against your order before use.

SEQUENTIAL BATCHING:

Please note, in accordance with Australian Standards, **tretford TILES and/or ROLL must be laid in sequential order. If not installed sequentially, colour variation may occur.**

ACCLIMATISATION:

At times of extreme humidity changes it is recommended to allow the TILES to acclimatise on site for a period of 24 hours before installation in the area in which it is to be laid. Please be aware **that tretford is a natural fibre. Ambient humidity (RH) levels >75% at the site are to be avoided and can be mitigated by mechanical extraction if required.**

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We recommend that the tiles are secured using a low VOC pressure sensitive adhesive – **Giltgrip GG66 PS Adhesive** has been specifically recommended for tretford TILE application.

General Information:

tretford TILE is to be installed on dry, clean, and properly prepared subfloors as per AS/NZS 2455.1:2019. Gibbon Architectural are not responsible for any failure of a tretford product which is caused through moisture related issues, poor or incorrect floor preparation, incorrect installation techniques or any other failures which arise through the installer not following these instructions in conjunction with Australian / New Zealand Standards.

A primer may be required is installing onto a high porosity sub-floor. Please contact **Gibbon Architectural** for direction.

It is the responsibility of the installation contractor to ensure the substrate is correctly moisture tested and properly prepared prior to installation of any tretford products and that the floor companies with AS/NZS 2455.1:2019.

[Please see full Sub Floor Preparation document here.](#)

Or scan the below QR code to view:



SPECIFIED ADHESIVE

Giltgrip GG66 PS Adhesive

Giltgrip 66 Pressure Sensitive adhesive is Low in VOC and has been developed for the installation of vinyl composition tiles and Carpet Tiles. It has good plasticiser resistance.

Tech Data Sheet:

[Giltgrip GG66 PS Tech Data Sheet.](#)

Adhesive Surface Preparation:

To be in accordance with The Australian/NZ Standard 1884-2013 “Floor Coverings – Resilient Sheet and Tiles – Laying and Maintenance Practices” & Australian/NZ 2455:1:2007 Textile Floor Coverings. All surfaces to be bonded shall be dry, smooth, sound, and clean. Subfloors must also be free of wax, grease, and hydrostatic pressure. The minimum subfloor temperature before commencing surface preparation and adhesive applications 10 degrees C.

Highly absorbent wooden or concrete subfloor surfaces are to be primed with a suitable Acrylic Primer prior to the application of adhesive. All concrete substrate floors should be tested for moisture content, according to the above Australian/NZ Standard prior to undertaking surface priming or installation of floorcoverings

Adhesive Application:

“VI” 1.6mm notched trowel to the sub-floor for tretford felt backed carpet tiles. Complete the installation according to the AS/NZ 2455.2.2007 and floorcovering manufacturer’s installation instructions including rolling of floorcoverings on completion.

SPREAD RATE: approx. 5m²/litre

Giltgrip 66 has been designed to be used in dry mode ie allow the adhesive film to completely dry and become clear. Clear is when the adhesive changes from white wet adhesive to dry clear tacky film of adhesive. Clear time will depend on atmospheric conditions. Complete installation according to manufacture instruction. Roll installation on completion with the recommended weight roller. Do not allow heavy traffic for 24 hours

Storage and Clean up:

Giltgrip 66 adhesive should be stored at 20°C in well ventilated area. Shelf life is 12 months in a sealed container.

Clean off any surface and tools immediately with a well dampened cloth with warm soapy water. Do not allow to dry. Dried adhesive may be softened using a suitable solvent cleaner.

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CARPET TILE INSTALLATION METHOD

*** These instructions must be followed to retain Manufacturer's Warranties.**

Laying should commence as near as possible to the centre of the room, with a square of 4 tiles. All tiles should be tessellated i.e – laid at right angles to each other.

Tiles should appear to be offset against tiles laid in the same direction (see diagram below).

The outside of the square must however be straight and measure 1m on all 4 sides.

Note : tretford tile cannot be used on walls or ceilings.

