

A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON PRAVADA FLOORS FINE PRODUCTS

# SPACES

WATERPROOF SPC | INSTALLATION

  
**PRAVADA**<sup>®</sup>  
F L O O R S

VOYAGE - Nauticor SPC Collection



## PLEASE READ COMPLETELY BEFORE INSTALLATION

*Please inspect product for color, finish, quality and style BEFORE installing any material. Pravada Floors' warranty DOES NOT cover materials with visible defects once they have been installed. Any defects should be reported to the flooring dealer IMMEDIATELY for inspection and/or replacement. Failure to follow recommended installation procedures may void warranty.*

**ALL PLANKS ONCE INSTALLED ARE CONSIDERED AS ACCEPTED BY THE INSTALLER AND/OR HOMEOWNER AND THE MANUFACTURER ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ABOVE.**

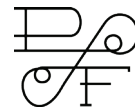
### TOOLS & ACCESSORIES

- Utility & straight edge knives
- Measuring tape
- Shears for cutting around irregular shaped objects + heavy paper
- 3/8" (10mm) spacers
- Transition moldings and baseboards
- Tapping block
- Chalk line, pencil
- Circular saw available
- Safety gear: glasses and gloves
- Broom, vacuum

## BEFORE YOU START

### PREPARATION

- **IMPORTANT:** Do NOT install Pravada Evolutionz™ SPC in any exterior areas such as porches. Pravada Evolutionz™ SPC floors were designed for interior areas, including sunrooms.
- **ALWAYS acclimate your floors prior to installing them. The cartons must be stored horizontally and planks should remain in their closed boxes until installation. The room temperature should be kept between 55-85°F (13-30°C) for at least 48 hours prior to installation. The same temperature range should be kept during and for at least 24h after installation.**
- Once acclimation process is done, open the boxes and check for colours. Inspect planks in optimal lighting and put aside defective planks for later use as trimming pieces to start and/or finish rows, after removing the defective portion of the planks.
- To determine the amount of material needed, measure area to be covered by floors (simply multiply width x length = square footage of the room). Also, measure transitions (like door entryways and nooks) individually (to be added to the previous area to determine total area to cover). Make sure to include at least 10% extra floors to make up for waste, trimming and future replacement needs.
- Pravada Evolutionz™ SPC comes with a 1mm high-density IXPE Foam attached and cannot be installed over separate underlayment.
- Pravada Evolutionz™ SPC floors use industry patented click lock systems. The type click-lock systems may vary or change from time to time. Please check [pravadafloors.com](http://pravadafloors.com) or contact Pravada Floors for up-to-date product information.



## SUBFLOOR PREPARATION

- Any subfloor unevenness greater than 3/16" in a 10' radius (5mm in 3m) must be leveled. Use an appropriate leveling compound and use primer or sealer if recommended by supplier. In some cases, the use of an underlayment may eliminate the need for additional leveling of subfloor. The subfloors must be flat, smooth, dry, clean, free of mold/mildew, and solid. Make sure to nail down any loose boards. If uneven, corrections must be made in order for floors to be installed. There are leveling compounds available in the market for evening subfloors and filling gaps. Always follow the manufacturer's application instructions.
- It is possible to install Pravada Evolutionz™ SPC on many different surfaces if stable and firmly secure. Make sure to remove any carpeting, floating hardwood or laminates, felt, cushion vinyl, and adhesive residues.
- You may install Pravada Evolutionz™ SPC directly over ceramic tiles, PVC, VCT, glued laminate or hardwood and fixed wooden boards if they are installed over a wooden subfloor.
- New concrete subfloors must be cured for at least 60 days.
- When installing on a cemented subfloor located on the first floor, a 0.6mm thick layer of polyethylene sealer should be applied to prevent moisture from bleeding through which could create a residue on the flooring surface.

## TIPS FOR BEST RESULTS

- Blend planks from multiple boxes while installing floors for a harmonious final look.
- Lay the planks referring to the direction of the longest wall in the room.
- Stagger planks randomly to avoid aligning short edge seams.

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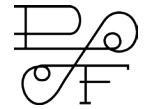
## INSTALLATION

### ATTENTION

Due to differences in temperature and humidity, floors can expand (hot days) and contract (cold days). Your floors must be able to expand and contract in all directions. To allow for this variation, you must provide expansion gaps along each wall and your floors. Expansion joints must also be provided around pipes, thresholds, obstacles, doorways and between adjoining rooms or areas where adjacent flooring is installed. Keep the seams tight between planks (there should be NO gaps between panels as they need to click together). For reference, the expansion that is to be expected can count as much as 2mm per meter (1/16" per 3.28ft). So, the greater the floor area, the greater the expansion. For rooms over 25ft (7.6m) wide or over 40ft (12.2m) long, additional expansion joint must be inserted. Gaps should measure between 8-12mm (5/16"-1/2") and provided at all walls. We recommend 10mm (3/8") minimum. An expansion space of 1/4 inch (6 mm) [5/8 inch (16mm) for areas that will be exposed to temperatures greater than 85°F (30°C)] around the perimeter of the room should be maintained; this same expansion space should be maintained when using transition moldings. Otherwise, there is no need for additional expansion space within or between rooms.

### INSTALLING YOUR FLOORS

- Measure the room before you start installing flooring planks. Ensure that the last row of panels is at least 3" (7.6cm) in width when finishing the installation. A chalk line can help you ensure that floors will be installed perfectly straight.
- Take a long plank and cut one of the longest and one the shortest tongues with the help of a straight edge knife. Score the plank and snap it.



- Now, place that plank in a corner where you will begin installing your floors. The plank should be facing away from the wall. Use spacers to keep a minimum gap of 3/8" (10mm) for product dilation. The gaps will be covered by the transition mouldings/baseboards. Base mouldings must be attached to the wall, never to the floor itself. Where profiles or base cannot be installed, fill the expansion space with silicone.
- Continue to lay the first row interlocking the short ends of the planks into a straight line by inserting the tongue into the grooves at an angle of about 20-30 degrees. Move the panel to be fitted slightly up and down; at the same time, employ some forward pressure. The panels will click together and you should be able to feel and hear the click. If seams do not appear tight, pull the planks apart immediately and try again.
- To start the second row, interlock the first plank using the same technique explained above. For the next planks, interlock the short ends first, leaving them slightly away from the first row panels and then slide them using a tapping block to ensure that panels lock perfectly.
- Continue to install the planks row by row until the room is fully covered.
- To fit the planks around irregular objects, simply make a pattern out of heavy paper, fitting it around pipes or other obstacles. Place the pattern on the plank and trace. Cut along the lines using an utility knife, heavy-duty scissors or circular saw, and install plank. Make sure to allow for expansion gaps around pipes and other obstacles.
- When the new flooring meets a threshold or a doorway, it is recommended to undercut the door jamb. Using a handsaw flat, cut through the frame, remove the cut-out piece and vacuum away debris.

## POST-INSTALLATION TIPS

- You may walk on the new Pravada Evolutionz™ SPC flooring right after installation.
- Ensure that the indoor climate is always kept between 0 and 104°F (-17 and 40°C).
- Make sure to check Warranty Terms & Conditions and Care & Maintenance Guidelines.