

Product Handling and Site Conditions

1. Store cartons of tile and/or plank with cartons stacked one on top of the other. Do not store on end or sides, or allow cartons to bend during storage or transportation.
2. Install flooring perpendicular to direct sunlight sources, including large windows, door walls, etc. Use of suitable window coverings during the times of most direct sunlight is strongly recommended.
3. This item should be installed in an indoor, climate-controlled location between 65°—85° F (18°—29° C). It should NEVER be installed outdoors.
4. This item must be acclimated in climate-controlled locations at 71°F for 24—48 hours before starting installation. Store cartons lying flat at all times and protect from direct sunlight during acclimation.
5. This item should only be installed after the jobsite has been cleaned and cleared of debris that could potentially damage a finished plank installation.
6. During the installation, mix and install planks from several different cartons to minimize shade variation.
7. The finished flooring installation should be protected from exposure to direct sunlight.
8. Do not use tapping blocks, adjustable spacers or other tools common to hardwood and laminate flooring installation. These tools will damage the vinyl flooring and prevent proper locking of the joint mechanisms.
9. Installation area should not be more than 1,076 square feet (100 square meters) or have runs longer than 30 feet in length without the use of suitable expansion moldings.
10. This item cannot be installed with full spread adhesives. The use of any sort of adhesive during the installation will void the product warranty.

**** Improper acclimation of floating Luxury vinyl flooring may result in gapping, or buckling or joints which are difficult to engage properly. Improper locking of the mechanism may cause one or more of the following conditions in your flooring: joints to be distressed resulting in a 'peaked' appearance; delamination due to ledging; separation of joints from normal environmental temperature changes; cupping or side joint failures.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

This information provides general guidelines for the **NovaClic™** product. All instructions and recommendations should be followed for an ideal installation.

1. Install **NovaClic™** only after the jobsite has been cleaned and cleared of debris that could potentially damage a finished plank installation.
2. Inspect your shipment of Novalis products to ensure that all cartons are of the same lot / manufacturing run. Contact your Distributor with any discrepancies or assistance with locating this information.
3. To minimize shade variation during the installation of **NovaClic™**, mix and install planks from several different cartons.
4. All subfloor/underlayment patching must be done with a non-shrinking, water-resistant Portland cement patching compound.
5. The maximum room size suggested is limited to 30 linear feet with 5/16" spacing gap around the perimeter. **NovaClic™** product can grow if the temperature in the room increases by 18° F (7°C). For installations larger than 900 square feet (83.6 m²) or runs longer than 30 feet (9 meters) control joints must be installed with a minimum of 5/16" (8mm) gap between the installed molding.

6. Doorways and archways 6 feet or less in width must have a suitable “T” molding installed as control joint to allow for normal product movement between rooms. A minimum of 5/16” gap is to be allowed on either side of the installed track for the molding.
7. This product cannot be installed with full spread adhesives. The use of any sort of adhesive during the installation will void the product warranty.

Approved Substrates

The following are approved substrates for installation of Novalis Resilient Floor Coverings. See the next section for proper testing and substrate preparation prior to installing your Novalis floorcovering.

- **All substrates regardless of composition must be smooth and flat to within 3/16” (4.76mm) or achieve an “F32” rating by use of mechanical grinding/sanding or suitable Portland cement-based patching and leveling compounds.**
- APA registered underlayment, sanded face exterior grade with minimum rating of C-C plugged face
- APA registered exterior grade plywood sanded face with ratings as follows: APA A-B, A-C, B-B, B-C, C-C plugged face
- Single layer Sturd-I-Floor rated panels (minimum 23/32” thickness) with sanded face. Check for jobsite damage before using as underlayment if panels were exposed to construction traffic or weather prior to installation.
- APA Rated underlayment veneer panels
- Properly prepared and well bonded existing resilient floor covering
- Cement Terrazzo, Epoxy terrazzo, ceramic tile, marble – must be properly prepared; all grouts are patched with appropriate patching compounds or leveler.
- Certain metal floors – all gaps are patched with appropriate patching compounds or leveler.
- Old adhesive residue- must be properly prepared with embossing leveler
- Radiant heated floors where heat does not exceed 85°F (29°C)

The following are not approved substrates for installing Novalis **NovaClic™** LV Flooring:

- Rubber, cork or asphalt tiles
- Textured or cushion backed resilient flooring
- “Sleeper” floor systems
- Plywood floors that have been installed directly over a concrete slab
- Luan, OSB, particle or chip
- Masonite™ or other hardboard underlayment
- CCA (pressure treated), oil treated or other coated plywood
- CDX or other plywood with knots or open defects
- Underlayment made of pine or other soft woods
- Hardwood flooring
- Paint, wax, oil, grease, residual adhesive, mold, mildew, and other foreign materials that might prevent floating planks and tiles from natural movement
- Other uneven or unstable substrates.

SUBFLOOR INFORMATION

Although **NovaClic™** is designed to be a “floating” floor installation, proper preparation of the subfloor is still a major part of a successful installation. Roughness or unevenness of the subfloor may telegraph through the new **NovaClic™** floor, resulting in an unsightly surface and cause excessive wear on high spots.

Substrate Preparation

All substrates must be properly prepared and tested according to the following guidelines.

1. Concrete Subfloors

*Although **NovaClic™** is not susceptible to damage from moisture, excessive subfloor moisture is an ideal breeding ground for mold, mildew and fungus—all of which can contribute to an unhealthy indoor living environment. Use of a suitable vapor barrier is recommended.*

- a. Concrete slab construction shall be in accordance to industry standards for specification related to concrete mix design, curing methods and drying times to prevent moisture problems.
- b. On-grade and below-grade slabs should be installed with a suitable vapor retarder directly underneath the concrete slab.
- c. New concrete shall be properly cured and dried prior to the installation of floor covering. Curing agents, surface hardeners and other membranes or compounds shall be mechanically removed immediately after initial cure to allow the slab to properly dry before installation. Approximately 30 days per 1” of slab thickness.
- d. All concrete substrates, regardless of grade or age of slab, must be properly tested using one of the methods outlined below for warranty to apply. Acceptable test method is the ASTM F 2170 In Situ Relative Humidity. Testing shall be conducted according to the relevant ASTM documentation and instructions of the manufacturer of the testing equipment. Consult Novalis adhesive technical bulletins for acceptable RH % levels.
- e. Concrete Alkalinity / pH Test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM standards and instructions provided by the adhesive manufacturer. Acceptable level of pH in the substrate is 7.
- f. Concrete Slab Preparation
 - i. Concrete slabs shall be clean and smooth prior to installing floor coverings. Remove all sealers, curing agents and compounds, grease, oil, adhesive removers, old adhesive residue, dirt, paint, etc. to ensure a clean bond surface for the adhesives.
 - ii. Concrete floors shall be smooth and level to prevent irregularities, roughness or other defects from telegraphing through the new resilient flooring. The surface of the slab shall be flat to within 3/16” in 10 feet.
 - iii. Uneven areas should be mechanically ground to smoothness.
 - iv. Cracks, depressions or other similar irregularities should be leveled using a suitable Portland cement based patching compound. Follow the patch manufacturer’s instructions regarding mixing and applications.
 - v. Overly porous, dusty, flaky or soft concrete surfaces are not suitable for resilient floor coverings. It may be necessary to mechanically remove the top layer concrete in such cases and/or these surfaces may need to be primed and covered with a cement based underlayment compound. Follow the patching or leveling compound manufacturer’s instructions regarding preparation of the concrete surface, priming, mixing of the product, thickness of application and drying time for resilient floor covering installation.
 - vi. Expansion joints, isolation joints, control joints or other moving joints in the concrete slab shall not be filled with patching compound or covered with resilient flooring.

- vii. Use of vapor barriers is allowed under **NovaClic™** as long as proper ventilating space is allowed around the perimeter of the room for moisture and vapors to escape the substrate.
2. Wood Subfloors
- a. All wood and wood composition panels are suitable for use under **NovaClic™ FD** providing they are smooth, flat, structurally sound and free of deflection.
 - b. A combination of wood subfloor and panel underlayment construction shall be a minimum of 1" in total thickness.
 - c. There shall be at least 18" of well-ventilated air space beneath all wood subfloors. Crawl spaces shall be insulated and protected by a suitable vapor barrier.
 - d. Wood subfloors installed directly on concrete or over "sleeper" joist systems are not acceptable for use under Novalis Resilient Flooring.
 - i. Panels designed as suitable underlayment shall be at a minimum ¼" in thickness, dimensionally stable, fully sanded face to eliminate grain texture or show through, and have a written manufacturer's warranty and installation instructions
 - ii. Panels shall also be free of substances such as ink, fillers and resins which may lead to staining of the resilient flooring, and have all knots, voids and defects properly plugged and sanded.
 - e. Panels shall be installed according to manufacturer's instructions regarding stapling pattern, sanding and filling of joints, and acclimation to installed environment.
 - i. Novalis will not cover or accept responsibility for joint telegraphing, either as a "ridge" or "valley"; grain or texture telegraphing; discoloration of finished flooring due to materials used for filling of voids and defects in the face of the underlayment
 - f. Unacceptable substrates shall be covered using a ¼" or thicker panel underlayment recommended for commercial use. Follow underlayment manufacturer's installation instructions fully.
3. Existing Resilient Flooring
- a. When installing Novalis LVT/LVP Flooring over existing resilient floors, the existing flooring must be:
 - i. Single layer only
 - ii. Thoroughly stripped of all wax, floor finish, dirt and other contaminants that may affect adhesive bond
 - iii. Be firmly bonded to the substrate
 - iv. Flat and smooth with no curling edges or loose seams
 - v. Dry and free from excessive moisture. All concrete floors shall be tested for moisture regardless of age or grade level. Do not assume that an existing floor is free of moisture related issues. Conduct testing per Section 1.d above.
 - vi. Must not be of a cushion back, floating, or perimeter bonded floor
 - b. Novalis is not responsible for problems leading to or from indentations, telegraphing of old floor or adhesion release of old floor after the Novalis LV Flooring is installed.
4. Old Adhesives
- a. Adhesive residue shall be properly prepared prior to the installation of Novalis LV Flooring. It is recommended that mechanical scraping or grinding be used as a primary means of removing old adhesive residue.
 - b. Residues include, but are not limited to carpet, vinyl, VCT, and or wood flooring adhesives.
 - c. Black cutback/asphalt adhesives shall be scraped by hand to remove any loose patches, trowel ridges and puddles so that only a thin residue layer remains. This layer shall then be properly covered using a Portland based patching compound properly mixed with the manufacturer's recommended latex/acrylic additive.

- d. If chemical/liquid adhesive removers are utilized, the manufacturer's recommended instructions for cleaning after use of the remover shall be followed fully. Novalis is not responsible for any adhesive failures, indentation, bubbling, or delamination of new flooring due to improper cleaning of residue left from liquid adhesive removers.

WARNING!

DO NOT SAND, DRY SWEEP, BEADBLAST, SHOTBLAST OR USE ANY OTHER MECHANICAL MEANS TO PULVERIZE EXISTING TILE FLOORING, BACKING, LINING FELT, ASPHALTIC "CUT-BACK" OR ANY OTHER ADHESIVES. THESE PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN ASBESTOS FIBERS AND/OR CRYSTALLINE SILICA. AVOID CREATING DUST. INHALATION OF SUCH DUST IS A CANCER AND RESPIRATORY TRAC T HAZARD. SMOKING BY INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO ASBESTOS FIBERS GREATLY INCREASES THE RISK OF SERIOUS BODILY HARM. UNLESS POSITIVELY CERTAIN THAT THE PRODUCT IS A NON-ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL, YOU MUST PRESUME IT CONTAINS ASBESTOS. REGULATIONS MAY REQUIRE THAT THE MATERIAL BE TESTED TO DETERMINE ASBESTOS CONTENT.

5. Other substrates
 - a. Cement terrazzo, epoxy terrazzo flooring, stained or painted concrete and metal floors may be suitable for installation and need to be properly prepared for adhesion. Most will need to be prepared with a suitable Portland-based cement patching compound, see manufacturer's recommendations for use and preparation of subfloor. **Contact Novalis Technical Support at 1-866-NOVALIS for these installations.**
 - b. Ceramic, porcelain, marble and granite tiles are suitable as substrates when the following conditions are met:
 - i. Tiles must be properly bonded with intact grout joints and free of cracks
 - ii. Surface of tile and grout joints should be free from sealers, coatings, dirt and contaminants.
 - iii. Properly prepare the surface of tiles by grinding any high areas and using a suitable Portland-based leveling compound and primer to fill in all low areas. Follow leveling compound manufacturer's recommendations for surface preparation and application of product.
 - c. The following are not suitable substrates for installation of Novalis LV Flooring: rubber, cork, or asphalt tiles; and any other material covered in the sections above and listed as unsuitable.
 - d. Unsuitable substrates should be covered with an approved ¼" wood underlayment or suitable Portland-based cement leveler or patching compound. Always follow the manufacturer's recommended practices when covering an existing substrate.

Installing Novalis NovaClic™ Flooring

1. Description

NovaClic™ Collection Floating floors are designed with an angle/angle locking mechanism. This requires that the right side or end joint be installed first at a shallow angle and locked into place. The top or long joint is then installed by sliding the plank towards the row above and installed at the same shallow angle by engaging the joint and pressing down to lock. This method is for both 12" x 24" locking tiles, 6" x 36" planks and 7" x 48" planks. See Section 4 below for installation instructions.
2. General

- a. **NovaClic™** is designed to be installed as a “floating” floor. Do not secure individual planks or tiles to the subfloor with mechanical fasteners or adhesives. Always undercut all doorjambs. Do not install cabinets or kitchen islands on top of NovaClic™ floating floors.
 - b. Use of a small, soft bristle brush to clean the joints prior to locking will ensure that there is no debris which will cause stressing or failure of the joint after interlocking the pieces together.
 - c. Use care when installing wall moldings and transition strips to not fasten through **NovaClic™** planks or tiles.
 - d. When using more than one carton, make sure that the cartons are all the same dye lot. Different lots may have a variation in color, texture or gloss so they should not be mixed in the same room.
 - e. Novalis square tile floating products are designed to simulate real stone and tile floors and are recommended to be installed in an ashlar (brick) pattern.
 - f. Novalis plank simulates wood planks, and can be installed in the same pattern as a wood plank floor in a random pattern, staggered design.
 - g. Planks are best in appearance when lying parallel to the longest walls in the room.
 - h. Novalis products can be cut using a tile cutter or a utility knife. Keep knife blades sharp for easy, accurate and safe cuts. Fit tiles to walls, columns, door jambs, etc. using the same methods other floor tiles; overlap, pattern scribe, wall scribe and free hand.
 - i. If it is necessary to heat the tiles to achieve a cut, heat slightly from the back only with minimal heat setting (a standard hair dryer will produce enough heat). Carefully make cuts with a sharp utility knife on the heated pieces.
3. Layout
- a. It is important to balance the layout of the plank and tile format. Proper planning and layout will prevent narrow piece widths at wall junctures. Determine layout to prevent having less than a half the width or very short length pieces.
 - b. Determine the center of the room by measuring each end wall and marking the center of the wall. Chalk a line across the points and measure to determine the center point. At a right angle to the chalk line, using the center point, chalk another line out to the other walls.
 - c. Be sure to allow for a 5/16” spacing along all walls when determining your starting plank width. On rooms greater than 900 ft² (83.6 m²) or runs longer than 30 feet (9 meters) control joints must be installed with a minimum of 5/16” (8mm) gap between the installed t-molding.
 - d. Dry lay a section of tile/plank from the center line to one wall to determine that the pattern is centered and fit. Border cuts should be measured and should not be less than half the width of a plank or less than 6” wide for tile patterns. If the cut row falls under these conditions, adjust the first row at the center line to make the centerline match the centerline of the row of planks.
 - i. Planks or should never be less than 9 inches long or less than half of the width of the plank. Avoid small pieces in border areas and adjust the center lines to achieve the proper pattern.
 - ii. Tiles should be balanced in the room with equal size cuts to the walls. The width of cut tiles should not be less than 6” inches wide by a full length of tile for the 12” x 24” tiles.
 - iii. Adjust the layout on the centerlines in the room if necessary to meet the above guidelines.
4. **Installing NovaClic™ Angle/Angle flooring**
- a. Accurately measure the room to determine the centerline, adjust this established line to accommodate a balanced layout and then transpose this line to a comfortable width away from the starting wall (approximately 2' to 3' wide.) Determine if the starter row will need to cut. It will be necessary to cut off the unsupported tongue so that a clean, solid edge is toward the wall.

- b. A small, soft bristle brush is recommended to be used to clean the joints of each piece before attempting to lock them together.
 - c. Starting in the farthest left, upper corner of the room position the first piece so that both the head and side seam groove is exposed. This requires installing the product from left to right in the room. Keep in mind that with a tile installation this may be a cut piece both in length and width based on the pattern layout.
 - d. Install the second piece in the first row by angling the end tongue into the end groove of the first piece. Be careful not to bend the corner of the piece. Maintain an expansion gap of approximately 5/16" from the wall. Then cut a piece in half of the length to start the second row; stagger the end seam at least 6" from the first piece.
 - e. Install the first piece in the second row by inserting the long side tongue into the groove of the piece in the first row. This is best done with a low angle (20° to 30°) of the plank.
 - f. Install the second piece in the second row by inserting the short end tongue into the previously installed piece end groove. Align the piece by sliding it towards the first row so the long side tongue tip is positioned just over the groove lip of the piece in the first row. Working from the end seam, at a low angle (20° to 30°) insert the long tongue into the groove of the adjoining piece. Very little force is required to seat the tongue into the groove. You should feel the tongue lock into the groove.
 - g. Work across the length of the room installing pieces along the wall in the first row and then aligning the pieces in the second row. It is critical to keep these two rows straight and square, as they are the "foundation" for the rest of the installation. Check for squareness and straightness often.
Use of several 5/16" spacer blocks along the first wall will ensure the proper spacing is achieved and that floor does not 'walk' back towards the wall during installation.
 - h. Cut the last piece in the first row to fit approximately 5/16" short of the end wall. Use the cutoff of this plank to start the third row.
 - i. Continue installing pieces, being certain to maintain a random appearance and offset end seams by at least 6". Maintain a 5/16" expansion gap at all fixed vertical surfaces. Check to be certain all pieces are fully engaged; if slight gapping is noticed, the gap can be tapped closed using a scrap of flooring and a tapping block.
 - j. When fitting under door casings, etc., the flexibility and low angle of connection of **NovaClic™** becomes evident. If necessary, a flat pull bar or "last board puller" may be used to assist in locking the planks.
5. Finishing the installation
- a. When fitting around obstacles or into irregular spaces, **NovaClic™** can be cut easily and cleanly using a utility knife with a sharp blade. It is often beneficial to make a cardboard template of the area and transfer this pattern to the plank.
 - b. Protect all exposed edges of the **NovaClic™** by installing wall molding and/or transition strips. Use caution to prevent the fasteners from securing the planks to the subfloor.
 - c. Protect the finished **NovaClic™** installation from exposure to direct sunlight.
 - d. Tiles can be cut using a vinyl/ VCT tile cutter or using a utility knife with heavy-duty blades by scoring and snapping tiles carefully along the score line. Use a steel straight edge for cutting tile along the length with a utility knife.

After Installation

1. Be sure pieces are set, flat and have tight edges.

2. In the event that the LV piece flooring is not the last portion of the construction project, the floor must be protected from construction traffic and damage. Utilize a reinforced fiber protective board or a heavy kraft paper (min. 60 lbs.) and cover the floor.
3. Initial maintenance
 - a. Wait 5 days after installation is completed and thoroughly clean the floor using a neutral pH cleaner.
 - b. If necessary, a slow (175rpm) buffer can be utilized with a white, non-abrasive pad to remove heavier deposits.
 - c. Rinse the floor thoroughly and allow to completely dry.
4. See the Novalis LV Flooring Maintenance guide for ongoing and preventive maintenance and cleaning of your flooring.

WARRANTY STATEMENT

General Terms:

This warranty document covers products manufactured and applied in a residential, light commercial and heavy commercial settings. For products used in commercial applications, please refer to Technical Bulletin NFT_PS002 Commercial Use Guide and NFW-CW01 Commercial Product Warranty for further information. Novalis International reserves the right to classify each installation regarding use according to this published bulletin.

Novalis reserves the right to repair any floor and/or obtain the services of a professional to conduct repairs or replace flooring.

Novalis branded vinyl products when installed in any area, regardless of use designation, must be professionally installed by a certified flooring contractor to validate this warranty. No exclusions or exceptions will be made to this clause.

Self-adhesive, D.I.Y products, closeouts, seconds and cash-n-carry sales are not covered under this warranty.

Product	Residential	Light Commercial	Heavy Commercial
Lyndon	10 years	3 years	--
Casa	Lifetime	10 years	5 years
Casa Clic	Lifetime	10 years	--
Kempton	20 years	6 years	--
Birkdale	Lifetime	--	10 Years
Hartsfield	Lifetime	--	10 years

Warranty Periods for NovaFloor Products:

Manufacturing Defect Warranty:

Novalis International warrants that the NovaFloor Collection of solid vinyl planks and tiles will be free from manufacturing defects for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of purchase. If such defect occurs, upon verification of the defect by Novalis, Novalis will authorize repair or replacement of the affected area of installed flooring. Labor reimbursement will be according to approved and reasonable labor charges and must be submitted to Novalis in writing for validation.

Wear Warranty:

Novalis International warrants that the installed product will not wear through to the printed film layer, stain or fade under normal household use for a period of time as defined in Table A above. Wear through is defined herein that the wear layer is sufficiently depleted or compromised so that the printed film layer is damaged, altered or affected from normal use. Stains and fading must be sufficient that the affected area of flooring is permanently discolored from normal household use and cleaning.

Residential Wear Warranty Provisions:

- Novalis will supply new material of the same color, design, and grade, if available; if unavailable or discontinued, Novalis reserves the right to select and supply similar Novalis materials. After corrective action is taken on an existing defect, you will continue to receive warranty coverage for the remaining period of your original warranty.
- One replacement floor only will be made for the wear out, fading and staining. Claimants who received settlement may not claim again and no additional replacement floors will be supplied.
- Alternatively, a refund of up to 100% of the original cost of the material. The percentage of the original cost refundable depends on the amount of time elapsed since the date of purchase:

- Within 1-2 years - 100%
- Within 3-5 years - 50%
- The costs of professional labor within the approved labor charges put forth by Novalis International, provided that the labor is performed according to Novalis International guidelines and standard industry practices. Labor must also be provided by a certified professional flooring installer. Labor will be paid according to the following schedule:
 - Within the first 2 years – 100% of labor for reinstall
 - Within years 3-5 – 50% of labor for reinstall

Warranty Limitations

- This warranty is not transferable.
- Manufacturing defect must be reported within 3 months from the date of purchase.
- This warranty covers only properly installed and maintained floors, according to Novalis installation guidelines and accepted industry practices.
- For products sold as “Do-It-Yourself” or cash-n-carry sales, no reimbursement for labor costs will be provided.
- Novalis excludes and will not pay for any **consequential or incidental damages** under this limited warranty.
- Novalis will not pay for the loss of time, inconvenience or other incidental expenses incurred during the initial installation and the subsequent removal and/or reinstallation of affected material, including clearing any items placed over the finished flooring and affected area subsequent to the original installation.
- This warranty does not cover the exclusions indicated on the package.
- Novalis reserves the right of final judgment and may refuse claims in certain instances.
- Novalis reserves the right to modify or withdraw the warranty at any time.

This warranty does not include the following:

- **Installed with obvious manufacturing defects.**
- **Products that have not been properly acclimated according to the Novalis Installation Guidelines.**
- NovaClic™, NovaClic Fd™ and NovaCore® products must not be installed over foam underlayment, with the exception of the NFU-100 and NFU-150 Acoustical Underlayment supplied and branded by Novalis International.
- NovaFloor direct glue applications requiring an acoustical underlayment will be warranted over Novalis branded underlayment only and provided that the proper Novalis adhesive is used. There is no exceptions to the use of Novalis U200 adhesive with Novalis acoustical underlayment.
- Improper installation or product not installed according to Novalis installation guidelines and accepted industry practices.
- Use of adhesives not supplied under the Novalis International brand and / or improper trowel used during installation. Workmanship errors should be addressed to the contractor who installed the floor.
- Flooring installed in areas not intended for solid vinyl plank or tile.
- Lack of maintenance or improper maintenance; dulled by soaps, detergents, harsh chemicals, dressings, one-step cleaners or wax.
- Damaged by narrow tipped heels, vacuum cleaner beater bars, burns, cigarette burns, cuts, scratches, gouges and indentations caused by rolling loads, caster wheels, furniture and chairs without proper floor protectors and furniture rests, and cuts caused by sharp objects.
- Damage caused by burns, flooding, fires and other disasters.
- Staining or changes in color caused by dyes tracked from carpet, fertilizers, coal, tar, driveway sealers, oil drippings or other similar materials; faded or discolored by sunlight or heat generation; fading or staining caused by use of rubber mats.
- Problems or damage due to moisture and/or alkalinity in sub floor; discoloration or bond release from hydrostatic pressure or excessive moisture caused by flooding, plumbing and appliance leaks and water leakage from doors.

- Mold and mildew growth caused by excessive moisture.
- Installed over unstable, unsuitable, or improperly prepared sub floors, wet/cold floor and/or radiant-heated floor in excess of 85°F; 80°F for NovaCore™ products.
- Hazing or finish related issues caused by grout when used with Novalis groutable tiles.
- Different from samples or printed material in shade, color, glossing or embossing.

No person, representative, employee, or agent not employed by Novalis International, LTD. is authorized to modify or change the warranty statements made in this document.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

Claim Filing

To file a claim, contact your retailer or distributor (retail accounts only) to obtain the necessary paperwork. Claim documentation must be filled out in its entirety in order to be assigned a claim number and reviewed for validity. Should the claim require an inspection, you will be contacted by the independent inspector assigned to your claim for scheduling. You may also contact Novalis International direct at 866-668-2547 for further information and filing.

REPAIRS

NovaClic™ is tough and durable; however, it is not indestructible. If a plank becomes damaged, it can be replaced. If the damaged plank is along the perimeter of the room, the easiest technique is to disconnect the planks until the damaged plank is removed. Replace the plank and reassemble the planks. If it's impractical to disconnect and reassemble the flooring, the following procedures should be used.

1. Using a straight edge and a sharp utility knife, cut out and remove the center of the damaged plank, leaving approximately a 1" strip attached to the surrounding planks on all sides.
2. Carefully cut back from the corners of the plank to the inside edge.
3. Remove the plank edges by wiggling the cut plank out from the tongue and groove of the surrounding planks.
4. Prepare the replacement plank by placing the plank face down and folding back and removing the groove strip on both the long and end profile. Using the decorative surface of the tongue end as a guide, cut away this overhanging profile using a sharp utility knife.
5. Place some double sided carpet tape onto the subfloor covering sufficient area of the removed plank, seams and adjoining planks.
6. Position the replacement plank by engaging the tongue of the long side into the groove of the adjoining plank. "Hinge" the prepared replacement plank into position.
7. Use a hand roller and press the replaced plank into the double face tape to ensure bond.

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U.S. Patent 6,218,001; U.S. Patent 7,384,697; and other Patents Pending.

Footnotes

¹ ASTM F 710 Standard Practice for Preparing Concrete Floors to receive Resilient Flooring

Standards for Installation

ASTM	F 710	Standard Practice for preparing Concrete floors to receive resilient flooring
ASTM	F 1869	Standard Test Method for Measuring Moisture Vapor Emission Rate of Concrete subfloor using Anhydrous Calcium Chloride
ASTM	F 1482	Standard Practice for Installation and Preparation of Panel Type Underlayment's to Receive Resilient Flooring
ASTM	F 2170	Standard Test Method for Determining Relative Humidity in Concrete Floor Slabs using In Situ Probes
ACI	302	Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction

Accredited Organizations for Standard Practices

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