



AU | 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 – **Modu-Tak PS** 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

Modu-Tak PS

Modu-Tak PS is a pressure sensitive adhesive that is formulated to have high levels of resistance to concrete substrates that exhibit high levels of alkalinity – up to pH 12. Refer to : [Modu-Tak PS Tech Data Sheet.](#)

Adhesive Surface Preparation:

Floors must be clean, dry sound and smooth in accordance with AS/NZS 2455.1:2019. When adhering to highly absorbent sub-floors, the use of a suitable floor primer is strongly recommended. Modu-Tak PS adhesive can be applied to concrete substrates with moisture contents up to 85% RH and falling when tested with an In-Situ probe method. For concrete substrates with Hydrostatic Pressure, we recommend a suitable 2-part epoxy membrane.

Adhesive Application:

“VI” 1.6mm notched trowel to the sub-floor for tretford felt backed carpet tiles.

SPREAD RATE: approx. 5m²/litre

Allow Modu-Tak PS adhesive film to become “clear”. Once clear, the adhesive is in a dry tack mode and floor coverings may be placed in position. Tack up time will be dependent upon room temperature, humidity, airflow and the substrate absorbency. Always ensure no contaminants come into contact with the adhesive film prior to installing carpet tiles.

Storage and Clean up:

Modu-Tak PS adhesive should be stored between 10° C and 30°C in well ventilated areas. Shelf life is 12 months in a sealed container.

Modu-Tak PS adhesive should be cleaned off any surface and tools immediately with a well dampened cloth. 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.

