



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS Ustik Rubber Underlay

## Ustik<sup>®</sup> rubber underlay is suitable for most types of Luxury Vinyl Tiles (LVT), carpet tiles, ceramic tiles and other plank flooring products.

## Surface Preparation

It is important the sub-floor must be sufficiently level for imperfections not to be visible under Ustik underlay, and the surface must be dry. Since Ustik<sup>®</sup> rubber underlay has an inbuilt TPU moisture barrier it can be used over concrete sub-floors without the need for damp proof membrane.

## Installation Process

Before starting the installation, always follow the LVT or tile manufacturer's conditioning recommendations carefully (conditioning should never be less than 48 hours). The Ustik<sup>®</sup> underlay must also be conditioned together with the LVTs for the same length of time, in the location where the installation will take place. It is important to control the internal temperature and humidity during and following the installation. The LVTs should be allowed to condition in accordance with the current **Australian Standard "Floor Coverings - 1884-2012 Resilient Sheet & Tiles - Laying & Maintenance Practices"** 

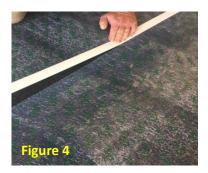
1. Roll out and position the Ustik<sup>®</sup> rubber underlay with the TPU layer facing downwards and the release film facing upwards, as per **Figure 1**, in rows next to one another. DO NOT OVERLAP the Ustik<sup>®</sup> underlay. Joins must be closely butted together, and when using as a moisture barrier it is recommended to use the joining tape provided to seal the joins.



(TIP) Using a Utility knife lightly score through the plastic film approx. 30mm of the edge of each roll (as per Figure 2) and remove plastic strip to ensure rolls butt up together, as per Figure 3, then join rolls together with double sided tape supplied, as per Figure 4.











2. Cover the entire floor area to be fitted with Ustik<sup>®</sup> underlay, leaving an expansion gap between the Ustik underlay and the perimeter wall of approximately 3mm, as this will allow for expansion and contractions of this floating floor system.

3. Always ensure that the LVTs or tiles are clean and completely dust-free. If they are at all dusty, wipe them down using a clean, damp, lint-free cloth and allow them to dry off completely before installation.

4. Once you have set out the first several rows of LVTs, tiles, etc., again using a Utility knife score lightly small sections of the plastic film taking care not to cut into the rubber underlay and remove plastic film and double sided tape film as per **Figure 5-6**, prior to installation, of LVTs





5. Begin laying the LVTs or tiles ensuring the first rows remain in place by checking the alignment is parallel to the centre line of the room. Gently place the LVTs or tiles onto the exposed rubber adhesive membrane. The bond to the adhesive membrane will increase with some downward pressure.

