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Installation instructions for **carpet tiles**
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Dear Carpet Installer, dear Customer,

some important things must be observed prior to installing carpet tiles by tretford. To safeguard this quality product's utility value and serviceability over the long run, it is critical that the carpet tiles are professionally installed. In principle, the recognized standards set out in the German Construction Contract Procedures (VOB), along with corresponding DIN specifications (DIN 18365) for flooring works, apply. It is up to you as the installer to meet your obligation to carefully inspect the subfloor as well as the material to be processed.

The subfloor

General information

In general, the entire subfloor should be fully sanded, vacuumed and primed; cracks must be filled. If the entire subfloor cannot be prepared in this way you should at least fill and smooth any stress cracks. Carpet and adhesive residues must be completely removed; also remove any oil or paint residues. The subfloor should be clean and level to ensure that the tiles will show no warping and lie perfectly flat against the subfloor. It is critical that the subfloor is completely dry (this can be determined by an expert if need be). If the subfloor is wood, the floor boards must be level and structurally solid. Check for loose floorboards and fasten them securely. If necessary, they should be sanded and filled in. To compensate for any noticeable differences in height, you can use a thin chipboard (16 mm V 100) – floating installation.

Installation

Prior to installing, check quantity and color information on product box. Ensure that the production number is the same on all boxes. Storage and transport of the carpet tiles should be horizontal to prevent unnecessary material stress. tretford tiles should be given enough time to adapt to the indoor climate before installation. Ensure that the unwrapped tiles are stored at room temperature (18-22°C) and a relative humidity of 40-60% at least 24 hours prior to installation. Preferably these conditions are also in place during installation. If tretford are laid while cold, they could exhibit stiffness and have residual tension. This could lead to tiles that don't lie evenly against the floor.



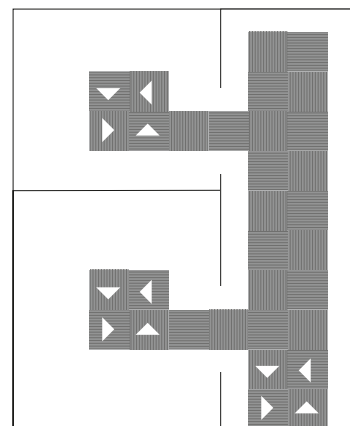
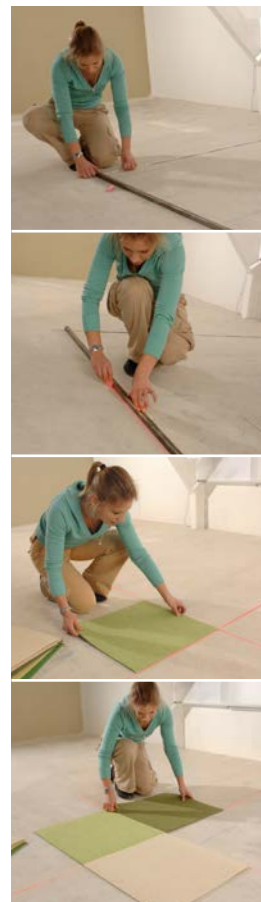
Installing tretford INTERLIFE and INTERLAND carpet tiles

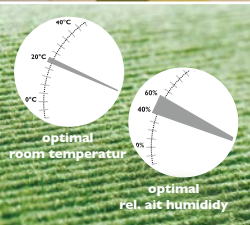
General information

In contrast to other textile flooring, carpet tiles by tretford don't have a noticeable pile direction thanks to their particular manufacturing process. For a best possible installation result, the tiles should be laid in a checkerboard pattern (see room layout and installation). Owing to the surface structure, it's not possible to get accurate crosshairs where the 4 tiles meet. Specially conceived with fleece backing, the tiles are made for loose lay installation. They can, however, also be glued down to the subfloor with standard commercial fluid tackifiers that are appropriate for fleece backings. This is a good option for large surfaces of ca. 30 m² or more in residential spaces, for example. When used commercially with castor chairs, tackifier adhesive is a must. A special manufacturing process prevents tretford products from fraying and allows them to be easily cut.

Room layout and installation/procedure:

1. Install whole tile in the room entrance area
2. Set angles through room center
3. Put down branch-offs in the separate rooms. Last tile goes in to relative room center.
4. Ensure exact placement of center tile.
5. Place next tile with rib structure offset by 90°
6. At room perimeters fit the carpet tiles flush (though without surface tension) with wall – using carpet smooth edge and yardstick.
7. Proceed this way in all rooms.





Special installation information

By means of a precise diagonal cut you will get triangles. Install them in any desired color combination. The design possibilities are endless. Please note that small-scale customized designs may make glue-down installation necessary.

Important directions for use

Goat hair shows hygroscopic behavior; in other words, it stores moisture. tretford carpeting thereby plays a big role in assuring a balanced and healthful indoor climate. Just like every other product that was manufactured using natural components, our carpeting has an own inherent moisture that can only be preserved if you provide a relative humidity of between 40 and 60%. It is only when these conditions are met that the highly durable, easy-care tretford carpeting can develop its anti-static, dust-bonding, climate-regulating characteristics which make it beneficial to your health.

If your tretford carpet is to be used in offices (with castor chairs), we recommend you opt for our INTERLIFE carpet products. When using tretford INTERLAND for a home office/office, be sure to use an office chair mat to protect your carpet. Since goat hair is sensitive and reacts to strong light, it is necessary to provide shade that blocks out UV radiation in rooms exposed to constant strong sunlight.

Comprehensive information can be found in our Care and Cleaning instructions. This information is intended to advise you to the best of our knowledge, which is based on tests that we conducted as well as on practical experience. We cannot assume liability in case your tretford carpeting is damaged during installation as a result of non-compliance with this general information.

Should you have any technical questions – or questions regarding carpet care – please feel free to call us.

We are confident that you will be able to take pleasure in your tretford carpeting for a long time if you observe the provided carpet installation advice.

