

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR PROPER INSTALLATION & CARE FOR

# VINYL



## INSTALLING YOUR NEW VINYL

Prior to installation, please assure the following tasks have been completed:

- ☐ **FURNITURE** All furniture and furnishings must be moved off the existing floor (if it is to be replaced) or from the area where new flooring is to be placed.
- ☐ **DOORS** All doors must be removed if they are in an area where new flooring will impact their movement (i.e. closets, adjoining rooms, etc.) There is always the possibility that the door may not clear the new floor, which will require a carpenter to shave the bottom of the door.
- ☐ **FIXTURES** Vinyl is normally cut around articles attached to the building (i.e. radiators, railings, etc.) Should you wish to have the flooring extend under these items, please have them removed prior to the arrival of the installer.
- ☐ **WIRES** All wiring for televisions, stereos, telephones, etc. must be moved away from the installation area prior to the arrival of the installer.
- ☐ **CLOSETS** If closets are to be done, all contents on the floor must be removed.
- ☐ **ELECTRICITY** Proper lighting must be available for good installation and ready access to electrical outlets is required.
- ☐ **CLIMATE** In cold weather, please ensure that the installation area is heated to at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit for 48 hours prior to the installers arrival.
- ☐ **GLUE DOWN** If your new floor is to be glued down, the area where the new flooring is to be placed must be smooth with no cracks or other damage prior to arrival of the installers.

- ☐ **FLOOR PREPARATION** Vinyl is a smooth surface and any depressions or irregularities in the subfloor will show through. Some subfloors are more suitable to vinyl than others. Please discuss various subfloors with your sales associate. All exposed concrete floors should be tested for hydrostatic pressure. Your sales associate can instruct you how to perform this simple test. Substrates need to be level in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines. In most circumstances Great Floors will not be able to actually gauge or estimate project, until existing floor is removed.
- ☐ **MOULDING** Please remove all floor mouldings. If our installers remove floor mouldings, we cannot be responsible for damage to either the moulding or the wall behind the moulding. (While our installers will make every effort to avoid creating scuff marks on walls or floor boards, it is suggested that you have a small amount of touch-up paint available to cover these marks after installation.) Vinyl floors require a baseboard to prevent vinyl from raising up along the edge over time.
- ☐ **SQUEAKS** We are not responsible for squeaky floors resulting from the installation of new flooring.
- ☐ **ESTIMATES** Occasionally estimates may need to be revised because of unforeseen damage to subfloors, which is not possible to see until the existing flooring has been removed. You will be notified of wet subfloors, water or pet damage, or if any type of this condition is discovered. On special order materials, we will keep you informed on any mill production delays.
- ☐ **SHORTAGES** If Great Floors did not measure the job, we accept no responsibility for shortages or overages. We cannot return any remnants that have been altered back into inventory.
- ☐ **SEAMS** Our installers install all vinyl according to industry standards. While we do everything possible to minimize seam visibility, no seam is totally invisible.

## ADDED GREAT FLOORS SERVICES

*Great Floors offers the following services for an additional fee. Check with your sales associate for costs for your project:*

- ☐ **EXISTING FLOORING** Remove and dispose of existing flooring material. Great Floors can also prepare your site for the new flooring.
- ☐ **MOULDING/DOORS** Remove and replace floor moulding and doors.
- ☐ **FURNITURE/APPLIANCES** Move and replace heavy furniture, appliances and other heavy objects. If using this service, you must empty drawers, bookcases, refrigerators and drain waterbeds.

***Great Floors will not do any plumbing, gas or electrical work including connecting or disconnecting icemakers, dishwashers or gas lines. We will not move organs, pianos, pool tables, grandfather clocks, aquariums, stereos, computers, firearms, collectibles or fragile items. Ask your sales associate for details.***

## AFTER INSTALLATION

A few things to ensure your floor performs at its best.

- ☐ Keep traffic light for at least 24 hours so adhesive has a chance to dry. Avoid stepping on seams.
- ☐ Avoid scrubbing or washing the floor for at least 3 days after installation.
- ☐ Support furnishings with wide-bearing, non-staining hard plastic floor protectors. Avoid metal protectors that may rust.
- ☐ Always use strips of wood or heavy cardboard to protect your floor when moving heavy furniture or appliances.