

GARDIAN™

FLOOR SYSTEMS by HUMANE

Installation and Maintenance Guidebook



Please read this manual thoroughly before installing
your Humane Recycled rubber flooring



Recommended Tools

Measuring Tape

Metal Edge or T-square

Utility Knife with extra blades

WD-40 or dish soap

Chalk Line (center install)

4 ft 2'x4' (trued install)

Rubber Mallet
(trued mat install)

Shims (included with every order)

Upon Delivery of Product

1. **Inspect-** Thoroughly inspect the delivered product for damage or defects. No warranty claims will be given for material once cut to install. Any defects should be immediately reported to your dealer.
2. **Store Product-** Store product in a clean, dry environment at room temperature for at least 24 hours prior to installation in order to acclimate the product

Preparation

1. **Sub Floor**
For best installation any sub-floor should be flat, clean and free from holes or foreign objects.
2. **Determine which instructions to use:** Center tile only; Pre laid out area; Trued 4'x6'; or Custom design.

Professional Install Tips

◆ TIP 1 ◆

Shims are included with every order to offset any level inconsistencies in the floor base. Additional shims may be ordered as no floor is perfectly level.

◆ TIP 2 ◆

Use the WD-40 or dish soap to lubricate your blade before cutting. Changes blades regularly while installing in order to obtain clean edges.

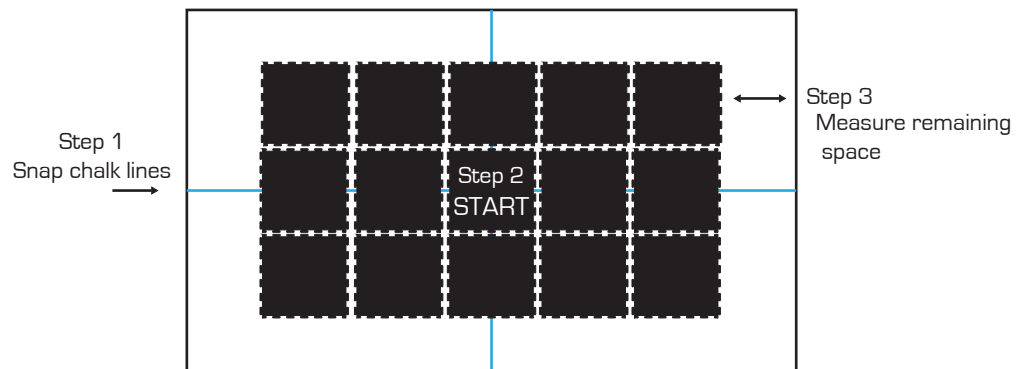
◆ TIP 3 ◆

Use the metal edge or T-square to guide your utility knife while trimming. It may take more than one pass to cut through the entire tile cleanly.

Center Tile Only Installation

This type of installation uses center tiles only and will require the most trimming.

- Step 1-** Snap two center lines as shown in order to find the center of the room.
- Step 2-** Begin at the center of the room laying tiles using the chalk lines as an edge guide until full sized tiles will no longer fit along the walls. Lay all full sized tiles before moving on to step 3.
- Step 3-** Measure the remaining space in order to mark tiles for trimming. The trimmed tile will lay between the last full tile row and the wall. (Measure twice and cut once)



Rubber Mats are like all natural products. They expand and contract with changes in temperature. Take this into consideration.



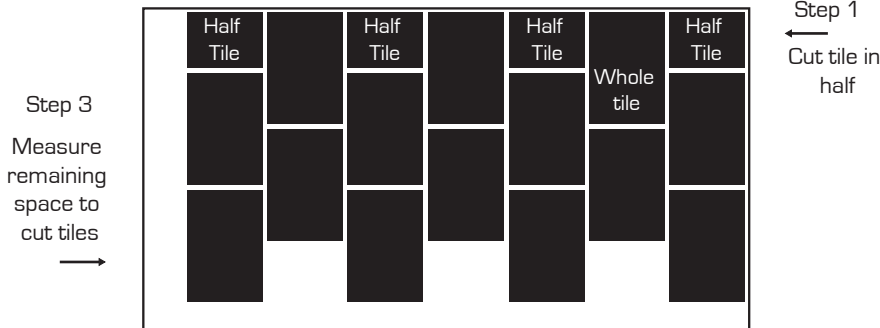
Trued Tile Installation

This style of installation utilizes 4'x 6' mats which are trued to line up without interlocks for wall to wall installations.

Step 1- Cut one mat in half and begin by laying that half in a corner and working down the wall with full tiles after the first.

Step 2- Start the second row with a full tile so as to offset the seams along the room.

Step 3- Measure the remaining space that is smaller than one full tile and trim the final row to lay between the wall and last full tile row.



◆ TIP 4 ◆

Place the 4 foot 2' x 4' from the tool list next to each installed mat and use the rubber mallet to tap it tightly against the wall or previously laid row in order to get a close fit

Pre laid out area

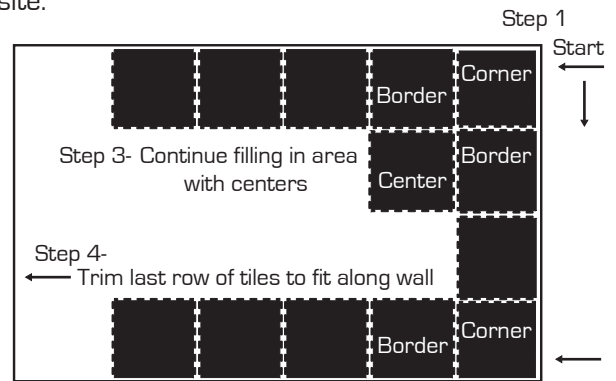
This style of installation will utilize a precut area that is slightly larger than the intended room. The package will use corner, border and center tiles to help minimize trimming onsite.

Step 1- Using the included diagram, find a corner to start with and work your way down both adjoining walls utilizing a corner and border pieces that are precut.

Step 2- Trim the last pieces along each wall to fit the desired space.

Step 3- Fill in the rest of the room with the center pieces until the last row is reached.

Step 4- Trim the final row of border and corner pieces to fit the remaining space.



Step 2
Trim tiles to fit along wall

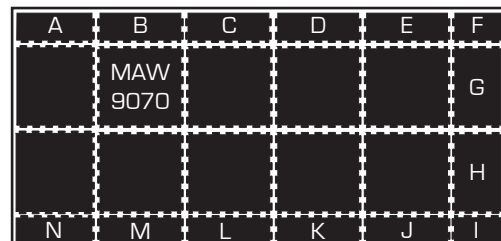
Custom Design

This style of installation utilizes a custom designed plan which will have a layout sent with the shipment. It requires the least amount of trimming onsite and allows for complex layouts.

Step 1- Using the included layout find the part labeled "A", begin by laying this piece.

Step 2- Continue laying custom pieces in alphabetical order while using standard parts to fill in areas as labeled on diagram.

Step 3- Individual parts will need to be trimmed based on walls which aren't straight & measurement variances.



◆ IMPORTANT ◆

GUARDIAN™ flooring should never be cleaned with petroleum-based cleaners or solvents. Similarly, any fuels or lubricants spilled on your flooring should be cleaned up immediately to prevent damage to the mats and potentially voiding the warranty.

◆ Cleaning TIP ◆

Nylon mops are recommended for cleaning your flooring: cotton mops can leave visible particles on your floors.

Maintenance

While you may notice that your **G**UARDIAN™ flooring appears to attract and show soil easily, it will mature to form a very easy-to-clean surface with normal wear and maintenance. This initial break-in period is normal, and typically lasts 4 - 6 months.

GUARDIAN™ flooring does not require any applied finishes, sealer, or waxes. Regular cleaning and maintenance are the only steps required to care for your floors, and any applied finishes may damage **G**UARDIAN™ tiles or alter their performance in undesirable ways.

Initial or restorative cleaning-

To be performed immediately after installation, and on an as-needed basis thereafter.

1. Sweep or vacuum flooring to remove all debris.
2. Using a damp-mop, apply an appropriate water-based cleaning solution such as Scented Pine-sol, Simple Green, Dawn Dish Liquid, or a bleach and water solution to the flooring. Work in small sections so that the cleaning solution remains wet at all times.
3. Damp-mop flooring with clean water to rinse any remaining detergent residue and repeat vacuuming or squeegee extraction. Please note that insufficient rinsing can lead to the accumulation of soap residue on your flooring.
4. Prevent any traffic on flooring until it has dried completely.

Maintenance cleaning-

Recommended once per week or as necessary.

GUARDIAN™ flooring can be spot-cleaned at any time by sweeping or vacuuming loose debris, then applying an appropriate water-based detergent and a damp mop or a soft nylon-bristle brush. No special preparation is required for basic cleaning, though we recommend that any standing water or excessive moisture be removed immediately with a wet/dry vacuum or squeegee extractor after cleaning to prevent water from pooling beneath equipment.

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