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# Rubber Floor Tiles Installation Instructions

## **Material Overview:**

75% Post Industrial Recycled Rubber, 25% Binder/Polymer

6 – Interlocking tiles measuring 18in. x 18in.

6 – Straight edge side pieces

4 – Straight edge corner pieces

Total coverage of assembled package is 14.32 sq ft.

## **Pre-Installation Instructions:**

Due to the manufacturing process with recycled rubber materials, there may be a rubber odor from the tiles. The odor is normal and will lessen when allowed to air out. To help reduce the odor, prior to installation remove all tile pieces from the box and allow to air out in a well air circulated low traffic area for 24-48 hours. Garages and Covered patios are ideal places for this process. Do not use any other products on the tiles to attempt to mask the odor.

## **Tools Required:**

Tape measure

Broom/Vacuum

Rubber mallet

Right angle straight edge

Utility knife with heavy duty blade

Chalk Marker or Pencil

## **Installation:**

The tiles can be installed over any existing residential surface type, but for best results and tile fitment it is recommended to install over surfaces that are securely attached to the building, hard, smooth, level, and dry like concrete or vinyl flooring. Tiles can be installed over a low pile carpet but it is not recommended, as tiles will not hold together as well.

1. Allow tiles to air out in a well air circulated area for 24-48 hours prior to installation.
2. Measure the total area that the tiles will be install in, and make sure that you have the total required number of tiles to cover the entire desired area. (1 box covers 14.32 sq ft. when corners and edges are included)
3. Sweep or vacuum the area to ensure that the area is clean and there is no debris or other objects that will impede the tiles laying flat on the floor.

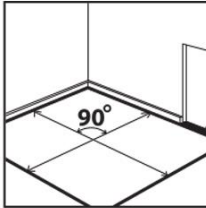


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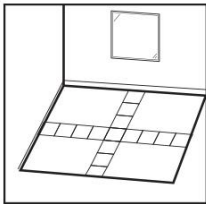


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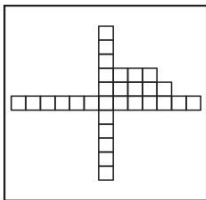
4. Check for cracks, protruding nails, or any other objects that might need to be fixed before installation. Patch any cracks or divots in the existing flooring
5. Start by finding the center point of the room. To do this measure the length and width of the room with a tape measure. Divide each measurement in half and start your installation at the intersecting point.



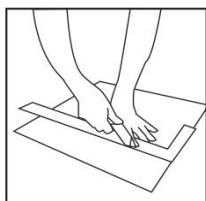
6. Begin to lay tiles in 2 straight lines that from the center point of the room in all 4 directions towards the walls. This should make a large cross on the floor dividing the room into 4 equal quadrants.



7. Make sure the final tiles that meet the wall will be at least half a full tile in width or will be the edge piece as this will give a better-looking installation. If the space between the tile and the wall is less than half a tile wide, adjust the center start point as necessary to achieve this look.
8. At this point begin to fill in each quadrant in from the center outward.



9. If necessary, use the rubber mat to fully lock in the tiles to each other, so that the seams are completely flush.
10. Upon reaching the wall you will might have to cut\*\* the tile to ensure a flush tight fit against the wall. Measure the distance between the wall and the last laid tile, and cut off the excess width of the final tile.



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11. To fit tiles around irregular shapes or corners (door jambs, pipes, stairs, etc) make a pattern from cardboard or heavy paper. Trace the pattern onto the tile and cut\*\* with a utility knife.

*\*\* Note on Cutting Tiles – Cut tiles using a utility knife with a sharp straight blade. Measure the necessary cut and score the surface of the tile. Bend the tile along the score and complete the cut.*

### **Cleaning and Maintenance:**

Sweep or vacuum the tiles regularly

For spills, spot clean with a rag and hot soapy water

Tiles can be removed and reassembled if necessary, to clean primary flooring

Allow tiles to fully dry before use

### **Warranty:**

TrafficMaster tiles come with a 7-year residential warranty against manufactures defects. TrafficMaster tiles are designed for a residential indoor purpose and are to be installed by following procedures outlined above. Nonresidential use or failure to follow proper installation instructions will automatically void warranty. Since the tiles are intended for residential use and do it yourself installation the warranty is just for parts, there is no labor or incidental claims allowable. Manufacturer reserves the right to request samples of any flooring in a claim situation. Warranty does not extend to any damage to the primary flooring or subflooring that the tiles have been installed upon.

### **Exclusion to warranty:**

- Tiles damaged by burns or cigarettes
- Tiles installed with additional adhesives
- Tiles installed over radiators or heating systems that reach temperatures and maintain temperatures of over 85 degrees Fahrenheit
- Tiles installed outdoors, including garages, porches and sun rooms
- Tiles damaged or discolored by any paint or appearance altering substance.
- Tiles damaged by pets or housing pets (Birdcages, Crates, etc)

If there is an issue with the tiles, please contact The Home Depot for further instructions or assistance. Removal of the tiles prior to contacting the manufacture regarding the issue constitutes acceptance of the issue and no claim will be awarded.