

J&J Industries' TileTabs connectors are a glue-free installation system designed for installation of J&J Industries' modular carpet tiles. This system eliminates the need for full spread adhesive which requires dry time. TileTabs have low odor which makes them ideal for use in schools, health care facilities, public buildings and anywhere odor is a concern and rapid, mess-free installation is important.

Make sure you inspect carpet modules prior to installation. No claims will be honored if modules are installed with visible defects. Read all instructions prior to beginning installation.

Backing Specific TileTabs

Nexus and eKo Modular backings use different adhesives and different TileTabs but the installation instructions are the same. **TileTabs for Nexus backing feature a blue printed back. eKo Modular backing TileTabs are green.**

Site and Modular Material Conditioning

The building must be enclosed and the HVAC in continuous operation. Modules must be conditioned to room temperature for 48 hours prior to installation. The ambient air relative humidity must be below 65% with the floor and room temperature between 65°F – 95°F. These conditions must be maintained for a minimum of 48 hours prior to the installation, during, and at least 48 hours after completion of the installation.

Surface Preparation

Dust, dirt, and debris, and non-compatible adhesive must be removed before the installation begins.

Old adhesives must be scraped or mechanically removed to bare residue. Adhesive residues must be smooth and level with all holes and cracks filled with a Portland cement-based patch reinforced with polymers or encapsulated with XL Brands TriSeal Sealer.

Note: Failure to remove or seal old adhesive may cause installation failure, shifting, buckling or edge curling; these conditions will not be covered under warranty.

Substrates

TileTabs are recommended for use on the following:

Concrete on grade, below or above grade in the absence of excessive alkali or moisture, hardwood, particleboard and plywood that is association grade for underlayment, tile, terrazzo, and well-bonded existing hard surface floor covering.

Floors must be clean, dry and free of concrete sealers, existing adhesive, curing compounds, wax, oil, paint or any foreign matter that will interfere with a good bond. The installation site must be acclimated with HVAC in operation. The floor and room temperature, as well as flooring materials and adhesive, must be maintained at 65°- 95°F, and the humidity below 65% for 48 hours prior to, during, and after the testing and installation. Do not use on substrates that have been chemically cleaned.

Concrete Moisture Testing and pH Testing

Concrete subfloors must be tested for moisture per ASTM F2170. On-site relative humidity readings (ASTM F2170) must not exceed 80%, and pH must be between 7.0 and 9.0. With moisture conditions up to a range of more than 80% RH but not to exceed 90% RH, use XL Brands Encore DriSeal as directed. When installing new flooring over old cutback or broadloom adhesive residue, apply XL Brands TriSeal as a barrier. (Contact J&J Industries Customer Service at 800.241.4585 for pricing.)

Following instructions for use, apply the XL Brands TriSeal only after existing adhesive is mechanically scraped to a smooth minimum residue. Do not use solvent or liquid adhesive removers. Site conditions, floor preparations, and moisture and alkalinity must comply with those specified by the Carpet & Rug Institute (CRI 104 or 105).

Subfloors

New Concrete: New concrete must be fully cured, free of moisture, sound, clean and meet industry standards as defined in ACL Committee 302.1.04R Report (see ASTM 710). New concrete requires a curing period of approximately 90 days.

Old Concrete: Old concrete must be checked for moisture. Dry, dusty, porous floors must be primed or encapsulated with XL Brands TriSeal Sealer.

Note: primers will not correct a moisture problem.

Wood: Wood floors must be smooth and level. If the floor is uneven, an approved underlayment will be required. Old finishes must be tested for compatibility with adhesives or removed and porous wood primed.

Terrazzo / Marble: Level all grout lines with Portland cement-based patch reinforced with polymers. Glossy surfaces must be sanded for adhesive bond. Waxes and similar finishes must be removed.

Hard Surfaces: Tiles must be well secured to the floor or removed. Broken, damaged, or loose tiles must be replaced.

Modular Placement

Arrows are embossed or printed on the module backing to show pile direction. To ensure proper alignment, check spacing every ten modules. Measure ten modules; proper spacing should be within ¼ inch. Continue to check spacing every ten modules throughout the entire installation.

Pallet and Bundle Sequencing

It is very important to install Modular tiles in the order they were manufactured; this is easily accomplished by selecting pallets in sequential order and following the numbers located on each bundle of tiles. Typically, an installation will begin with the lowest bundle numbers and progress through the highest numbers until the project is complete. Installing Modular tiles by bundle sequence will assure the most even uniform look possible. (For layout and installation instructions refer to J&J Industries Carpet Installation Handbook or CRI 104 standards.)

Flatwire Cable / Trench Headers

Cable should be centered under modules and no adhesive used unless approved by the manufacturer. Trench headers require a control grid of adhesive on either side of header panels to prevent movement. It is highly recommended that these areas be installed ashlar.

Finished Installation

Roll entire job with 75-100 lb. roller after completion of installation.

Chair Pads

Chair pads are highly recommended for use under chairs with roller casters. If chair pads are not used, the appearance of the modules will decrease and maintenance and/or shifting of the modules may be required more frequently.

Loop Pile Construction

Carpet modules with loop pile constructions may experience yarn blossoming at the edges, which is consistent with this type of construction and is not considered a manufacturing defect. Clipping or shearing the yarn edges will remedy this condition.

Replacement Modules

On occasion, it may be necessary to replace damaged or heavily soiled modules. Modules can be replaced with new modules from on-site inventory or from another area of the installation. A difference in appearance may be noticed when modules are replaced; this difference usually diminishes in a short time.

The procedures listed above are our best recommendations for installing Modular Carpets. The J&J Industries Carpet Installation Handbook and Carpet Maintenance Handbook are available at www.tiletabs.com. If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact our Installation and Maintenance Department at 800-241-4586.

TileTabs Quick Reference Installation Instructions

A) With the first module in position on the floor, place the TileTab under the corner of the tile with "THIS SIDE UP." The low tack side, labeled "THIS SIDE DOWN," should be in contact with the floor, and the high tack side should be in contact with the modular backing.

B) Lay the next carpet module onto the exposed adhesive of the TileTab.

C) Continue laying modules and TileTabs at the intersections of the module corners. Apply TileTabs at edges of modules. (See "C" diagrams.)

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A.1 Peel the TileTab from the roll



A.2 Place under the module



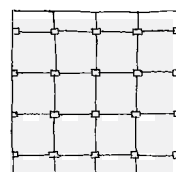
A.3 "THIS SIDE UP" facing up



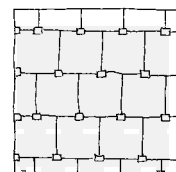
B.1 Position the next module



B.2 Press it into place



C. TileTab placement for Monolithic or Quarter Turn Application



C. TileTab placement for Ashlar or Brick Application