

SPECIAL INSTALLATION AND USE CONDITIONS FOR THE NEXT STEP VINYL FLOORS – MODERN VINYL FLOORS ON SUBFLOORS WITH UNDERFLOOR HEATING

1. Next Step Vinyl Floors – Modern Vinyl Floors are fully compatible with heating subfloors, with water and electric floor heating systems, where heating elements are embedded in the subfloor, and the systems themselves are equipped with precise devices to control and program the operating temperature in such a way as to maintain the correct temperature and operating parameters of the system (thermostatic valves, temperature control units).
2. The Next Step vinyl floors can be installed on heated floors with either the floating installation method (Next Step Extreme 1.5 sound absorbing underlayment is required), or the glue down installation method (Next Step recommended adhesive systems for vinyl floors are required). Details are available in the installation instructions and in the table of the recommended adhesive systems, available at www.barlinek.com
3. The height of the screed over the heating elements should not be less than 20 mm.
4. The screed with underfloor heating must undergo a floor warming process before installation of Next Step vinyl flooring.
5. Measure the moisture content of the screed immediately before installation. The correct subfloor moisture content should not exceed: 2% CM for cement screed and 0.3% CM for anhydrite screed.
6. Both, the floor warming process and the floor moisture measurement should be confirmed with appropriate reports, signed by the investor or an authorised work manager. These reports should be presented to the Next Step floor installer prior to the installation and attached to the Next Step floor installation documentation.
7. During the installation of the Next Step vinyl flooring, the underfloor heating system must be switched off and the surface temperature of the subfloor (screed) must be within the ranges recommended in the Next Step installation instructions.
8. Do not start the heating system during installation. The screed surface temperature should be even throughout the flooring installation.
9. During the floating installation of the Next Step vinyl flooring on heated floors, the expansion gaps should be maintained between the heated surfaces those without underfloor heating.
10. It is particularly important to maintain the perimeter expansion gaps of the installed floating floor against the walls and around all fixed interior elements so that the installed floor does not rest against the interior elements (columns, pillars, walls, door frames, installation elements protruding from the floor, etc.) in any way and in any place.
11. Starting the underfloor heating after installation of the Next Step vinyl flooring is allowed no earlier than 48 hours after the installation is finished.
12. The maximum surface temperature of the Next Step vinyl flooring when heating systems are in operation should not exceed 27°C.
13. Note that evaporation of any liquids spilt on the floor surface may be faster when using the NEXT STEP VINYL FLOORING on floors with underfloor heating. For that reason, any stains from liquids such as wine, urine, milk, etc., should be removed as soon as possible, as they can cause permanent discolouration when dried.

Other conditions for installation and use of the Next Step vinyl floors are included in the General Installation Manual, general conditions of use and in the warranty terms of the NEXT STEP – Modern Vinyl Floors, available at www.barlinek.com