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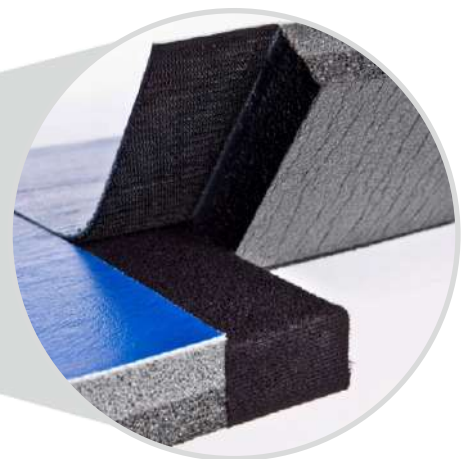
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### GRAVOLITE ROLL VINYL INSTALLATION AND CARE GUIDE

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## 01 Introduction

Roll vinyl is a popular, durable, and cost-effective flooring option ideal for residential and commercial spaces. This guide provides clear instructions for the installation, care, and maintenance of roll vinyl flooring to ensure it lasts for years.

## 02 Tools And Materials Needed

- Roll Vinyl Flooring
- Utility Knife or Vinyl Cutter
- Measuring Tape
- Straight Edge or Chalk Line
- Seam Roller (for seams, if needed)
- Adhesive (for glue-down installations)
- Trowel (for adhesive)
- Vinyl Flooring Underlayment (optional, for extra cushioning)
- Heavy-duty Double-sided Tape (optional, for loose lay installation)
- Vacuum Cleaner

## 03 Site Preparation

- **Clean the Subfloor:** Ensure the subfloor is clean, dry, and free of debris. Sweep and vacuum thoroughly. If there are any lumps, bumps, or imperfections, fix them to create a smooth surface.
- **Acclimate the Vinyl:** Unroll the vinyl in the room for 24 hours prior to installation to allow the material to adjust to the room's temperature and humidity.
- **Measure the Space:** Measure the room to determine how much vinyl you'll need, adding extra for cutting and adjustments.

## 04 Roll Vinyl Installation

### Step 1: Preparing the Subfloor

- Ensure the subfloor is level. If using adhesive, make sure the surface is dry and smooth.
- For extra comfort or insulation, you may choose to install an underlayment beneath the vinyl, which can be purchased separately.

### Step 2: Unrolling the Vinyl

- Begin unrolling the vinyl along one side of the room, making sure the edges are straight and aligned. Let the vinyl unroll naturally, and avoid forcing it into place to prevent wrinkles.

### Step 3: Cutting and Fitting the Vinyl

- Use a utility knife to trim the edges of the vinyl for a perfect fit around corners, walls, and other obstacles.
- For precise cuts, use a straight edge or chalk line to guide your knife along the edges.
- If necessary, cut around doors, cabinets, or other permanent fixtures.

### Step 4: Securing the Vinyl

- **For Glue-Down Installation:** Apply adhesive to the subfloor using a trowel, working in sections to avoid the adhesive drying before the vinyl is placed.
- **For Loose-Lay Installation:** If you are installing a loose-lay vinyl, use heavy-duty double-sided tape along the edges and seams to keep the vinyl in place.
- Roll out the vinyl, pressing it down gently to remove air bubbles. Use a seam roller to ensure seams are tightly fitted.

## 05 Post-Installation Care

- **Trim Excess Vinyl:** Use a utility knife to trim any extra vinyl around the edges, leaving a small gap between the flooring and the walls to allow for expansion.
- **Smooth the Surface:** Press down any areas where air bubbles have appeared, and roll the entire area with a seam roller to ensure the vinyl adheres properly.
- **Clean the Floor:** Sweep and vacuum the floor to remove any dust and debris that may have settled during installation.

## 06 Routine Maintenance

- **Regular Cleaning:** Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove dust and dirt that can cause wear. A damp mop with a mild detergent can be used for cleaning.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Never use abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals, as these can damage the vinyl surface. Stick to pH-neutral cleaners.
- **Protect from Heavy Furniture:** Use furniture pads to protect the vinyl from scratches and dents caused by heavy furniture.

## 07 Troubleshooting

- **Problem:** Vinyl has bubbles or wrinkles.
  - o **Solution:** If bubbles appear after installation, use a seam roller to press down the areas. If wrinkles occur, warm the area with a hairdryer, and press the vinyl back into place.
- **Problem:** Edges are lifting.
  - o **Solution:** If the edges are lifting, apply a small amount of adhesive and press down to secure the vinyl. Use a rolling pin or seam roller for additional pressure.
- **Problem:** Scuff marks or stains.
  - o **Solution:** For scuff marks, use a vinyl floor cleaner or a mixture of mild soap and water to remove them. For tougher stains, use a soft cloth with a solution of vinegar and water.

## 08 Conclusion

Installing and maintaining roll vinyl is an easy and affordable way to upgrade your floors. By following these instructions and taking care of your vinyl floor, you will enjoy its durability and appearance for many years.