



## SHOCKPAD BL41

# INSTALLATION MANUAL

## FULLY ADHERED INSTALLATIONS

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## INSTALLATION

### I. JOB SITE CONDITIONS

1. Installation should not begin until after all other trades are finished in the area. If the job requires other trades to work in the area after the installation of the floor, the floor should be protected with an appropriate cover. Kraft paper or plastic works well.
2. Areas to receive flooring should be weather tight and maintained at a minimum uniform temperature of 65°F (18°C) for 48 hours before, during, and after the installation.

### II. SUBFLOORS

Ecore Athletics fully adhered BL41 may be installed over concrete and approved Portland-based patching and leveling materials, such as Ardex K-15 or equivalent.

**NOTE:** Ardex Engineered Cements  
400 Ardex Park Drive  
Aliquippa, PA 15001  
(724) 203-5000

**NOTE:** Gypsum-based patching and leveling compounds are not acceptable.

**Concrete Floors** – Concrete shall have a minimum compressive strength of 3000 psi. New concrete slabs should cure for a minimum of 28 days before installing BL41. It must be fully cured and permanently dried.

### II. SUBFLOOR REQUIREMENTS AND PREPARATION

1. Subfloors shall be dry, clean, smooth, level, and structurally sound. They should be free of dust, solvent, paint, wax, oil, grease, asphalt, sealers, curing and hardening compounds, alkaline salts, old adhesive residue, and other extraneous materials, according to ASTM F710.
2. Subfloors should be smooth to prevent irregularities, roughness, or other defects from telegraphing through the new flooring. The surface should be flat to the equivalent of 3/16" (4.8 mm) in 10' (3.0 m).
3. Mechanically remove all traces of old adhesives, paint, or other debris by scraping, sanding, or scarifying the substrate. Do not use solvents. All high spots shall be ground level and low spots filled with an approved Portland-based patching compound.
4. All saw cuts (control joints), cracks, indentations, and other non-moving joints in the concrete must be filled with an approved Portland-based patching compound.
5. Expansion joints in the concrete are designed to allow for expansion and contraction of the concrete. If a floor covering is installed over an expansion joint, it will likely fail in that area. Use expansion joint covers designed for resilient flooring.
6. Always allow patching materials to dry thoroughly and install according to the manufacturer's instructions. Excessive moisture in patching material may cause bonding problems or a bubbling reaction with the E-Grip III adhesive.

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### HAZARDS:

**SILICA WARNING** – Concrete, floor patching compounds, toppings, and leveling compounds can contain free crystalline silica. Cutting, sawing, grinding, or drilling can produce respirable crystalline silica (particles 1-10 micrometers). Classified by OSHA as an IA carcinogen, respirable silica is known to cause silicosis and other respiratory diseases. Avoid actions that may cause dust to become airborne. Use local or general ventilation or provide protective equipment to reduce exposure to below the applicable exposure limits.

**ASBESTOS WARNING** – Resilient flooring, backing, lining felt, paint, or asphaltic “cutback” adhesives can contain asbestos fibers. Avoid actions that cause dust to become airborne. Do not sand, dry sweep, dry scrape, drill, saw, shot blast, or mechanically chip or pulverize. Regulations may require that the material be tested to determine the asbestos content. Consult the document “Recommended Work Practices for Removal of Existing Resilient Floor Coverings” available from the Resilient Floor Covering Institute.

**LEAD WARNING** – Certain paints can contain lead. Exposure to excessive amounts of lead dust presents a health hazard. Refer to applicable federal, state, and local laws and the publication “Lead Based Paint: Guidelines for Hazard Identification and Abatement in Public and Indian Housing” available from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7. Maximum moisture vapor emission of the concrete must not exceed 5.5 lbs. per 1,000 sq.ft. in a 24 hour period as measured by the calcium chloride moisture emission test conducted in accordance to ASTM F1869. Moisture can also be measured using the Relative Humidity (RH) test method per ASTM F2170 standard. Moisture content should not exceed 85% RH. If levels are high using either test method, then one of Ecore’s recommended vapor retardants must be used. If the emissions exceed the limitations, the installation should not proceed until the situation has been corrected.

**NOTE:** For moisture remediation, Ecore International recommends the following two vapor retardant products.

1. ARDEX MC Rapid, Plus or Ultra - 724-203-5000, [www.ardex.com](http://www.ardex.com)
2. Bostik Durabond D-250 - 888-592-8558, [www.bostik-us.com](http://www.bostik-us.com)

8. It is essential that pH tests be taken on all concrete floors. If the pH is greater than 9, it must be neutralized prior to beginning the installation.
9. Adhesive bond tests should be conducted in several locations throughout the area. Glue down 3’ x 3’ test pieces of the flooring with the recommended adhesive and trowel. Allow to set for 72 hours before attempting to remove. A sufficient amount of force should be required to remove the flooring and, when removed, there should be adhesive residue on the subfloor and on the back of the test pieces.

### III. MATERIAL STORAGE AND HANDLING

1. Material should be delivered to the job site in its original, unopened packaging with all labels intact.
2. Roll material should always be stored laying down. Storing rubber on end will curl the edges, resulting in permanent memory of the material. All edges with memory curl must be straight edge cut before installation. Do not store rolls higher than 4 rolls or for more than six months. Material should only be stored on a clean, dry, smooth surface.

**INSTALLATION**

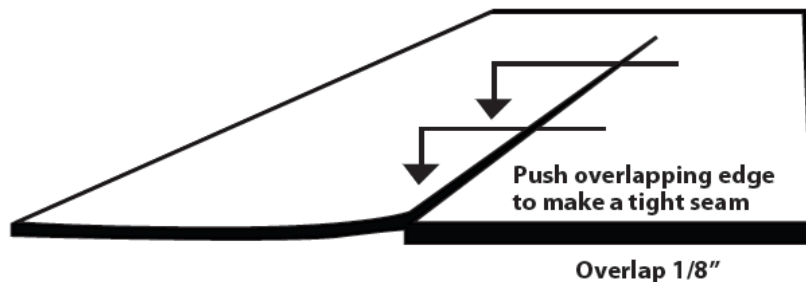
3. The material and adhesive must be acclimated at room temperature for a minimum of 48 hours before starting installation.
4. Roll material is stretched slightly during the manufacturing process. At the job site, the installer should unroll all rolls and allow too relax overnight. A bare minimum of two hours is required. Shaking the material once it is unrolled can help it to relax.

**IV. INSTALLATION – ROLL MATERIAL**

1. Make the assumption that the walls are not straight or square. Using a chalk line, make a starting point for an edge of the flooring to follow. The chalk line should be set where the first seam will be located.
2. Remove BL41 from the shrink wrap and unroll it onto the floor. Cut all rolls at the required length, including enough to allow for shrinkage during acclimation. A few inches is recommended.
3. After proper acclimation and rough cuts are made, you may begin the installation.
4. Align the first edge to the chalk line.

Note: it is very important that the first seam is perfectly straight.

5. Position the second roll with no more than a 1/8" overlap over the first roll at the seam. After adhesive is applied to substrate, the material will be worked back to eliminate the overlap. This procedure will leave tight seams and eliminate any gaps. Care should be taken to not over compress the seam. Over compressed seams will cause peaking.



**Diagram 2**

1. It may be necessary to trim the edge of the second lineal drop if the rolls do not extend the length or width of the room or field area. Rolls laid end to end with a variance in roll width greater than 1/4" could result in peaked seams.
2. Repeat for each consecutive sheet necessary to complete the area or those rolls that will be installed that day.

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### V. FULLY ADHERING BL41 – FULL SPREAD ADHESIVE

1. After performing the above procedures, begin the application of the adhesive. We recommend E-Grip III, a one-component moisture-cured polyurethane adhesive. E-Grip III should not be mixed. It is specially formulated for use right out of the pail. Apply E-Grip III to the substrate using a 1/16" square-notched trowel.
2. Fold over the first drop along the wall (half the width of the roll).
3. Spread the adhesive using the proper size square-notched trowel. Take care not to spread more E-Grip III than can be covered with flooring within 30 minutes. The open time of the adhesive is 30–40 minutes at 70°F and 50% relative humidity.

**NOTE:** Temperature and humidity affect the open time of the adhesive. Temperatures above 70°F and/or relative humidity above 50% will cause the adhesive to set up more quickly. Temperatures below 70°F and/or relative humidity below 50% will cause the adhesive to set up more slowly. The installer should monitor the on-site conditions and adjust the open time accordingly.

4. Lay the flooring into the wet adhesive. Do not allow the material to “flop” into place; this may cause air entrapment and bubbles beneath the flooring.
5. Immediately roll the floor with a 75–100 lb. roller to ensure proper adhesive transfer. Overlap each pass of the roller by 50% of the previous pass to ensure the floor is properly rolled. Roll the width first and then the length.
6. Fold over the second half of the first roll and half of the second roll. Spread the adhesive at right angles to the seam and then roll the flooring with a 100 pound flooring roller.
7. Continue the process for each consecutive drop. Work at a pace so that you are always folding material back into wet adhesive.
8. Hand roll all seams after the entire floor has been rolled.
9. In some instances, it may be necessary to weigh down the seam until the adhesive develops a firm set. Boxes of cove base or tile work well. Keep traffic off the floor for a minimum of 24 hours. Floor should be free from rolling loads for a minimum of 48-72 hours. Foot traffic and rolling loads can cause permanent indentations or debonding in the uncured adhesive.

## WARRANTY

BL41 is guaranteed by Ecore International to be free from manufacturing defects on both material and workmanship. If such a defect is discovered, the customer must notify Ecore either through the contracting installer, distributor, or directly. If material, when installed as directed, is found to be defective within ten years under normal non-abusive conditions, the sole remedy against the seller will be the replacement or repair of the defective goods; or, at the sellers option, credit may be issued not exceeding the selling price of the defective goods.



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