

# Scotchgard™ Guardian

## Acoustical Underlayment



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3. Scotchgard™ Guardian may be floated over subfloor where gypcrete has been installed (see Installing Flooring over Scotchgard™ Guardian for Floating and Glue Down Methods).

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### Installation Instructions

Scotchgard™ Guardian Acoustical Underlayment not only helps reduce in-room and between-story noise but also acts as a breathable moisture barrier. Acoustical Underlayment is guaranteed to perform over the life of the floor. It offers different installation methods, making any project worry-free. Always consult with the flooring and adhesive manufacturers for their product conditioning and installation recommendations and requirements. Vinyl Composition Tile is specifically excluded.

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#### STEP 1

### Installing Scotchgard Guardian to Substrate

#### Floating Method

Luxury Vinyl Tile (incl. attached back), Engineered Wood, Laminate

- Floated – may be loose-laid.
- Cut material to fit the room, leaving 1/8" gap around perimeter of the room.
- Run underlayment perpendicular to plank flooring or at a 45-degree angle for square tile flooring.
- Join seams by butting material and seam joints with clear 2" packing tape.

#### Glue Down

Luxury Vinyl Tile, Engineered Wood

- Adhesive bond – Use a premium pressure-sensitive or multipurpose adhesive.
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- Use the roll core which came with the Scotchgard™ Guardian (40 yd<sup>2</sup>) roll to press the underlayment evenly into the adhesive.
- Join seams by butting material.

#### STEP 2

### Install Flooring over Scotchgard™ Guardian

#### Floating Method

Luxury Vinyl Tile (incl. attached back), Engineered Wood, Laminate

- Floated – Install following manufacturers' installation instructions.

#### Glue Down

Luxury Vinyl Tile, Engineered & Solid Hardwood

- Adhesive bond - Always refer to the flooring installation instructions for adhesive recommendations.

#### Nail Down

Engineered & Solid Hardwood

- Nail-down – Suitable in nail/staple-down applications. Refer to the flooring installation instructions.

During noticeable changes to temperature and humidity, pay especially close attention to the adhesive recommendations and adjustments that may be required. Underlayment may not prevent the flooring from contracting or expanding because of temperature and humidity changes. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for questions regarding the installation, care, and maintenance of your new floor.

Suitable adhesives can be obtained from a wide range of manufacturers. The following list contains contact information for a few adhesive manufacturers and is not meant to be all-inclusive.

BOSTIK	800-726-7845
ROBERTS / QEP	800-423-6545
CAPITOL	888-875-5087
W. F. TAYLOR (E)	800-868-4583
HB FULLER	800-621-0220
W. F. TAYLOR (W)	800-397-4583
MAPEI	800-992-6273
W. W. HENRY	888-512-7339
ROYAL	800-763-7272
AAT	800-228-4583
TEC	800-832-9002
Schonox	855-391-2649

NOTE: The installer is responsible for checking for visual damage or defects as the manufacturer will not be responsible for covering labor or materials costs claimed on underlayment with visual defects.

**Recommended for floated, double-glue down, and mechanically-fastened floors.**