



# INSTALLATION

## Installation

Before laying our leather floor or wall tiles it is recommended that the boxed tiles should be opened and left in the area where they are to be installed for a minimum of 48 hours to allow the leather to acclimatise to the new environment. Leather, like any natural material, is affected by humidity and we recommend that the leather tiles are not installed in areas such as bathrooms or kitchens.

A leather floor is only as good as the surface upon which it is laid. We recommend a good quality 15mm thick plywood surface, glued and screwed using galvanised countersunk screws set out at 300mm centres. All joins and screw holes should be filled with two-part epoxy filler and sanded flat to prevent any shadow lines after installation. Wall tiles can be applied to many surfaces, most common is a good quality 12mm MDF or exterior plywood.

All surfaces must be level and thoroughly vacuumed and cleaned of dust and dirt prior to applying any adhesive. Once prepared, we recommend that all surfaces should be primed with a suitable primer before applying the adhesive. Harcourt use a 3M™ Cellulose primer followed with a 3M Water-based Contact adhesive that is applied to both the tile and floor. The tiles can be walked upon immediately after installation.

## Surface Care

Once completed, treat the floor with natural beeswax (carnauba cream for walls) to develop its deep lustre, give it longevity and maintain its surface qualities.

Apply the wax or cream by hand in small circular motions with a lint-free cloth or rag. Allow to dry for 10-15 minutes between layers (at least three). Polish by hand with a horsehair brush or by machine using a soft 3M (white) polishing pad.

If you require further installation explanation, adhesives or fitting supplies please contact Harcourt or your agent for details. Alternatively we can arrange installation and maintenance.

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