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Altro Dolce[™] Essentials

Installation and initial maintenance quick facts

Specifications

Altro Dolce Essentials is a smooth vinyl tile with a protective PU coating. It has a marbleized pattern that runs through the thickness of the material.

Thickness	.12" 3.0mm
Size of tiles	18" x 18" 45.72cm x 45.72cm
# of tiles per box	15
Area per box	33.75ft ² 3.13m ²
Cleaning Technology	Factory finish PU coating
Recommended Finish	Diversey Carefree / Carefree Matte
No finish method	Altro 48W
Recommended Adhesive	Ecofix 25

- Roll installed flooring slowly in both directions with a 100lb sectional roller.
- Installs like VCT

Protection and Initial Maintenance

- Altro Dolce Essentials should be covered and protected from all other trades during construction with a suitable non-staining protective covering, without taping to the surface of the flooring.
- Sweep or vacuum all construction dust and debris first, then clean the flooring with a mild dilution of AltroClean 44 and rinse thoroughly. Do not flood the floor.
- Please see separate Smooth flooring cleaning and maintenance guide
- Do not use markers (Sharpies, pens, construction crayons, etc), tapes (masking, duct, releasable, etc) or construction and other paints on the flooring or on the substrate as these items may bleed through or otherwise cause permanent staining.
- Altro assumes no liability for damage to our flooring resulting from the misuse or improper use of tapes, markers, paints or maintenance products. Please confirm with the manufacturer of all cleaning products and equipment for their recommendations.
- Asphalt and certain rubber products, like black rubber mats, can cause staining on vinyl products. Please conduct stain testing.

Suggestions

- We recommend that very dark solid colors or very light solid colors only be used as accents as these hues tend to be less forgiving of scratching and scuffing than medium tones.

Altro Installation and Maintenance Quick Facts are intended as a guide only, and is only an overview of Altro's complete installation or maintenance guides. For complete information, please see the Altro Installation Practices and Detailing Guide.

Installation

- Altro Dolce Essentials can be installed on all industry approved substrates, on all grade levels.
- The permanent HVAC must be operational and set at a minimum of 68° F (20° C) for 72 hours prior to, during and thereafter installation.
- Acclimate material to jobsite conditions for a minimum of 72 hrs. prior to installation.
- Always conduct moisture tests per ASTM F-2170 on all concrete slabs regardless of age or grade level. ASTM F-2170 internal relative humidity (IRH) test results must not exceed 85%.
- Concrete surface pH is to be tested and alkalinity is not to exceed 9.9.
- Patching materials must be Portland-cement based patching compound.
- Gypsum-based patching compounds or concrete using silicate based admixes and sprays may be unsuitable.
- We recommend that the tiles be quarter-turned.
- Do not mix dye lots/batch numbers.
- Use Ecofix 25 adhesive wherever possible, allow the adhesive to dry to a pressure sensitive state before installing tile. When a wet set, hard set adhesive is needed use Ecofix 20 hard set acrylic adhesive.
- Use a 1/32" deep x 1/16" wide x 1/32" apart notched trowel.
- Allow the adhesive to dry completely before installing.