

## **Is it possible to install ceramic tiles or natural stone on an existant vinyl floor covering?**

It is possible to install ceramic or porcelain tiles as well as natural stone on vinyl sheets making sure to respect certain conditions. The fact of using mortar on top of an existant surface could cause certain problems. Humidity, among others could accumulate under the covering and could unglue the vinyl. Time could also be an important factor. It is important to know that with a good vinyl preparation and to insure the quality of the support, the mortar will cling to the covering and this, for a long time but we could not guarantee that even eventually, it will not unglue from the support.

An installation on cushioned vinyl is not recommended due to the fact that the cushion may cause movement. This inadequate support should be completely removed.

The non-cushioned vinyl covering should be soundly installed on the support and this, on all the surface area. The surface should be stable and in good condition. It should be cleaned and exempt of all substance that could harm the adhesion like paint, glue, oil, lubricant, dust and others.

Scarily the non-cushioned vinyl covering on all the surface with the help of abrasive paper (60) for improvement of the adhesion on the mortar. Afterwards, a superior quality mortar (8500 & 6500) is recommended and offers and excellent flexibility and adhesion.

Proceed according to the installation instructions provided with the purchase of the high- performance mortar.

