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This guide covers the installation of Slek Flooring Dryback LVT Plank and Slek Flooring Dryback LVT Tile. This guide does not apply to any other Slek Flooring product format.

FORMAT	DIMENSIONS
Plank	1227 × 187 mm
Stone & Marble Tile	610 × 305 mm

01 BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Inspect all cartons and product before starting installation. Check that colour, batch and finish are consistent across every carton to be used in the same area — shuffle planks or tiles between cartons as you work to avoid visible shade clustering. Claims relating to visible defects (colour variation, thickness, surface marks, or fit) cannot be accepted once product has been cut or installed, so any concern should be raised before work begins.

02 SITE CONDITIONS & ACCLIMATISATION

Before installation, the flooring must acclimatise unopened, in its original packaging, laid flat, for a minimum of 48 hours in the room where it will be installed, kept clear of external walls and other heat sources. The room itself should be brought to and held at normal service conditions throughout acclimatisation, installation, and for a period afterwards, with room air temperature maintained between 18°C and 27°C.

03 SUBFLOOR REQUIREMENTS

The subfloor must be flat, smooth, clean, dry, structurally sound and free of dust, gaps, cracks and gouges before installation begins. It must also be tested and confirmed dry enough for resilient floor installation, in line with the adhesive manufacturer's own moisture-testing guidance. Suitable subfloors include concrete, sand/cement screed, plywood overlay, and existing resilient or hard flooring in sound condition, subject to the preparation requirements below. Carpet, textile floor coverings, and any unstable or friable surface are not suitable and must be removed before installation.

04 SUBFLOOR PREPARATION

- **Concrete/screed:** must be fully cured and tested for residual moisture before covering. Uneven areas must be levelled using a suitable levelling compound, applied strictly in accordance with that compound manufacturer's own instructions.
- **Timber/chipboard/OSB subfloors:** overlay with a minimum 5.5mm plywood sheet, screw-fixed at approximately 100mm centres at sheet perimeters and 150mm centres in the field, with joints staggered from the subfloor below.
- **Existing resilient flooring:** must be single layer, fully bonded, and free of texture or pattern that could telegraph through the new flooring.
- **Stone/ceramic tile:** grout lines and any unevenness must be filled and levelled before installation.

05 SETTING OUT

Setting-out method differs by format:

- **Plank:** establish a straight reference line parallel to the longest, or most visually prominent, wall in the room (see Section 7).
- **Tile:** establish a centred reference cross using the 3-4-5 squaring method (see Section 8).

Always dry-lay a trial area before applying adhesive, to check pattern, shade distribution and perimeter cut widths.

06 ADHESIVE & APPLICATION

Select an adhesive suitable for dryback LVT installation and follow that adhesive manufacturer's own instructions in full, including trowel notch size, open time, and working time. Spread adhesive evenly using the recommended notched trowel and lay flooring into the adhesive bed while it remains within the manufacturer's stated working time.

07 LVT PLANK INSTALLATION

Establish a straight reference line parallel to the longest, or most visually prominent, wall in the room. Lay the first row along this line, maintaining consistent grain-arrow direction across all planks. Stagger end joints between adjacent rows so that no repeating pattern is visible, and avoid reusing an off-cut in a way that would create a repeated joint position. Press each plank firmly into the adhesive bed and roll the completed area in both directions (see Section 10).

08 LVT TILE INSTALLATION

Locate the centre of the room and mark a chalk line along its full length. Find the centre point of that line and mark a second line perpendicular to it, across the full width of the room. Check the two lines are truly square using the 3-4-5 method (or a multiple, such as 6-8-10). Dry-lay a trial section from the centre point outward in each of the four resulting quadrants to check pattern and shade before applying adhesive. Balance perimeter cuts on opposite walls so that no narrow sliver is left at either edge. Roll the completed area in both directions (see Section 10).

09 CUTTING & PERIMETERS

Score the surface of the flooring using a straight-edged or trapezoidal blade, then snap the piece backwards along the scored line and trim as necessary. Balance cuts at opposing walls so that no unreasonably narrow piece is left at either edge.

IO ROLLING

Once an area is laid, roll it in both directions with a flooring roller to ensure full, even contact with the adhesive bed. Do not allow foot traffic on the newly installed area until the adhesive has achieved sufficient initial bond, in line with the adhesive manufacturer's guidance.

II AFTER INSTALLATION

Protect the newly installed floor from heavy traffic, furniture placement and construction debris until the adhesive has fully cured, following the adhesive manufacturer's guidance on curing time.

I2 CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

The wear layer carries a factory-applied protective finish. Clean by regular sweeping, vacuuming, or damp mopping. Remove spills, staining substances or aggressive chemicals from the surface immediately to avoid permanent marking.

DOCUMENTS & FURTHER INFORMATION

Technical data: SF-TDS-LVT-01 (Sleek Flooring LVT Technical Data Sheet).

Warranty: SF-WAR-01 (Sleek Flooring Limited Product Warranty) · SF-FRM-WAR-01 (Installation & Warranty Record).

Full colour range and current stock availability: sleek-flooring.com

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