

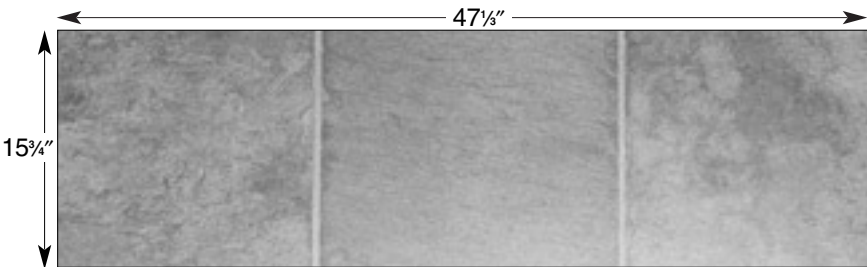
General Installation Guidelines

The NatureForm® Tile Collection

General Instructions

The NatureForm Tile Collection is designed to be installed using the “floating” floor system. This means that the panels are not secured to the subfloor; rather each panel joint is glued to the next, creating a strong, continuous surface.

NatureForm Laminate Tile is uniquely designed to provide a realistic ceramic tile visual. Each panel contains either 3 tiles (large slate/stone collection) or 12 tiles (small slate/stone collection), including grout lines, which allows for larger panel dimensions. Each panel is 15¾” wide by 47½” long. The depth and dimension of tile designs and grout lines, combined with realistic embossing, gives The NatureForm Tile Collection the realistic look of ceramic tile, with the benefits of laminate flooring.



Storage & Handling

Always store cartons horizontally on a fully supported flat surface. Do not stack pallets more than two high. Protect packages from forklift or other traffic. Also, during storage, carefully protect package corners and lay boxes horizontally. The storage area must be climate-controlled with a temperature range between 65°F and 90°F (18°C and 32°C) and a relative humidity not exceeding 65%.

Jobsite Conditions

Condition the unopened cartons in the area where the floor will be installed for approximately 48 hours. Jobsite temperature should be 65°F or higher with a relative humidity not to exceed 65%.

As with all flooring installations, the jobsite must be climate-controlled. Never install laminate tiles in high-humidity areas where the floor is usually wet (steam rooms and saunas).

If the jobsite has a panel length or width of more than 30', additional expansion joints will be required. Mannington T-Moldings should be used.

Subfloor/Underfloor Recommendations & Preparation

The NatureForm Tile Collection can be installed over all structurally sound wood or concrete subfloor systems on all grade levels. Subfloors must be clean and free of debris. The subfloor must also be smooth and flat to within $\frac{1}{8}$ " per 10' span. All low spots must be filled with a high-quality cementitious compound, like Mannington MVP 2023, and all high spots must be removed by sanding or grinding.

Tiles can be installed over existing hard surface floor coverings. Heavily textured ceramic tile must be smoothed and leveled with MVP 2023.

NatureForm Laminate Tile may be installed over radiant-heated subfloors provided that the surface temperature of the in-floor heating system does not exceed 90°F.

Wall Base Removal & Installation Preparation

Carefully remove all existing wall base, trim, and transition moldings using a pry bar.



Measure out the entire work area to ensure proper panel layout. Keep in mind the last panel to be laid in the work area must be at least 3" wide. A calculator may be helpful when figuring out how to arrange the floor. A NatureForm Laminate Tile panel measures 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide.



As with all tile formats, the best appearance is achieved by “balancing” the tiles at both the end and side walls. This can be accomplished by finding the centerline of the work area and adjusting the panels to provide equal size tiles at all walls.



Getting Started

NatureForm Tiles must be installed over a Mannington Laminate underlayment such as AquaBarrier™ II, ComfortBarrier™ or Mannington® Hush. If you elect to use the Hush underlayment, be certain to take into account the additional thickness when undercutting door casings. Use a scrap piece of the new NatureForm Tile flooring as a guide. Be certain to allow enough room under the casing for a $\frac{5}{16}$ " expansion gap. Lay the panel face down over a sheet of Mannington Hush and against the frame to act as a cutting guide. Make the cut using a hand or power jamb saw and simply slide the panel underneath the door casing.

