

### Installation instructions

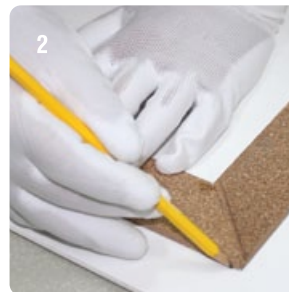
#### 1 SURFACE PREPARATION

Prior to installation of **CORKLINE®** flooring, surface (the deck) must be carefully cleaned. Cleaning comprises removal of all rough dirt by thoroughly vacuuming the surface. After vacuuming clean the surface with acetone or similar cleaning agent intended for removal of grease, oil and similar dirt. This is a precondition for ensuring qualitative and strong bond between the **CORKLINE®** and the surface. Cleaning must be done very carefully in order not to damage the surface. Before installing **CORKLINE®** flooring the surface must be clean, flat and dry. Light damages and/or roughly textured surface can be successfully covered however with increased adhesive consumption.



#### 2 TRACING AND MEASURING

In case the surface (deck) is complexly shaped, before the adhesion of **CORKLINE®** it is recommended to create an installation scheme by tracing contours according to which the flooring will be installed. When creating detailed and complex geometrical shapes we recommend making paper template that will consequently be used to precisely cut the material.



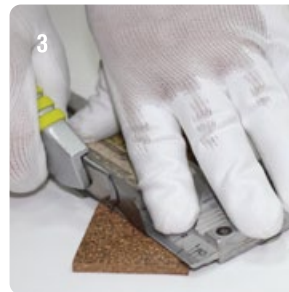
#### 3 CUTTING

Cut the planks to appropriate dimensions with a utility knife using previously traced lines. Make vertical cuts in two or three strokes.

**Important:** While working take all necessary security measures. It is recommended using protective gloves and professional utility knife!!!

In order to allow for a precise joint between the planks, plank edges must be sharp and cut at vertical angle. This can be achieved by sanding the edges after cutting the planks (we recommend using sanding paper grade 60-100).

In order to check final dimensions of the surface to be covered, we recommend laying **CORKLINE®** planks according to the template just before you apply the adhesive.

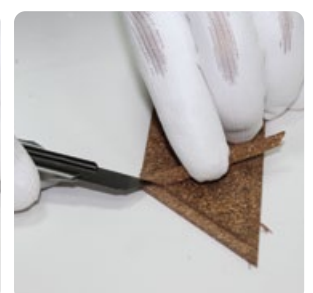
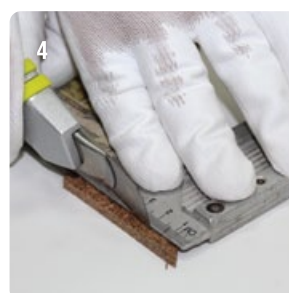


#### 4 CUTTING THE JOINTS

In places where there are no original joints (e.g. around element edges, elements at an angle, etc.) it is possible to make one manually. Parallel to the edge of the plank draw line 4 mm (the width of the joint) away from the border. Along the line make a vertical cut to a maximum of half of the thickness of the plank by one or two strokes of the utility knife. Proceed with carefully making another cut vertical to previous one (on the side of the **CORKLINE®** plank) and carefully remove the excess material.

In order not to diminish the aesthetic appearance of the **CORKLINE®** flooring make sure that the joints are placed in the same direction while laying the planks.

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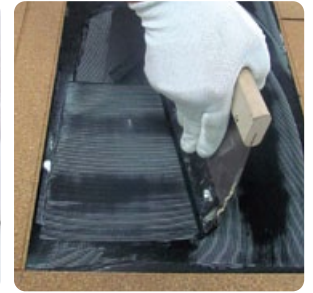


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#### 5 ADHESION

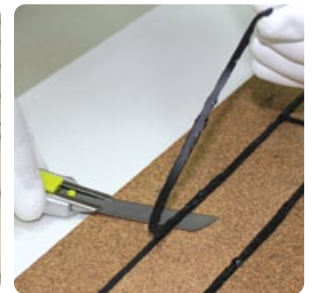
Before the installation of **CORKLINE®** flooring the surface must be clean, flat and dry. Depending on the type of surface and the adhesive, apply thin layer of primer according to producer's recommendation. Light damages and/or roughly textured surfaces could be successfully covered however with increased adhesive consumption. The adhesive, and primer if necessary, should be applied to a clean surface (deck) using a trowel (recommended B1) starting from the middle of the previously marked surface and moving towards its edges. Make sure that adhesive is applied evenly across the entire surface. In order to achieve full bond between the surface and the flooring the adhesive should be applied slightly over the surface of individual **CORKLINE®** planks. Place each **CORKLINE®** plank carefully onto the adhesive. After positioning the plank, apply slight pressure to its entire surface in order to squeeze the air out of the adhesive and achieve full bonding. Place planks immediately next to each other repeating the process until the end of the installation. We recommend gentle hammering of the planks using rubber hammer (or some other elastic surface as the base for the hammering – e.g. cork plank) in order to achieve strong bond between the **CORKLINE®** and the surface. **Note:** If you are planning installing the **CORKLINE®** flooring as shown in the picture we recommend fixing (adhering) the planks around the surface edge first and then proceeding to the inner surface planks.

After the installation, it is best to immediately remove the excess adhesive while it is still relatively easy to separate it from the surface. If the adhesive dries, it is possible to remove it using a special scraper that will not damage the deck.



#### 6 GROUTING

Upon completing the adhesion of the **CORKLINE®** flooring, it is necessary to perform the grouting by filling in the joints with grouting material. Before you start grouting you must tape the plank borders with masking tape on both sides along the entire plank, and apply primer if necessary. Use silicone gun carefully and evenly squeeze out the material into the joints. After the grout material dries (we recommend waiting for at least 24 h) carefully remove the excess material with utility knife until the grout becomes fully leveled with the **CORKLINE®** plank surface. **Note:** Use the same material for grouting and adhesion. The material is being supplied in the package.



#### 7 SURFACE PROTECTION WITH TEAK OIL

In order to protect the **CORKLINE®** flooring surface and to keep its fresh and natural appearance even after being exposed to the Sun we recommend coating it with teak oil. After the grouting, sand the **CORKLINE®** surface carefully with sand paper (grade 30-60). Clean the surface carefully and thoroughly of all dirt and dust. Apply the oil onto a dry and clean surface with a clean cloth, brush or sponge. To ensure optimal coverage rub in the oil applying gentle movements. Wait for five minutes before wiping off the excess oil with a clean cloth. If necessary apply the second coat of oil.

**Note:** It is recommended to reapply the teak oil once a year or as soon as you notice changes on the flooring surface caused by the weather conditions.



#### 8 REPLACING DAMAGED PLANKS

Although **CORKLINE®** is an exceptionally durable material resistant to dents, wear and scratching it is still possible for damages to occur during its use. The advantage of **CORKLINE®** is that each individual plank can be replaced with a new one in a relatively simple manner.

**Procedure:** Cut damaged plank lightly in the shape of a cross cut until you reach the deck. Using a sharp trowel remove damaged plank from the middle towards its edges (to the edge of the neighboring plank). Perform the procedure carefully in order not to damage the neighboring planks. Take out the remaining pieces of damaged plank and clean the surface thoroughly. Use the abovementioned installation instructions to install the new plank.

