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### GENERAL CONDITIONS

A good preparation is essential for a smooth installation. *Inside Out* can be installed on concrete, timber, ceramic and many other sub-floors which have been suitably prepared. The effective application of *Inside Out* is dependent on suitable site conditions.

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

Careful sub-floor preparation is vital for an excellent floor appearance and good installation. The sub-floor must be hard, flat, smooth, clean, dry, and free from defects, contaminants and fit for purpose.

A suitable levelling compound or underlayment should be used to ensure that no irregularities show through to the surface of the finished floor. However, the selection of suitable materials, including smoothing and levelling compounds and any ancillary products is dependent upon the end use of the completed flooring, and must be agreed by the supplier of the preparative materials and the flooring contractor.

Any proprietary materials used for floor preparation must be used in accordance with the manufacturers recommended instructions.

### PRE INSTALLATION

1. Ensure that all *Inside Out* rolls are from the same batch and that there is no damage or visual defects on the rolls.
2. The surface beneath the floor must be sufficiently prepared in advance to guarantee successful fitting of the floor covering.

### RECOMMENDED ADHESIVES

*Inside Out* is recommended to be installed with the following adhesives.

Inside	Mapei Rollcoll, V3 trowel
Outside	Mapei Ultrabond TURF, V3 trowel

### INSTALLATION

Signature Floors recommends to only have *Inside Out* carpets fitted by a professional carpet installer.

Direct stick is the only approved method of installation for *Inside Out*.

The following points should be observed for a correct fitting:

- Due to manufacturing procedures, there is a top piece and bottom piece (male/female). As these are very slightly different, 'top pieces' should NOT be fitted with 'bottom piece' (and vice versa!)
- The products can be recognised as follows: Top piece: uneven roll number, bottom piece: even roll number.
- As for any other fitting, only carpets from the same dye lot should be fitted together.
- Adjoining carpet strips should always be fitted in the same direction. This is especially important for the *Inside Out* products. (The direction of the strips can be recognized on the production print on the back of the carpet: the text of the print should be in the same direction!)

### JOINS

- Both rolls should be cut separately before joining (do not lay them on each other and cut through both at the same time!)
- The cutting should be done from the top with a sharp knife. For a perfect seam the knife should be held slightly tilted.
- Always cut between the white threads. It may be necessary to remove the seam pile by hand and trim the seam with scissors.

*Double cutting should always be avoided.*

For a nice seam and to avoid fraying, both edges must be treated with a 3mm bead of solvent seam sealer adhesive before the rolls are joined together.

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A freshly fitted and glued carpet can have that typical 'new' smell. This smell disappears after a few days of ventilation and heating.

Loose fitting of *Inside Out*, even in small rooms, is not recommended, and therefore is carried out at your own risk.

We recommend the use of a protective chair mats for office type chairs.

### PROTECTION

*Inside Out* should be protected from heavy traffic for 72 hours after installation so that the adhesive can stabilise at a consistent temperature between 18°C - 28°C.

### WARRANTY

Further information is available in our Carpet Care Guide & Warranty document from your place of purchase and Signature Floors website [www.signaturefloors.com.au](http://www.signaturefloors.com.au)

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