

Installation Guide for Resilient Flooring

**ENGINEERED TILE WALL INSTALLATIONS:**

Create decorative backsplashes, accent walls, or other focal points with any size tile 16" x 16", 8" x 16", or 12" x 24

Product	Gauge	Size	Adhesive	Comments
ALTERNA VERSASTYLE	0.160" (4.1 mm)	8" x 16" 16" x 16" 12" x 24"	S-295 Trowel: 1/32" D, 1/16" W and 1/32"	For grouted installation use Armstrong S-693 FlexStrong™ Grout Premixed Sanded Acrylic Grout

**Substrates**

Can be installed over the following. All substrates should be sound, clean, dry and smooth.

- Concrete
- Wood
- Dry wall (painted or un-painted)
- Ceramic
- Formica

Do not install over:

- Debris
- Grease
- Loose paint
- Cracked or broken ceramic
- Loose formica

**Installation Procedure**

- Spread the adhesive with the recommended trowel and allow the adhesive enough time to become dry and tacky with no transfer to your finger.
- All substrates must be flat. Variations in flatness must not exceed 1/16" (1.6 mm) in 1' (30.5 cm).
- After installation is complete, roll the entire wall area in both directions with a hand roller or rolling pin. The tiles must be thoroughly rolled before grouting.
- Do not pinch the tiles, leave a small gap at any adjoining surfaces.
- Allow 10% cutting allowance for most installations.

**Grouting**

- Use S-693 Premixed Sanded Acrylic Grout, and space 1/16" (1.6 mm), 1/8" (3.2 mm), 3/16" (4.8 mm) or 1/4" (6.4 mm) apart. The tighter the spacing, the less visible the grout lines will be.
- Grout is ready to use, requires no sealing and resists stains and cracking.
- Use hard epoxy float and keep grout isolated to the joint area.
- Work small areas and do not let grout dry on surface. Light water mist ok prior to cleanup step.
- Square cellulose sponges work best and are better than ceramic grout sponges. White pad can be used if needed.

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- Do not over-work joints or use too much water.
- Any light haze that remains can be removed after grout hardens (at least 24 hours) using white pad and water. If necessary, properly diluted Armstrong Flooring Once 'n Done floor cleaner can be used. Rinse thoroughly.

### Precautions

- Do not wash or scrub the new Alterna flooring for at least 5 days after the installation. This will prevent excess moisture and cleaning agents from interfering with the adhesive bond and hardening of the grout.
- Do not use Armstrong Flooring New Beginning Extra-Strength Floor Stripper or other floor strippers for cleaning the grout or maintaining the Alterna installation as they are too harsh and will degrade grout.

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\* Some previously manufactured asphaltic “cutback” adhesives contained asbestos (see warning statement on page xvi). For removal instructions, refer to the Resilient Floor Covering Institute’s publication [Recommended Work Practices for Removal of Resilient Floor Coverings](#).

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