



FITTING TIPS



**WEATHERSAFE®**  
YOUR NATURAL FLOOR STYLE INSIDE AND OUT!

**NATURE**  
Indoor & Outdoor

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- 1** Balta recommends to only have NATURE carpets fitted by **a professional**. The usual professional rules and relevant standards should be applied.
- 2** **The sub-floor** should be dry, smooth, clean, sound, without tears and dust. It should be shock resistant in conformity with standard VOB DIN 18365 or BS 5325. The floor should also be levelled with a filler at least 24 hours before the fitting.
- 3** Balta recommends a 24 hour **acclimatisation** of the carpet in the room where it will be fitted. The floor temperature should be maintained at 15° C before, during and at least 72 hours after the fitting. The ambient moisture level should not exceed 75% and the recommended room temperature should be at least 18° C.
- 4** **Open the packaging** with care. Ensure that the carpet is not damaged with sharp tools when unpacking. Check the carpet before fitting for possible defects.

- Similar adhesives can also be used if they have been tested by the manufacturer. The processing directives of the adhesive manufacturer must always be respected.
- A release adhesive should never be used.
- The **ventilation period** depends on the quantity of the applied adhesive, the room and floor temperature. For floors with normal absorption the carpet can be fitted after a ventilation period of 5 - 10 minutes. For less absorbing floors you should wait a bit longer.

- 9** **For the fitting of a sea** you should proceed as follows:

- Both strips should be cut separately in advance (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. A top seam should always be avoided.



## **5** Fitting instructions for the installation of multiple strips.

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 never 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. The dye lot is printed on each roll label.
- Adjoining carpet strips should always be fitted in the same direction. This is especially important for the NATURE 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!)

- **For a nice seam and to avoid fraying, both edges should be treated with a cold sealer adhesive (e.g. Roberts 8015-A Solvent Free Universal Carpet Seam Sealer or similar), before the strips are fitted**

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

- 11** NATURE can also be **installed traditionally** on grippers and underlay. This must be done in conformity with the directives of standard BS 5325. The seams should then be fixed with a strong hot melt tape. The use of short pin grippers is recommended.

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

- 7** Intensive research allowed the adhesive industry to offer **low emission and solvent free** (EC1) products. The glueing of the full carpet therefore fulfils our strict health standards.

- 8** **After very strict tests** the manufacturers guarantee the high standards of the following products, if they are used properly (always use a glueing spatula with appropriate ridges):

| Manufacturer              | Glue type                       | Ridge type |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Bostik Findley<br>Eurocol | Ardatec T15 - Objekt A4         | B3         |
|                           | Eurostar Tex 609                | B3         |
|                           | Eurosafe Tex 509                | B3         |
|                           | Eurostar Multi 600              | B3         |
| Forbo Erfurt              | Greenstar 509-600-605           | B3         |
| Henkel                    | Thomsit T410-T440               | B2         |
| Mapei                     | Ultra/bond Eco 185 (Indoor)     | B3         |
|                           | ADESILEX G19 Epoxy-PU (Outdoor) | B3         |
| Uzin                      | Ökoline UZ 57                   | B3         |
| Wakol                     | D 3311 Lino -and                | B3         |
|                           | Carpet glue or D3309            | B3         |
| Wulff                     | Multi-Coll or Tex Spezial       | B2         |

Check with your local adhesive supplier as the adhesive types and names can be different from country to country.

