

Watco Interlocking Flooring Installation Instructions

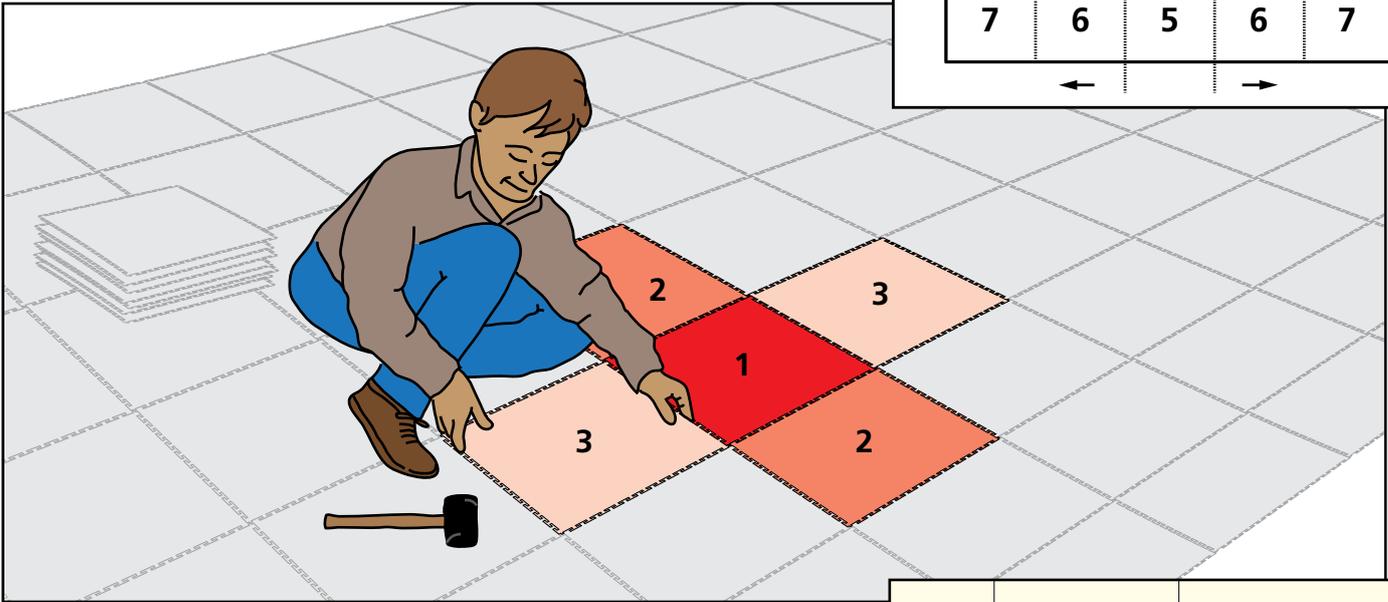
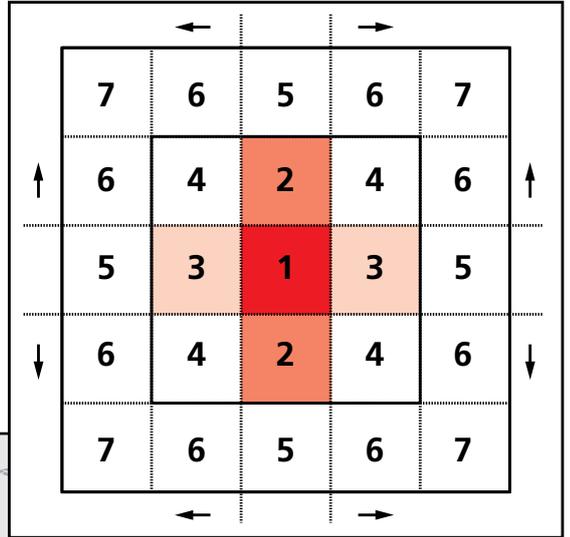
How to lay, cut and finish your flooring

Preparations:

Watco Interlocking Flooring can be installed over any hard surface and in most situations will not require gluing. The only situations where we recommend gluing are where the tiles will be located in direct sunlight (e.g. south facing loading bay) or there will be very heavy traffic movements combined with tight turning circles.

If the installation is to take place when the temperature is cold (below 15°C) it is essential that the tiles are allowed to acclimatize for a minimum of 12 hours. If possible installation should be carried out at a temperature of 18°C+.

A 5mm expansion gap must be left between the tiles and any fixed point to allow expansion and contraction of the tiles when changes in temperature occur.



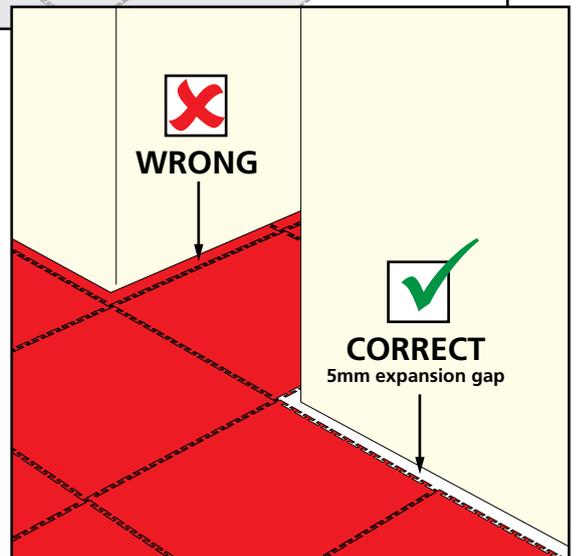
Working Method:

Start installation of the tiles from the middle, working outward towards the sides. This will ensure even distribution of the weight and surface tension of the tiles. The tiles can be connected with a rubber mallet or engineering hammer

Finishing and Edges:

When all full size tiles are laid it is advisable to wait 24 hours before cutting the edge sections. This will allow the tiles to settle and expand fully. Remember to leave a 5mm expansion gap between the tiles and any fixed points (walls, machines etc.) To get the best results when cutting use a table saw, guillotine or jigsaw. We recommend finishing the 5 mm expansion gap between the tiles and the walls with either:

- Watco Flexible Crack Sealant
- Watco Cleanline PVC Skirting
- a bead of silicon mastic
- a sit on skirting profile such as Gradus SO100

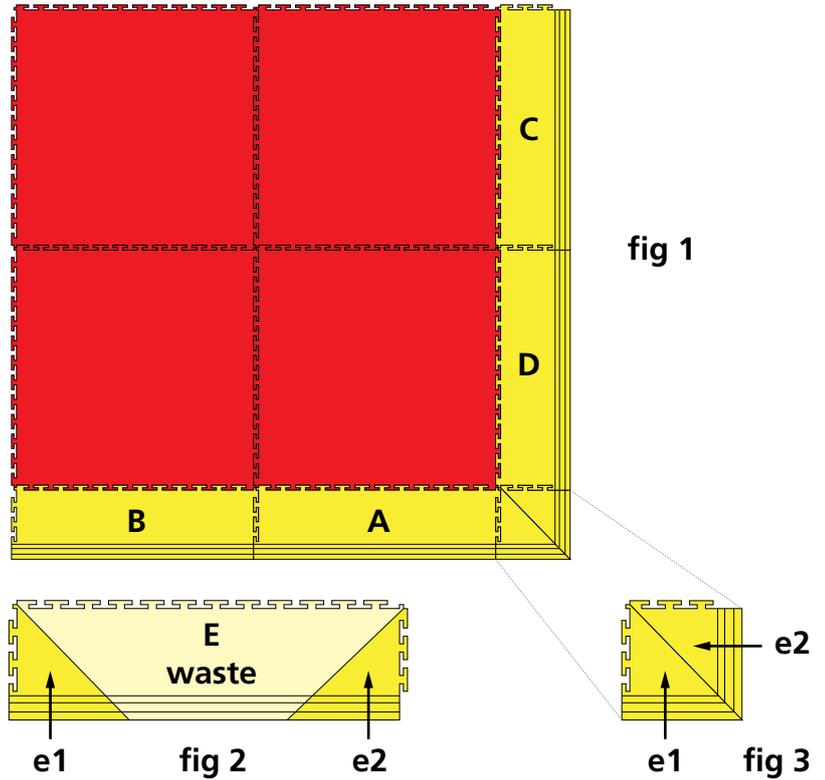


Ramps and Corners

Making an external corner

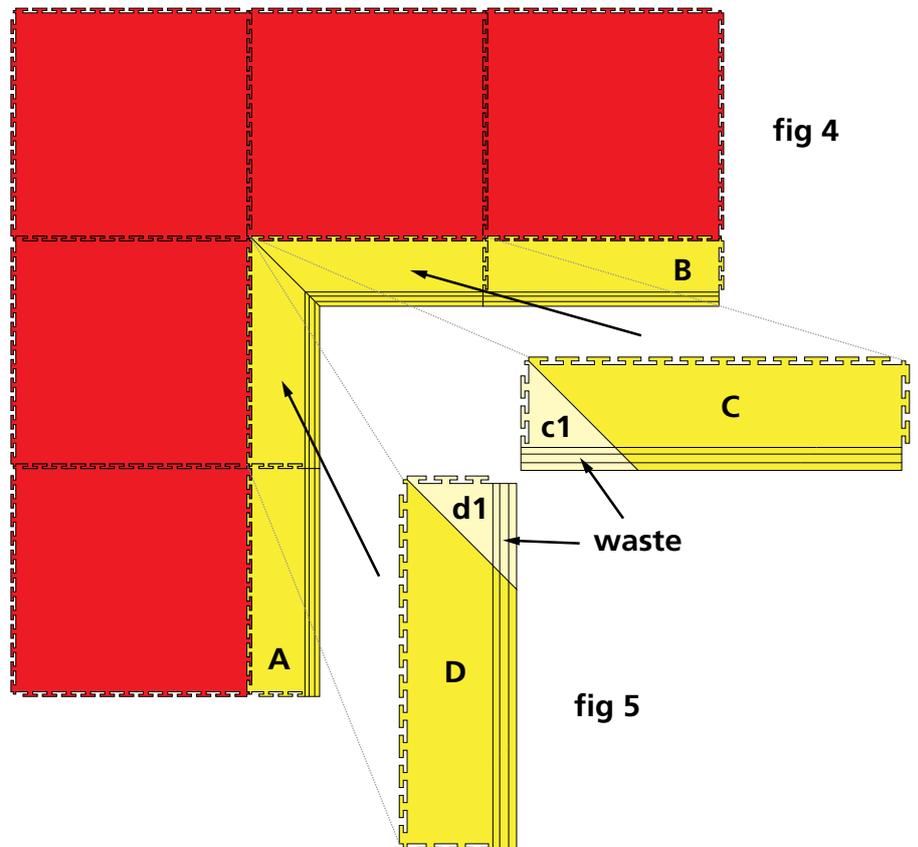
An external corner piece is available from Watco. Alternatively, the edge ramps can be cut to form a corner as follows:

1. Lay all complete ramps (fig 1) **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**. Until only the corner remains to be completed.
2. Using the spare ramp **E**, cut the triangle **e1** off **E** following the marking on the underside of the ramp. Do the same for triangle **e2**.
3. Discard the remainder of ramp **E**
4. Lay **e1** next to ramp **A** and **e2** next to ramp **D** (fig 2). This will complete your external corner.



Making an internal corner

1. Lay all complete ramps (fig 4) **A**, **B**, until only the corner remains to be completed.
2. Take ramp **C**, cut off triangle **c1** following the markings on the underside. Repeat the instructions for ramp **D** cutting off triangle **d1**.
3. Discard the corners **c1** and **d1**.
4. Connect ramp **D** to ramp **A** and ramp **C** to ramp **B** (fig 5). This will complete your internal corner



Maintenance:

Regular light cleaning is better than infrequent heavy cleaning. We recommend using a micro-fibre mop system and twin compartment bucket. For larger areas use a rotary scrubber.



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