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## LVT FACTSHEET

### What is LVT?

LVT stands for Luxury Vinyl Tile. It is a type of flooring material that mimics the look of natural materials like wood or stone. LVT is known for its durability, water resistance, and versatility. It comes in individual tile or plank formats and can be installed in various settings, including residential and commercial spaces. LVT is popular for its ability to replicate the appearance of natural materials while offering practical benefits such as ease of maintenance and resistance to moisture and wear.

### What does SPC stand for?

SPC stands for Stone Plastic Composite Luxury Vinyl Tile. It is a type of flooring material that combines the benefits of Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) with the added strength and rigidity of a Stone Plastic Composite (SPC) core layer.

#### Dry Back LVT:

Commonly referred to as either dry back or stick-down, Dry back LVT represents the standard in Luxury Vinyl Tile products. With a thickness ranging from 2 to 3 mm, this flooring requires bonding to the floor using either a self-adhesive underlay or glue applied with an A2 trowel.

While we don't supply adhesive for gluing down the flooring, we highly recommend F Ball's resilient flooring adhesives for optimal results. Subfloor preparation is crucial for this product, and we strongly advise hiring a trained fitter to ensure compliance with installation instructions and British standard BS8203. A well-prepared subfloor guarantees the best installation outcome, ensuring a flawless appearance for years to come.

#### Click LVT:

Click LVT, distinguished by its user-friendly click and lock system, incorporates a built-in underlay for effective noise reduction. It is advisable to avoid installing Click LVT in areas with intense sunlight or where multiple heavy items, such as American fridges and marble furniture, may be situated, as this could compromise the integrity of the click and lock system and result in an imperfect floor.

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### Key points for LVT installation:

- Flat, smooth, and dry floor preparation is essential.
- Acclimatise the flooring to the installation location for at least 24 hours before fitting.
- Maintain an ideal room temperature between 18 and 25 degrees for 48 hours before and at least 24 hours after installation.
- The minimum subfloor temperature should be 15 degrees, and heating should be turned off at least 48 hours before fitting.

### Useful Links:

<https://f-ball.com/en/products/resilient-flooring-adhesives/>

<https://www.carpetlinedirect.co.uk/installations-2/>

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