

**INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**  
**GERFLOR SPORT M PLUS COMFORT**

These instructions are specifically written for the installation of the following products:

Product	Width	Thickness	Installation direction	Seam treatment
Taraflex Sport M Plus	Approximately 4' 11"	7 mm	Same	Heat Welded
Gerflor Red Foam	Approximately 4'11"	5 mm	Same	Net Fit
Styccobond F49 Adhesive				


**Important Note:** Before installing, refer to Gerflor Canada Installation Handbook for acclimation, job site conditions, subfloor prep, and other general installation recommendations.

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1.1. Gerflor Taraflex products are formulated to withstand high moisture conditions. To perform as designed, the concrete should be properly prepared to create a contaminant free and porous substrate.
- 1.2. Gerflor Taraflex products are not designed to withstand hydrostatic or osmotic pressure.
- 1.3. *The guidelines offered within this document are not intended to be all inclusive. Only qualified, professional flooring technicians experienced in the field of resilient flooring should proceed with this installation system.*
- 1.4. It is recommended to mechanically prepare the concrete via grinding or bead blasting the surface to achieve a CSP 1, clean and porous substrate.
- 1.5. Moisture and pH testing must be performed in accordance with ASTM F710-17.
- 1.6. Adhesive bond tests are recommended to ensure adequate bonding to the substrate.
- 1.7. Do not install material that has visible defects or damage. A contractor that installs material that has visible defects or damage assumes responsibility for the damaged material.

**2. INSTALLATION OF 5MM SPORT M COMFORT UNDERLAYMENT**

**NOTE:** Use Nitrile gloves to avoid electrostatic discharges.

- 2.1. Comfort foam must be allowed to acclimate and properly relax overnight prior to installation.
- 2.2. While the seams of the Sport M will start from the centre of the court, the underlayment should be run the same direction and seams must be staggered by 2' 6" from those of the Sport M.
- 2.3. Use only F. Ball Styccobond F49 2-part adhesive.
- 2.4. Follow the guidelines indicated on the Technical Data Sheet and on the pail of adhesive.
- 2.5. Starting from the centre line and working outward, fold back the sheets (width) halfway and spread the adhesive.
- 2.6. Recommended trowel size is 1/32" x 1/16" x 5/64", covering from  500 to 600 sq. ft. per pail.
- 2.7. Maintain a uniform spread rate. Replace trowel (or trowel blade) with every pail used.

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2.8. Immediately after trowelling the adhesive, use a medium-napped paint roller saturated with adhesive to flatten out visible trowel marks and even out the adhesive. A double arm roller frame is recommended to ensure an even coat of adhesive.

2.9. **Let the Styccobond tack-up completely before installing the red foam.**

**CAUTION: This adhesive has a very strong tack. Position the foam at the exact right place while installing into the adhesive.**

2.10. Do not stretch the underlayment while installing.

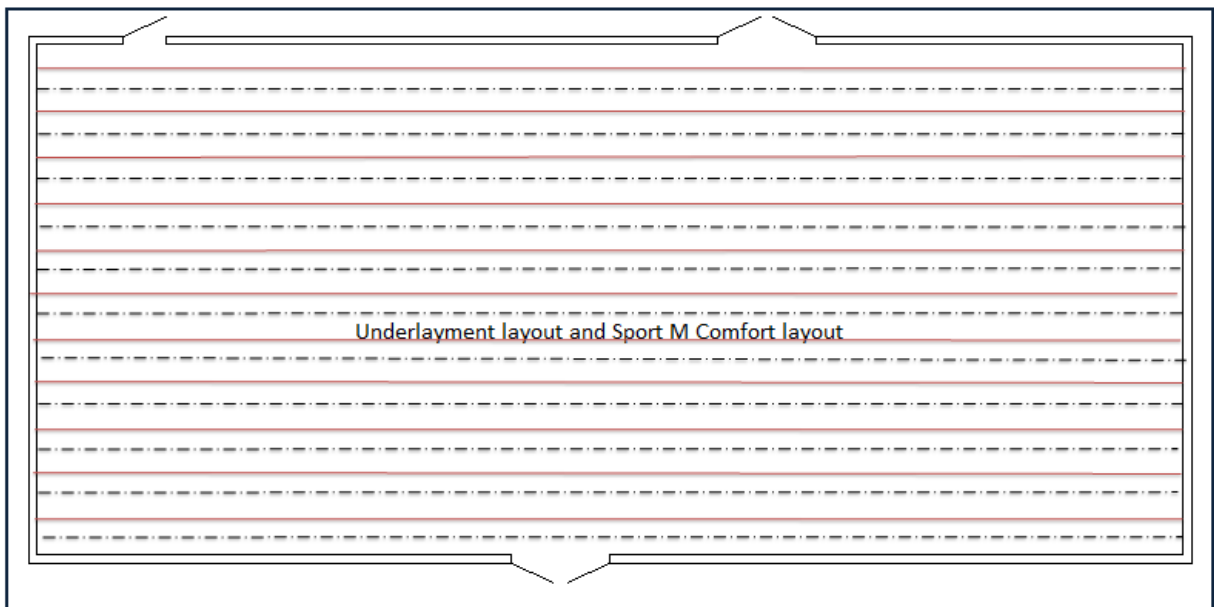
2.11. Use a push broom sideways of the roll to press the foam into the tacky adhesive.

2.12. Then roll with a 100lb. roller immediately after installing.

2.13. Let the adhesive tack-up so there is no transfer to the touch and install the underlayment ensuring that the seams are well closed and tight.

**3. LAYOUT OF TARAFLEX OVER THE RED FOAM**

**NOTE: Taraflex is recommended to be installed with *random* side seams. Due to slight stretching from being rolled, we do not guarantee a perfect side or end pattern match if attempted.**



**NOTE:** These layouts are not to scale and do not account for any head seams that will be part of a real installation.

- Dotted lines are showing the seams of the underlayment.
- Red lines are showing the seams of the Sport M Comfort

3.1. Mark the centre starting line.

3.2. Follow roll sequence numbers.

3.3. Unroll the first length of material along this chalk line and then work progressively outward, leaving a 1/4" gap between the sheets and allow the material to relax for at least 16-24 hours.

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- 3.4. Seaming should be kept to a minimum and avoid cross seams as much as possible. Place seams in locations where game lines go if possible.

**4. INSTALLING TARAFLEX SHEETGOODS**

- 4.1. Reposition sheets to allow for no more than a  $\frac{1}{32}$ " gap between them to allow for proper heat welding. **Wider gaps will compromise the integrity of the weld.**
- 4.2. In most cases, factory edges can be used for side seams. Sheets that may have minor edge damage or distortion must be trimmed and removed prior to installation of the sheets.
- 4.3. Leave material 4"-6" longer on each end for trimming after placement. *Do not net cut material to the final trim until the application of the adhesive.*
- 4.4. Before applying the adhesive, ensure the gap between the sheets to a uniform  $\frac{1}{32}$ " along the entire length. Overlap edges and trace cut if necessary, to achieve consistent seam gap. This gap will act as a guide for the groover when preparing to heat weld.

**5. INSTALLING USING STYCCOBOND F49 ADHESIVE**

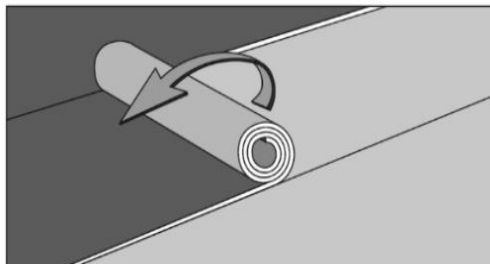
- 5.1. **F. Ball Styccobond F49 Adhesive** is the **only** approved adhesive for use with the Sport M Comfort system. Any other adhesive will void the adhesion warranty.
- 5.2. Always refer to the **Styccobond Adhesive Technical Data Sheet**
- 5.3. F, Ball Styccobond F49 is a 2-part acrylic adhesive that has a 90-minute pot life once mixed and 2 hours working time once the adhesive has tack-up and does not transfer to the touch. Adhesive open time and working time will vary based upon site condition.
- 5.4. The use of fans is acceptable to speed up the drying time. Be sure not to let debris get into the adhesive.
- 5.5. Trowel the adhesive onto the substrate using a  $\frac{1}{32}$ " x  $\frac{1}{16}$ " x  $\frac{5}{64}$ " 'U' notched trowel covering from 500 to 600 sq. ft. per pail. Proper adhesive coverage is required to effectively bond the material. As such, it is imperative to use the proper trowel as well as maintaining the proper notch size over the course of the entire floor. Replace trowel blades often. **Inadequate application of adhesive will void the warranty.**



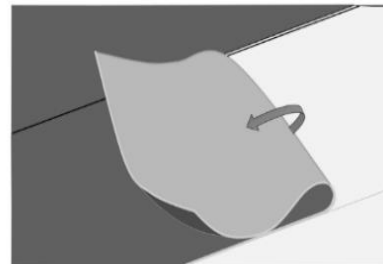
**Note: It is important to let the adhesive dry COMPLETELY before installing.**

- 5.6. Beginning from the control\starting line and working outward, fold the sheets halfway back along the width (fold back method) or roll the sheets halfway back (roll back):

**Roll back method**



**Fold back method (along width)**



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- 5.7. Working with one roll at a time, apply the Styccobond F49 adhesive to the subfloor or the red foam. Always start gluing from the rolled or folded edge first – glue working away from the roll or fold.
- 5.8. Never pre-cut material to final trim until it is applied into the adhesive. Leave material 2”-3” longer for trimming after placement.
- 5.9. To ensure uniform adhesion of the entire surface, apply a workable amount of adhesive at once.
- 5.10. Avoid overlapping adhesive or creating a buildup at all start and stop points. Excess adhesive can leave a ridge that will telegraph into the finished floor. Glue and roll the entire run (wall to wall) before proceeding to the next run of material. Use a wet-soapy rag or denatured alcohol to immediately clean up any fresh adhesive that gets on the vinyl surface. Clean any dried adhesive with denatured alcohol.
- 5.11. Immediately after trowelling the adhesive onto the concrete use a medium-napped paint roller saturated with adhesive to flatten out visible trowel marks and even out the adhesive. A double arm roller frame is recommended to ensure an even coat of adhesive.
- 5.12. Maintain a uniform spread rate. Replace trowel (or trowel blade) with every pail used.
- 5.13. Once the adhesive is applied, fold back or roll back the flooring into the still wet adhesive for 4”-6”. This will ease the fold back or roll back of the second half and it will help avoid an overlap of the glue line. Should this method not followed, the glue-line mark will telegraph through the flooring.
- 5.14. “Open time” of the adhesive is dependent upon porosity of the substrate, temperature, and humidity. It is important that the installers familiarize themselves with the adhesive before starting the installations. Insufficient open time for acrylic adhesive will cause bubbling. Exceeding the working time will result in poor adhesion.
- 5.15. Application Characteristics over Porous Substrates:

<b><i>Application Characteristics over Porous Substrates and Non-Porous Substrates</i></b>		
	<b><i>Open Time*</i></b>	<b><i>Working Time**</i></b>
Gerflor Taraflex Products	20 to 40 minutes	Up to 2 hours

\* Open Time: It is the waiting time required before installing flooring.

\*\* Working time: It is the window of time for the adhesive to accept flooring.

**Note:** **Open time and working time may vary based on temperature, humidity, substrate porosity, trowel size and jobsite conditions.**

- 5.16. While installing, always work to have complete sheets glued at the end of the day.
- 5.17. To reduce the risk of bubbles, the roll back method is the most recommended.
- 5.18. By keeping the roll tight and maintaining a constant pressure while unrolling into the adhesive, the risk for bubbles will be minimal.
- 5.19. The fold back method is acceptable, but care must be taken not to flap it back too quickly.
- 5.20. Once flooring is placed into the adhesive, immediately roll thoroughly with a 3 section 100-lbs roller in both directions rolling sideways first.
- 5.21. Continue laying sheets by keeping the edges spaced 1/32”, trimming each side with a straight edge or scribing when needed. The goal is to produce a uniform 1/32” spaced seam for welding.

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- 5.22. The width of the gap has to be even and may be less than 1/32" depending on the guide of the groover used.
- 5.23. During the installation, always double-check the flooring for bubbles with the lights on and off.
- 5.24. **Avoid adhesive displacement by prohibiting traffic for a period of 48 hours and 72 hours for rolling loads.**

**6. HEAT WELDING - REFER TO THE "HEAT WELDING GERFLOR VINYL PRODUCTS" DOCUMENT**

**7. GAME LINE PAINTING -REFER TO "GAMELINE PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS" DOCUMENT**

**8. ONCE THE INSTALLATION IS COMPLETED**

- 8.1. Clean the area to verify there are no imperfections, adhesive residue, scuff marks, etc. Verify every welded seam.
- 8.2. Make sure that the vinyl is well trimmed and sealed with a silicone sealer (or equivalent) around all fixed, vertical objects (e.g. doorways, posts, etc.).
- 8.3. To maximize the aesthetic appearance and serviceability of the newly installed flooring, provide your customer with a copy of the **Gerflor Maintenance Guide**.