

LEATHER SURFACES

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Is leather a delicate material?

No, leather has very high elasticity and resistance properties. Consider, for example, the fact that leather's high performance has generally made it the material of choice for motorbike suits, saddles, the soles of footwear, and even for car drive belts up until the early 20th century.

Can the leather surface get damaged over the years by use?

The wear that leather flooring shows can be likened to that shown by high-quality wooden flooring. Leather is a "living" material: the more foot traffic passes over it, the less visible the scars, cuts and scratches on its surface actually become. This is why Nextep Leathers surfaces last a lifetime: as the years go by, they transform and are enriched by the scars of time, acquiring a prized 'worn' feel which increases their appeal.

What rooms can leather tiles be used in?

Nextep Leathers tiles are ideal floor and wall coverings. They are used in all rooms where wooden flooring might usually be laid for example in bedroom, family room, attic, entry, dining room, lounge, home theatre room, den (leather is warm and elegant). They also can be used wherever there is the need to create a cosy, quiet space as in spas, wellness centres, hotel rooms, suites (leather is soundproofing) and finally in places open to the public like boardrooms and executive offices, boutiques, exhibition stands (leather handles foot traffic very well).

Can leather be laid around a swimming pool?

Installing leather around a pool or in bathrooms is not recommended as possible contact with cleaners used to clean sanitary ware or pools can damage the colour. Contact with just water, on the other hand, will not damage the surface in any way: simply allow the leather to dry and restore its surface protection using the relevant maintenance product.

How to lay leather tiles?

The Nextep Leathers stoneware and leather tiles are laid just like any other ceramic tile: installation requires an adhesive suitable for porcelain stoneware, preferably of the elastic variety. Tiles are cut using a manual tile cutter, being careful to work on the underside of the tile. The leather is then cut with a suitable cutter, which needs to be very sharp.

Tiles have been designed to be laid butt-jointed since the leather sticks over the edge of the backing by 5/10 mm, creating an expansion joint.

Can leather be laid where underfloor heating is installed?

Yes, the leather's performance is not diminished (underfloor heating usually reaches a top temperature of 35°C).

The leather surface is in no danger of coming away from the backing when heated.

How to clean the leather tiles?

Daily cleaning of the leather flooring is carried out simply by vacuuming, using the attachment/brushes used for wooden flooring, and/or a cloth dampened with water. For a deeper clean, there is a Nextep Leathers cleaning kit, comprising the "Cleaner" and the "Protector", which allows to remove stains, if any, clean the floor deep down, nourish the leather and maintain its water repellency (recommended use: once a month for residential spaces and twice a month for public interiors). It is important to treat stains without delay.

What substances can damage the leather surface?

Harsh cleaners (such as ammonia, bleach or even pet urine) are harmful to the leather surface. On the other hand, laboratory tests have shown resistance to oil, sauce, wine and cola stains. The outcome, however, still depends on how quickly the stain is treated.

If a sharp object is dropped, producing a deep cut in the leather, can the surface be repaired?

No, the surface cannot be repaired. Nonetheless, a cut – even a deep one – will become less visible with time.

If a cigarette is dropped on the leather flooring, will it damage it?

The Nextep Leathers tile has a class 1 fire resistance rating and a cigarette is not enough to mark it. If contact with the source of heat is direct and persists, it might leave a dark stain, though cleaning cycles and the action of foot traffic will tend to make it less visible with time.

How does leather react to moisture?

Nextep leather undergoes an absorption test which reaches the value of 7 (on an international scale 0-10).

Is the colour shade of the leather constant?

Nextep Leathers surfaces are coloured based on a constant master sample. Nonetheless, one of the qualities of the leather flooring is precisely this naturally occurring mottling, which differs from one piece to the next.





touch of hands

Leather has never been so strong. Tiles have never been so soft. The Nextep tiles bring together two elements and two visions of know how: pvc backing for strength and steadiness, leather for a unique floor. Where each piece is unrepeatably. Where everyone speaks the same language: the language of nature, sensuality, elegance and warmth. Natural tanning, aniline dyeing and surface treatment with paraffin give different colours and textures to the leather. Interiors come alive: they breathe, absorb sounds and mature over time with you. Steady, compact, easy to clean, resistant to water, oil and fire: Nextep tiles are the perfect choice for those who want something solid under their feet. While still walking on clouds.

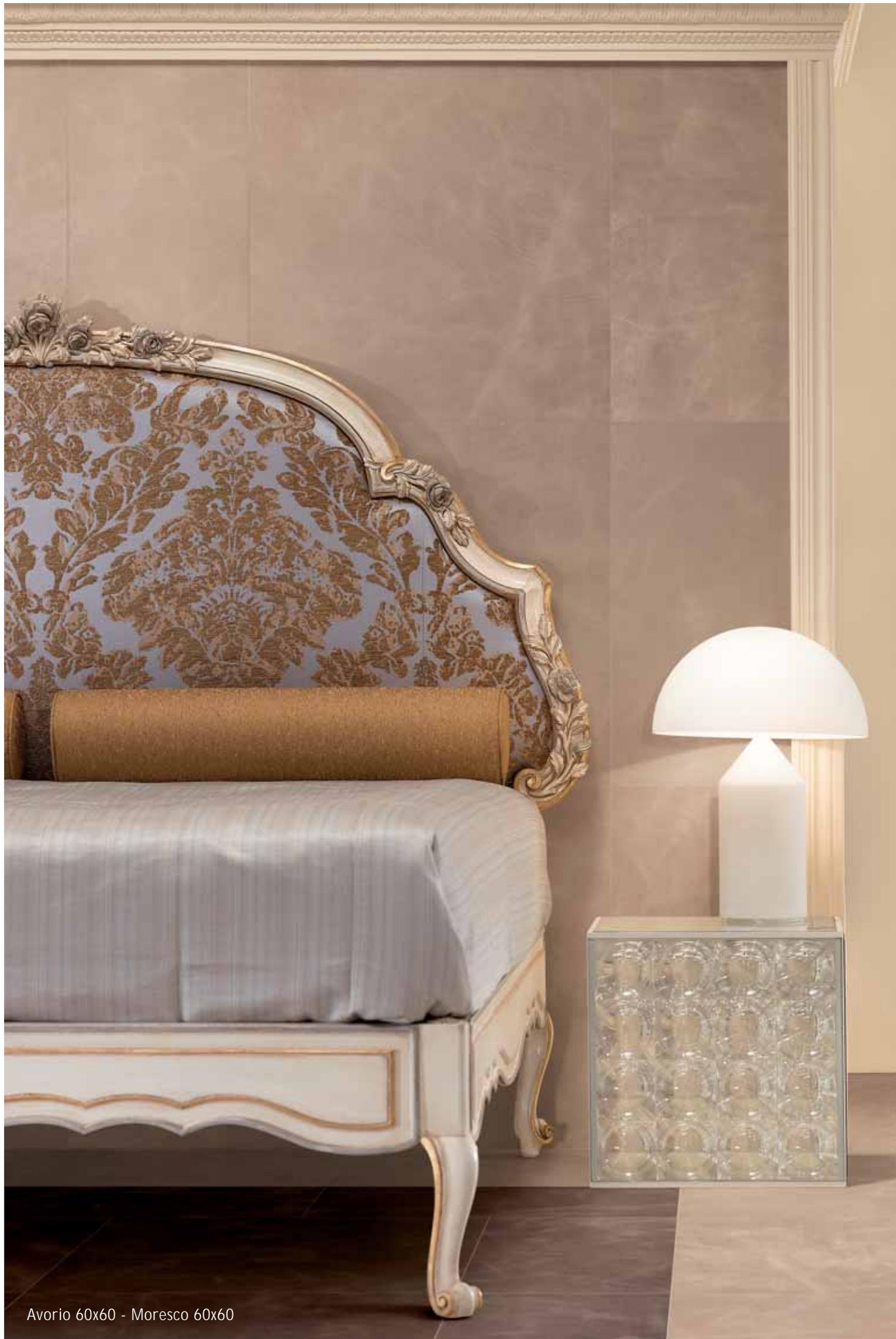


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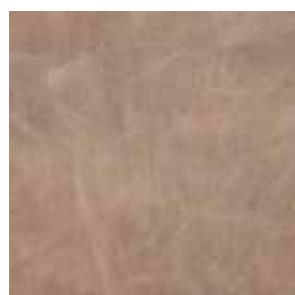
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Ambra

tactileprints 60x60



Arcadia

lifestyle&tactile 4,5mm pvc body

Installation on cement soil, existing or floating floor

Price

SIZE cm/in	USD / SQM suggested retail price	USD / LM suggested retail price
Lifestyle 60x60cmxh4,5mm / 23,6x23,6"hx0,18"	599,00	-
Tactile 60x60cmxh4,5mm / 23,6x23,6"hx0,18"	648,00	-
Lifestyle 15x90cmxh4,5mm / 5,9x35,5"hx0,18"	405,00	-
Skirting board 20x60cmxh12mm / 3x11,8"hx0,5"		115,00

Packing list

SIZE cm/in	BOX			
	PCS	SQMT	LBS	KG
Lifestyle/Tactile 60x60 / 23,6x23,6"	4	1,44	18.74	8,50
Lifestyle 15x90cmxh4,5mm / 5,9x35,5"hx0,18"	13	1,75	21.61	9,80
Skirting board 20x60cmxh12mm / 3x11,8"hx0,5"	Box prepared according to order. 0,47kg/pcs - 1.04 lbs/pcs			

accessories

DESCRIPTION	USD	UTILIZATION	SUPPLIER
Cleaning Kit (1 L. cleaner + 1L. waterproof polish)	190,00 / kit	1 kit = +/- 25 washes of 25 sqm each	Leather Master Italia, exclusive for Nextep Leathers
Keralastic T Glue Drum 5 Kg Drum 10 Kg	14,00/Kg 15,00/Kg	For gluing PVC/HPL 2.5kg = 1 sqm PVC/HPL	Mapei Spa
Notched spatole Nr.4	5,00/pce	For spreading the Keralastic T glue	Mapei Spa

Box contents and packaging weight are updated at the pricelist printing time. Therefore the listed data may vary.
Europallet invoiced: € 8,50 p. p.

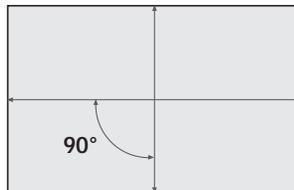
laying instruction

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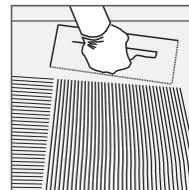
Remove the tiles from the box at least 24 hours before starting installation and lay them out neatly on a flat surface in the room where they will be installed. It is important to install the tiles with room temperature at least 15 °C, following the instructions carefully.

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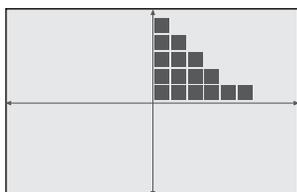
Divide the room into four sections, marking out two perpendicular lines that meet at the centre of the floor or wall.

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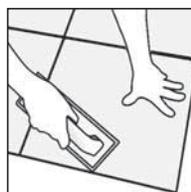
Spread the adhesive out evenly in quantities of about 250g/m², using a fine toothed spatula (1mm). Proceed in this way in meter square sections. Respect the gumming time indicated in the specifications of the adhesive used. Insufficient gumming time may cause bubbles to form. Excessive gumming time may reduce the adhesive's sticking capacity.

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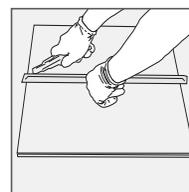
Lay the tiles neatly next to one another, starting from the centre point of the perpendicular lines, ensuring that adhesive does not come out, thus preventing adhesive getting onto the leather. Do not create joints between tiles. The tiles must be laid butt-jointed alternately at 90° angles.

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Apply manual pressure, using a rubber beater block to assist adhesion and level the joints.

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To cut tiles, use an aluminium rule twice the length of the tile that requires cutting. Lean on the ruler and cut through the surface using a sharp cutter.

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Do not walk on the tiles for 48 hours after installation.

laying instruction

SUITABLE ADHESIVES

- **TWO-PART EPOXY RESIN, POLYURETHANE ADHESIVE**
Suitable for tile installation in rooms with heavy footfall traffic and/or humidity. Spread using a fine toothed spatula.
- **EMULSION OR AQUEOUS DISPERSION ADHESIVE**
Sticking power is influenced by the evaporation of water. Spread normally using a fine toothed spatula.

Priante Pelleitaliana can supply suitable adhesive for installation of leather floor or wall coverings with PVC backing upon request.

USING PRIMER

Primer promotes adhesion by improving sticking properties on different surfaces, considerably reducing the risk of pieces becoming unstuck over time. There is no need to apply primer to the PVC backing on the leather tiles, whereas it is advisable to apply primer to all substrates upon which the tiles are to be installed.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARING THE SUBSTRATES

The following advice is not a substitute for the ability and quality of workmanship provided by a professional firm, which takes responsibility for doing the job by accepting the task of laying the tiles. These instructions are intended as suggestions on how to best lay PVC-backed tiles on different substrates.

NEW CEMENT SOIL

The cement soil must be mechanically resistant, perfectly level and dry. There must be no capillary humidity. 1 cm thick screed requires on average a week to dry properly. The cement soil must have a humidity level no greater than 3% by weight. If humidity exceeds 3%, it is advisable to increase the drying time by 50%.

A layer of leveller must be applied on all surfaces to create a perfectly level finish. Clean the surfaces thoroughly with a brush and use a vacuum cleaner to clear away any remaining dust.

If there are expansion joints, the flooring must stop at the edge of the two sides of the joint. The space that is created will later be filled using strips of material, without however fixing them on both sides.

BASE SURFACES WITH UNDERFLOOR HEATING

For heated base surfaces, the drying time of the screed must be respected. The underfloor heating system must therefore be switched on and left to run normally for four weeks, then switched off 24 hours before laying the tiles. Floor temperature must be < 28°C.

EXISTING BASE SURFACES

Carpet: we recommend that carpet is removed.

Parquet flooring: we recommend that parquet flooring is removed if it is not ventilated. If parquet flooring is in poor condition, we recommend covering the surface with fibre panels, secured in position every 10 cm. Any holes must be filled with special mastic. Dust and/or grease must be carefully removed.

Foam-backed vinyl flooring: we recommend that the surface layer is taken up and neoprene sheeting is laid, allowed to dry, then sanded to a smooth finish before the adhesive is spread.

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