

This panel has a sticky backing with a peel off plastic sheet adding to the ease of installation. The panels are designed to overlap with the adjacent panels forming a stable well held together pipe routing system.

The Prowarm Low Profile egg crate panels are better than the rest as they allow levelling compound to actually bond.

## INTRODUCTION

Solid floors use a screed or concrete to transfer the heat from the pipes to the finished floor level above, and when up to temperature, delivers sufficient heat output to provide warm and even ambient temperatures within the living space. The best floor covering to use with underfloor heating are hard surfaces, such as, stone and tile. These floor coverings offer the least resistance which, transfer heat more effectively than with a carpet finish. For floor coverings such as carpet, the system design must factor in the extra heat output that will be needed; this loss in output needs to be negated by increasing the flow temperature.

## INSULATION

Provided by others- In accordance with Part 'L' of the current Building Regulations, a suitable layer of insulation material should be included within the floor construction. It is the responsibility of the Architect or Builder to ensure compliance. However; in all instances insulation must be installed beneath the underfloor heating system in order to ensure that any downward heat loss does not exceed 10W/m<sup>2</sup>, in accordance with BS EN 1264.

## PIPE OPTIONS

PEX 5 layer 10-12mm

## BOARD DIMENSIONS

1050mm x 650mm x 16mm (L x W x D)

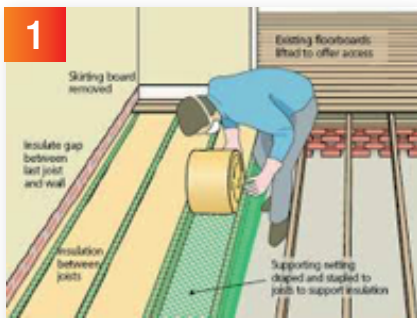
## IMPORTANT

**The Underfloor heating system should NOT be brought into service for at least 21 days.**

After this time the water temperature should be brought up gradually by 5°C per day to the maximum working temperature (normally 45°C, internal pipe temp).

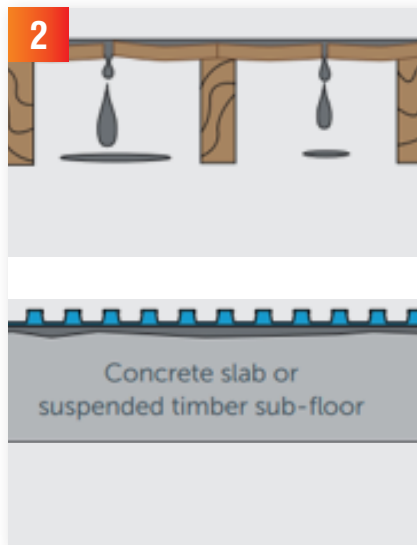
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# INSTALLATION STEPS



Where possible fit additional insulation beneath subfloor. If a timber subfloor this can be fitted between the joists, if concrete subfloor you can use Prowarm Backer Pro Insulation boards.

**For further advice speak to our technical team on 01268 567016**



Ensure the subfloor is flat and level and has appropriate Damp Proofing below before installation this product. If it has no DPM then apply a liquid DPM to the floor. If the floor is not flat or level, then level the floor first to get it within a 2-3mm tolerance.

If the floor is 5-10mm out from one side of the room to the other, the area of the room where the pipes will be sitting lower in the floor will always be cooler than the other areas. So for an even heat please level the floor first.

If levelling onto a timber subfloor, ensure you have filled any gaps in the floorboards and around the perimeter of the room to prevent the levelling compound seeping through the subfloor.



Ensure the floor is clean and dust free, then fix the foam edging insulation around the perimeter and seal any holes that may allow levelling compound to leak into.



Prime the subfloor with the Ultra Prime IT MSP, please follow the manufacturing guidelines for dilution amounts depending on the subfloor type.



Once primer has dried start by laying the egg crate panels onto the floor peeling off the plastic sheet as you go so that they stick firmly to the floor. Please ensure that the panels overlap one another on the appropriate sides. You will notice on the panel, two of the sides have smaller nodules, these are designed to go underneath the next adjacent panels and push together.



Once the panels have been laid, install the underfloor heating pipework, 12mm pipe at 150mm centres (unless designed differently), and connect to the manifold.

**7** At this stage you have the option to fit a floor sensor, these should be fitted if you are having a temperature sensitive floor finish such as Vinyl, Engineered wood or laminate, but are not required for tiles.

**8** Fill the pipework and pressure test to ensure that there are no leaks in the system.

**9** Leave under pressure at 4 bar whilst you pour the levelling compound on top. The levelling compound should be installed at a total thickness of 20mm (this includes the panel and the UFH pipework within this) meaning that it will sit at least 4mm higher than the panel, making it a suitable surface for tiling. For vinyl and carpet, you should allow for 24mm depth of levelling compound for additional spread of heat.

**10** Remove the pressure from the system when the levelling compound has hardened.

**11** Allow 2 weeks after the floor covering has been laid before turning the heating system on, please refer to Prowarm Commissioning installation steps.

When you initially start the system, ensure the mixing valve is set to a low temperature of 35degrees C. You will only need to turn your room thermostats up just enough so that they are calling for heat, one or two degrees above the ambient room temperature.

Increase the mixing valve by 5degrees Celsius every 2-3days, up to a maximum of 50degrees.





### FLUSHING THE SYSTEM

1. Once all of the circuits have been completed, and all connections are tight, connect a suitable hose to the upper and lower drain valve on the right hand side of the flow and return manifold.
2. Connect the lower drain valve to the cold water fill. Ensure both the red and blue isolators are closed and all flow meters and the white lock shields are closed. Working from the left, open up the flow meter and corresponding lock shield valve for the first circuit. With all of the remaining circuits closed, open up both drain valves. You are now ready to flush out the first loop. Visually check the water coming out of the hose into a suitable drain. Ensure the water flows freely without any bubbles.
3. Repeat the process on the remaining circuits. IMPORTANT! When each loop has been flushed correctly, ensure that both the lock shield and the flow meter are closed. When flushing the underfloor heating system, only 1 loop at a time should be open.

### PRESSURISE THE SYSTEM

Once all of the loops are flushed and air has been removed, the system must be pressurised to a minimum of 6 bar; using a suitable pressure tester such as a Rothenburger. Open all of the circuit lock shields, along with their subsequent flow valves, and close off the upper drain valve on the right hand side of the manifold. Connect the pressure tester to the lower valve, and raise the pressure to minimum of 6 bar.

### TESTING PERIOD

We recommend holding the system at 6 bar pressure for 1 hour. The pressure gauge may drop even though there are no leaks. This is due to the temperature change of the water. Generally in 1 hour you will recognise a leak. IMPORTANT make sure a suitably responsible person witnesses the pressure test, and signs to say the test was successful. Make sure you carry out a thorough visual inspection of all the pipework before you leave site.

### FLOOR COVERINGS

**Ceramic tiles, Slate, Stone etc** - Tile/Stone finished floor coverings can be laid directly on top of the overlay boards. The boards must first be primed using Prime IT MSP. The tiles can then be secured on top using a suitable S2 flexible tile adhesive.

**Engineered Hardwoods** - Engineered hardwood floors can be applied direct to the OVERLAY, as the OVERLAY below provides a structural base and support for the floor above. Care needs to be taken when selecting the thickness of the engineered wood floor. as the thicker the board, the lower the available heat output. ProWarmTM recommend a maximum thickness of 18mm on top.

**Carpet & Underlay** - ProWarmTM recommend an intermediate plywood layer of 6mm, to be fitted prior to the laying of the carpet and underlay.

**Linoleum & vinyl** - When applying a lino and vinyl finish to the OVERLAY, a completely flat surface is required. Typically, a 10mm intermediate dry screed board, or a 10-12mm layer of self-levelling compound can be applied. Using one of these two methods will improve the efficiency of the underfloor heating system.

Please confirm with the floor covering manufacturer that it is suitable for underfloor heating. BS EN 1264 advises that, in occupied areas the floor temperature MUST not exceed 29°C, however; it also states that, when using timber floor coverings then ensure that this surface temperature does not exceed 27°C.

Flow/ Return Temperature	200mm Pipe Centre		
	Tile	Wood	Carpet TOG 1.5
35/30	60	38	33
40/35	85	53	46
45/40		68	59
50/45			72

NOT ALLOWED AS PER BS EN 1264



Flow / Return	100mm Pipe Centre			200mm Pipe Centre			300mm Pipe Centre		
	Tile	Wood	Carpet TOG 1.5	Tile	Wood	Carpet TOG 1.5	Tile	Wood	Carpet TOG 1.5
35/30	80	46	38	60	38	33	45	31	27
40/35		65	53	85	53	46	63	43	38
45/40			68		68	59	82	55	49
50/45			83			72		67	59

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\*\*Typical heat outputs based upon BS EN 1264 200C room temperature, delta t 5 - Due to the variability of parameters that effect the heat output of an under floor heating system -i.e. flow temperature, pipe spacing's, floor covering and design conditions, PLEASE contact the technical department on 01268 567019 to confirm a true representation of system outputs.

## EXPANSION JOINTS

For heating screeds that are to be covered with a floor covering such as, tile, or stone, the area must not exceed 40m<sup>2</sup> or a maximum length of 5m. If these are exceeded, then an expansion joint must be fitted. When laying the underfloor heating pipework, only connecting pipes are allowed to pass through expansion joints. However, these pipes must be sleeved with a flexible insulating tube, which then spans the expansion joint by 0.3m in length.

## LAYING OF SCREED

Upon laying the screed, the temperature of the room and the screed need to be greater than 5°C .

## INITIAL HEATING UP

The initial heating of a screed must not be commenced until 21 days has elapsed. However for a calcium sulphate screed, this time may be reduced to 7 days (check with screed manufacturer first).

The initial flow temperature that is to be applied to the screed, must be between 20°C and 25°C. This must be maintained for at least 3 days. Following this, increase temperature by 5 degrees per day until design temperature is achieved, then maintain design temperature for 4 days after.

## SUITABILITY

Suitable for screed systems when an insulation board is present.

## FEATURES & BENEFITS USING RAPID CLIP PLATE INSTALLATION

- Provides ready-made pipe securing & spacing's
- Can be used with traditional & liquid screeds
- Suitable for all pipe work layouts
- Good for large regular shaped area
- Can be installed over alternative surfaces
- Degree of protection from foot traffic whilst screed is being laid
- Typical outputs 85 W/m<sup>2</sup>
- 1450mm x 850mm x 21mm (L x W x D)

## WARNINGS

Before installing your underfloor heating system, you MUST ensure you are happy that the system is fit for your purpose, and that the designs are strictly followed. Please call the office on 01268 567019 for further advice if you are unsure.

All pipework must be checked for kinks and damage during the installation. If the pipe work is damaged then you MUST replace the coil. It is a requirement that all joints under the floor accessible.

No underfloor heating system must be used to dry a screed.

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