Walk-On Graphics® Installation & Removal Guidelines

The Walk-On Graphics® instructions below have been time tested and if followed correctly, will result in a smooth installation with professional results.

About the Graphics

Walk-On Graphics® are suitable for the following surfaces:



It is always recommended that you first test your specific surface to ensure compatibility. An 8 % x 11" sample sheet placed on the surface for at least 48 hours should provide that answer. It is recommended that the graphics are produced with radius corners to provide a more robust product that is less likely to experience edge lifting due to scuffing. If multiple sheets are to be assembled for the final graphics, we recommend designing the graphic so that the individual sheets will be butted up against each other. Note, do not overlap graphics as this will result in a trip hazard.

Our UL 410 slip resistant overlaminates are recommended to protect the graphics and provide an easy-to-clean surface. Finally, if the window has a UV screen, anti-reflection film or other coating, please test a sample to ensure the surface will not be damaged by adhesive and film/coating does not interfere with adhesion.

Tools You Will Need

- Floor degreaser/cleaner (vacuum for carpet)
- Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol)
- Lint-free clothes
- Graphics squeegee
- For large graphics, a spray bottle with water and a couple of drops of liquid soap
- Optional: Masking tape and tape measure for positioning graphics





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Choosing Your Location

Ensure your flooring surface is in good repair and well bonded to structural surface. Loose, cracked or uneven surfaces will prevent the graphics from adhering properly and will present a potential tripping hazard.

It is best to avoid grout lines, when possible. Graphics do not adhere as well to grout unless sealed.

If you are installing over grout lines, ensure that the edges of the graphics are fully supported and not aligned with the edge of a grout line. This will minimize the chance that lifting occurs during normal floor cleaning/ maintenance.





Preparation

Clean the surface where the graphics will be applied to remove all dirt, grease, oils and loose debris. Using a lint-free cloth with an appropriate neutral degreaser/cleaner for the hard floors, followed by isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) should be sufficient. Carpeted areas should be vacuumed.

Make sure to clean several inches of the floor around the graphics to allow for final placement adjustment.

Ensure your surface is at least 40 $^{\circ}$ F prior to installation.

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Installation

- Position graphics on desired location, for hard surfaces, avoid aligning edge of graphics grout lines. Use masking tape on one end, if necessary, to hold graphics in position.
- Remove release liner from corner (opposite corner if using tape), start to peel down and away from top, holding edge off surface.
- Using squeegee, apply pressured from middle towards edges with overlapping strokes. Ensure graphics conform to any grout lines.
- If repositioning is required, gently lift graphics and reapply.
- Ensure all edges and corners are applied with firm pressure.
- When more than one panel is used, butt the edges together. *Never overlap graphics. After application is complete, do not polish graphics or surrounding floor for at least 24 hours.



We recommend using an edge sealer to extend the life of the floor graphic. If edges lift at all from the floor, the graphics should be immediately removed from the floor and replaced. This is to prevent any trip hazard.

Maintenance

After curing period, at least 24 hours from installation, Walk-On Graphics® can be maintained using normal floor maintenance procedures.

Removal

Remove the Walk-On Graphics® by lifting one edge and pulling at a sharp angle. Use consistent, smooth force to continue to peel off the graphics. For larger graphics, the edge can be slit and allowed to tear, so that the graphics can be removed in sections.

If any residual adhesive that does stick to surface, use isopropyl alcohol to remove.

Disclaimer

There are many variables that could affect the application success of this product, and it is imperative that the end user determine the suitability of this product for the specific application. Nekoosa will not be held liable for any cost resulting from a failed application of this Walk-On Graphics® product. Printer/end user assumes all risk and costs associated with the application of this product. In the event of a failure that is due in part or in whole to a manufacturing defect, Nekoosa will replace the material only.

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