

# Dance Floor Q & A

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## ● **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VINYL, MARLEY, AND TARKETT FLOORING?**

While they may have had different histories and meanings when they were first introduced decades ago, nowadays, they mostly refer to the same thing - rolled sheet vinyl floors.

## ● **CAN I INSTALL VINYL DIRECTLY OVER A CONCRETE FLOOR?**

For the optimal surface in your dance studio, we highly recommend installing a sprung floor specifically designed for dance. This type of floor features a cushioned subfloor that absorbs shock and reduces stress on the joints and muscles, creating a safer dancing environment and reducing the risk of injury. However, we understand that budget constraints may be a consideration. In such cases, we offer StudioPro Plus, which is 5mm thick compared to other vinyl options that are 2mm or 3.5mm thick. StudioPro Plus provides an improved level of cushioning over hard surfaces, making it the next best alternative if installing a sprung floor is not feasible.

## ● **HOW SHOULD I SECURE THE VINYL TO THE SUBFLOOR?**

Depending on whether you want to permanently install the floor or maintain the flexibility of removing it, there are three common ways to secure the vinyl to the subfloor:

**Temporary Installation:** For temporary installation, you can use gaffer tape applied to the top and outer edges of the vinyl. This method is suitable for events on a stage or creating a temporary dancing and performance area.

**Semi-Permanent Installation:** For a semi-permanent installation, you can apply stronger adhesive double-sided tape between the back of the vinyl and the subfloor. This method is suitable if you plan to stay in the same place for at least 3-5 years. You can extend the lifespan of the installation by applying new tape every 3-5 years when the adhesive starts to weaken.

**Permanent Installation:** For a permanent installation, you can glue down the vinyl. It's important to note that once the vinyl is glued down, it cannot be easily removed or reused. It is recommended to hire a professional tradesperson with experience in commercial sheet vinyl installation for this method.

Consider the desired level of permanence and consult with a professional to determine the most suitable method for securing the vinyl to your specific subfloor.

## ● **CAN I INSTALL DANCE FLOOR VINYL OUTDOORS?**

While it is possible to temporarily lay the dance floor vinyl outdoors on an appropriate surface for events such as dance performances or competitions, it is important to remove the floor once the event is finished. Prolonged exposure to weather elements such as rain and sunshine can shorten the lifespan of the dance floor or even cause damage. Therefore, if you are planning a semi permanent or permanent installation, it is crucial to install the vinyl in a temperature-controlled room. Additionally, ensure that the room has blinds or curtains to prevent direct sunlight from hitting the floor, as this can also lead to damage to the dance floor vinyl.

## ● **DO YOU INSTALL YOUR DANCE FLOOR?**

We only supply the dance floor and do not provide installation services ourselves. However, if you are located in the Sydney area, we can recommend our trusted installers who have successfully completed numerous dance floor projects for us in the past few years. If you choose to install the floor yourself or hire your own handyman, builder, or floor layer, we can still assist remotely by providing all the necessary support they may require to complete the project. We have successfully worked in this manner to complete hundreds of installations throughout Australia.

## ● **CAN YOU CUT MY VINYL TO SIZE BEFORE IT IS SENT?**

Unfortunately, we do not offer custom cutting of vinyl prior to sending out your order. Each roll is securely wrapped using special machinery at the factory. Once the original packaging is removed, it becomes challenging to rewrap the vinyl and ensure safe transportation. Therefore, each roll needs to be sent out in its original packaging.

## ● **CAN I USE STUDIOPRO/PLUS VINYL FOR TAP DANCING?**

StudioPro/Plus dance floor vinyl is suitable for soft shoe dance styles such as ballet, hip hop, contemporary, and jazz. However, it is not recommended for tap dancing due to its foam-backing design, which can muffle crisp tap sounds. Additionally, tap shoes with loose screws and sharp edges can potentially damage StudioPro vinyl. We recommend using VersaPro vinyl for tap dancing or any hard shoe dancing style.

## ● **CAN I WEAR SNEAKERS ON YOUR DANCE VINYL?**

Yes, you can wear sneakers on our ballet floors. StudioPro and StudioPro Plus are suitable for soft shoe dance styles, including sneakers. However, it is important to ensure that your sneakers do not have any hard objects underneath, such as small rocks or sand, as they can potentially cause damage to the vinyl surface.

Additionally, please be aware that certain sneakers may leave marks on the vinyl. Please refer to the maintenance notes provided for instructions on how to remove any marks or scuffs that may result from wearing sneakers on the dance floor vinyl.

## ● **CAN I STORE FURNITURE AND STAGE PROPS ON A VINYL DANCE FLOOR?**

We do not recommend storing heavy furniture or stage props on top of our StudioPro/Plus vinyl dance floor. This is because the StudioPro/Plus has a foam backing design that may be susceptible to dents if heavy objects are placed on it. However, our VersaPro vinyl is solid and heavy-duty, capable of supporting the weight of furniture and stage props. It is important to note that when moving heavy objects, avoid dragging them across the floor to prevent potential damage.

## ● **WILL THE DANCE FLOOR GET MARKED OR SCRATCHED?**

Yes, it is normal for dance floors to develop marks, scuffs, and scratches over time. This can occur regardless of the brand or type of dance floor, and it is simply the nature of this product. Tap shoes, sneakers, or shoes with rubber soles are more likely to cause marks, as they can leave rubber or synthetic elements embedded in the floor. These marks and scuffs are typically cosmetic in nature and do not impact the functionality or usability of the dance floor. While they are unavoidable, regular maintenance and cleaning can help minimize their appearance and keep the dance floor in good condition.

## ● **WILL THE VINYL HAVE A CHEMICAL ODOR?**

Our dance floor vinyls are made of high-quality raw materials and do not have any harsh chemical odors. However, if you are purchasing a second-hand floor, there is a possibility of experiencing an odor. This odor is likely a result of the chemicals used to remove the glue residue when the floor is being taken off, and it is not inherent to the vinyl floor itself.

## ● **WHAT IS THE WEIGHT OF VINYL ROLLS?**

The following are the approximate weights and dimensions:

StudioPro 10M X 1.8M X 3.5MM – 50KG

StudioPro 15M X 1.8M X 3.5MM – 65KG

StudioPro PLUS 10M X 1.8M X 3.5MM – 65KG

StudioPro PLUS 15M X 1.8M X 3.5MM – 90KG

VersaPro 10M X 2M X 2MM – 55KG

VersaPro 15M X 2M X 2MM – 75KG



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