



# Rosco Tile TV Studio Flooring Installation Manual

## QUICK TIPS

### When your floor arrives from Rosco...

Inspect the floor for any damage that may have occurred in shipping. Be sure to note any damage on the delivery driver's Bill of Lading. Once you have determined the condition of your floor, allow the floor to warm to room temperature. This is essential in the winter months, as the floor has the potential of being shipped in temperatures below freezing.

### Preparing your subfloor...

Proper preparation of your subfloor is essential to the long-term health of your Rosco Floor. All screw heads, nails, and other hard edged protrusions should be removed or covered prior to the installation of your Rosco floor. Fill cracks in the subfloor with appropriate filler and sand smooth.

*NOTE: In the case of Rosco Tiles, the floor should be free of vertical movement and horizontal expansion. To obtain maximum aesthetic value, the border tiles along opposite walls should be equal. This is accomplished by determining the center point of the room and starting the installation at this location. At the opposite end of the room, make wall to wall measurements. Strike a centerline. Repeat the procedure at adjacent walls. In each of the two directions, determine the distance from the wall to the centerline. Divide this distance by the tile dimension to determine the number of tiles required plus excess. If the excess portion is less than half a tile the centerline must be shifted an amount equal to one half of a tile. Repeat the procedure with the other centerline. The point of intersection of the two corrected centerlines is the proper location for starting the installation.*

Install all tiles except those at the border where cutting and fitting is required.

Use approved Rosco adhesives only. Spread the adhesive with a 1/16" x 1/16" x 1/16" (1.6mm x 1.6mm x 1.6mm) square notched trowel. Do not apply adhesive to an area larger than can be tiled in approximately 10 minutes. Allow the adhesive to set up until just tacky. Install tile according to room layout, pressing tiles firmly into adhesive and keeping tile corners lined up. Periodically check to be sure that at least 95% of the adhesive pattern has transferred to the back of the tile. Immediately upon completion, roll the entire installation with a 75 pound (35kg) minimum weight, three-section roller. First roll diagonally to seams in one direction, and then roll diagonally to seams at a right angle to the first roll.

Examine the installation immediately after completion. Remove any adhesive smears with a clean rag and soapy water. (Use a rag dampened with mineral spirits if the adhesive has dried).

Hand roll any raised corners or edges. Re-roll the entire installation after 1 to 2 hours.

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Do not wash or wax floor for at least 48 hours. Restrict heavy or rolling traffic for at least 24 hours.

To cut and fit tiles next to walls, proceed as follows:

- Place tile to be cut (Tile A), precisely over the tile in the row closest to the wall.
- Lay another tile (Tile B), tight against the wall and directly over Tile A.
- Using the edge of Tile B as a guide, mark Tile A with a pencil.
- Score along the line with a utility knife and snap off the excess trim material.
- Place the tile into position with the cut edge along the wall and press firmly.

Rosco tiles require minimum maintenance to retain their desired appearance. The frequency with which they must be cleaned depends largely on the amount of activity and the type of traffic occurring on the floor.

## **FIRST CLEANING:**

Use a 17" or 19" polisher (150 to 350 R.P.M.) equipped with a black, blue or green pad. (A nylon pad or scrub brush may be used if a polisher is unavailable.)

Use a mixture of 3 cups (24oz.) of Rosco Heavy Duty Floor Cleaner per 1 gallon of cold water (180-m/L).

Apply evenly to the surface of Rosco tiles to be cleaned. Wait 10 to 15 minutes before scouring with the polisher.

After a complete scouring of the floor, remove the soiled water with a mop or vacuum. Then lightly rinse with clean cold water. Allow to dry completely.

For a satin or high gloss finish, use Rosco Floor Wax. It is designed specifically for mechanical polishing of Rosco tiles, and provides a protective coating against scuffs, abrasions and stains.

## **REGULAR CLEANING:**

Rosco tiles should be cleaned regularly with a dry mop. Any materials that might potentially stain the Rosco tiles should be removed immediately. To remove dust, it is better to use a dry mop instead of a vacuum.

Lightly soiled Rosco tiles may be damp mopped with a solution of Rosco All-Purpose Floor Cleaner and water.

- For light duty cleaning: 1/4 cup per 1 gallon of water (56-ml/4.5 liter of water).
- For medium duty cleaning: 1 cup per 1 gallon of water (224-ml/ 4.5 liter of water).
- For heavy duty cleaning: Use Rosco Heavy Duty Floor Cleaner: 3 cups to 1 gallon of water (112-ml/ 4.5 liter of water) Rinse with clean water.

If the floor is very heavily soiled, clean it with Rosco Heavy Duty Floor Cleaner diluted in cold water. (Following steps 1 and 2 in the section on First Cleaning)

Use a household mop or a scrubbing brush. DO NOT use scouring pads, steel wool or other abrasive pads. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clear, cool water to remove all soil residues. Allow it to dry.

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### **FINISHING:**

Once the Rosco tiles are clean and dry, coat them evenly with Rosco Floor Wax using a clean mop or a soft cloth, applying 2 coats in opposite directions. Allow 30 minutes to dry then repeat this process. For best results, keep a mop set aside specifically for use with Rosco Floor Wax.

For a high gloss shine, once the finish has been applied, proceed to spray buff using a mixture of 1 cup Rosco Floor Wax per 1 quart of clean, cold water in a pump spray bottle. Then polish the Rosco tiles with a commercial polisher equipped with a red pad for a satin finish or a white or beige pad for a glossy finish at 150 to 350 R.P.M.

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