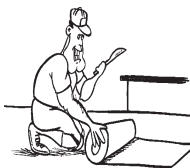


Flex-Guard Installation

Tools and Materials Needed:

1. Flex-Guard
2. Trowel or floor roller
3. Chalk line
4. Sponge
5. Utility Knife
6. Latex Modified Thinset (ANSI 118.4)



How Much Flex-Guard is needed?

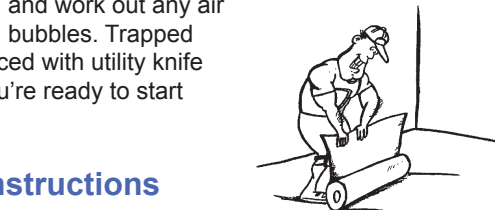
Either full coverage of entire installation or a minimum of 3 times the width of the tile. This is recommended by Tile Council of America and is a required minimum for Flex-guard 30 year system warranty. See Warranty information.

Short Instructions

First, the surface must be clean and dry. Cut the Flex-Guard to length, place over center of crack. Cut approximately 12" of the release liner from the back side and carefully adhere to the substrate. Roll the remainder of the sheeting back up to where you can grab two corners of the release liner from underneath the roll. Now pull the corners and walk backwards. The Flex-Guard will unroll as you pull. With the smooth side of a trowel or roller, apply downward pressure to secure the sheeting. Start from middle and work out any air bubbles. Trapped



air bubbles can be sliced with utility knife and bled out. Now you're ready to start your tile installation.



Detailed Instructions

1. Surface must be free of debris, oils, paints, construction dust and must be dry. Wipe clean with damp sponge and let dry.



2. Unroll and cut to length needed. **Do not** take off release liner until Step 6.

3. Snap a chalk line so you will have visible line for edge of Flex-Guard to be placed. Crack or joint should be centered under Flex-Guard.

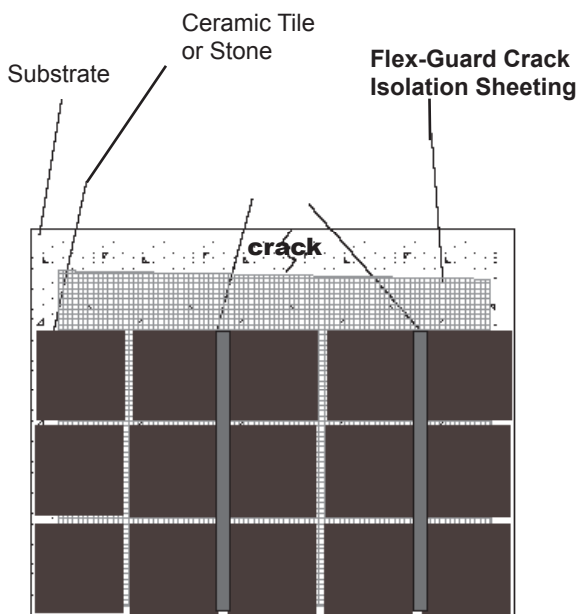
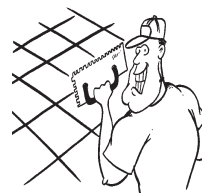
4. Place the Flex-Guard in the exact place you want it to be adhered. The fabric will always be on the top.

5. With Flex-Guard in place fold over about 20 inches on one end so that you are looking at the release liner. Lightly cut through or score about 12" inches of the release liner only. Carefully remove the 12" of clear release liner.

6. Next, carefully lay the exposed side down firmly and smoothly, adhering it to the substrate. Now the sheet will hold in place. Take the other end of the sheet and roll it back up as far as possible. Reach under the roll, take the two corners of the release liner and pull towards you. As you pull, the roll will unroll itself. Slowly pull so the edge of the Flex-Guard meets with the chalk line. Now that the Flex-Guard is firmly in place, take the flat side of a trowel or floor roller and apply light pressure over the Flex-Guard. Work from the center outward. Any trapped air bubbles can be cut with the utility knife and bled out. If more than one roll is used, butt seams, do not overlap. You are now ready to set the tile. See diagram and be sure to install recommended flexible caulking for expansion joints as shown.



One of the most common failures for tile installations is lack of expansion joints for tile. Be sure to caulk to perimeter of the installation, such as walls, cabinets and door jams, 1/4" gap will be needed. Tile can easily buckle and crack due to lack of proper expansion joints placed in tile.



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