

## F.A.Q.

### **Main Differences between traditional or Flexible LVT and the new HYDROSTOP Rigid Core LVT?**

One of the main differences between the two is that Rigid Core Luxury Vinyl Flooring includes an extruded polymer-based core layer that gives the flooring a more rigid characteristic. This helps the LVT plank or tile hide some common subfloor imperfections that could transfer or “telegraph” up to the floor’s surface, which can be common with traditional flexible LVT in certain circumstances.

### **What are the main advantages of Rigid Core LVT flooring?**

Rigid Core LVT is waterproof, so it can be installed in water prone indoor areas, such as bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms and entryways. The rigid core hides most common subfloor imperfections, making installation easier and ensuring a smoother finished appearance after installation. Rigid Core LVT is a floating floor that’s installed with a locking system, so you do not use an adhesive. Also, there’s less subfloor prep than with a flexible LVT planks.

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## **What does it means SPC LVT flooring?**

It means: “Stone Plastic Composite” (SPC). This is a polymer-based extruded core that uses minerals, such as limestone or calcium carbonate, as an ingredient offering amazing performance results.

## **What are the main features of all SPC flooring planks in general?**

This new flooring planks are considered to be Rigid Core LVT, are 100% waterproof and considered dimensionally stable. Also, all are good at hiding some common subfloor imperfections. (With Flexible LVT, on the other hand, subfloor imperfections can sometimes be transferred (or “telegraphed”) to the surface.) For SPC, there are no air pockets—the core is solid. The product is heavier and dent resistance is greater.

## **Is HYDROSTOP Rigid Core LVT more difficult to cut than Flexible LVT?**

Well, in a manner, yes... And it means “quality”. But don’t worry, it can still be scored and snapped with a utility knife to score. Use of power saws is recommended; use of a saber saw is best when making intricate cuts.

## **Does HYDROSTOP Rigid Core LVT need special handling or more or less acclimation than Flexible LVT?**

Like most flooring a careful handling is suggested with all floating flooring to avoid damaging the locking mechanism during transport and moving, etc. Regarding acclimation, this floor doesn’t requires acclimation.

**Does HYDROSTOP Rigid Core LVT expand and contract like Flexible LVT? What do I need to know about using transitions and spacers?**

Good news! Consider that all Rigid Core LVT expands and contracts at about half the rate of flexible LVT and this is a Seamless Floor: it can be installed on large areas without transitions moldings.

**If HYDROSTOP Rigid Core LVT is 100% waterproof, can I use it outdoor?**

Rigid core flooring will not be harmed by water when exposed to it from spills and normal cleaning. However use of the flooring outside exposes it to other elements which will decrease the flooring time-life. If install outdoor, should be always below a roof over the whole area and tents.