

HOW TO PREPARE A NEW SCREED FLOOR FOR TILING.

Is it time to tile?

Now that your screed and underfloor heating system has been professionally installed, you must be itching to get your new tiles laid?

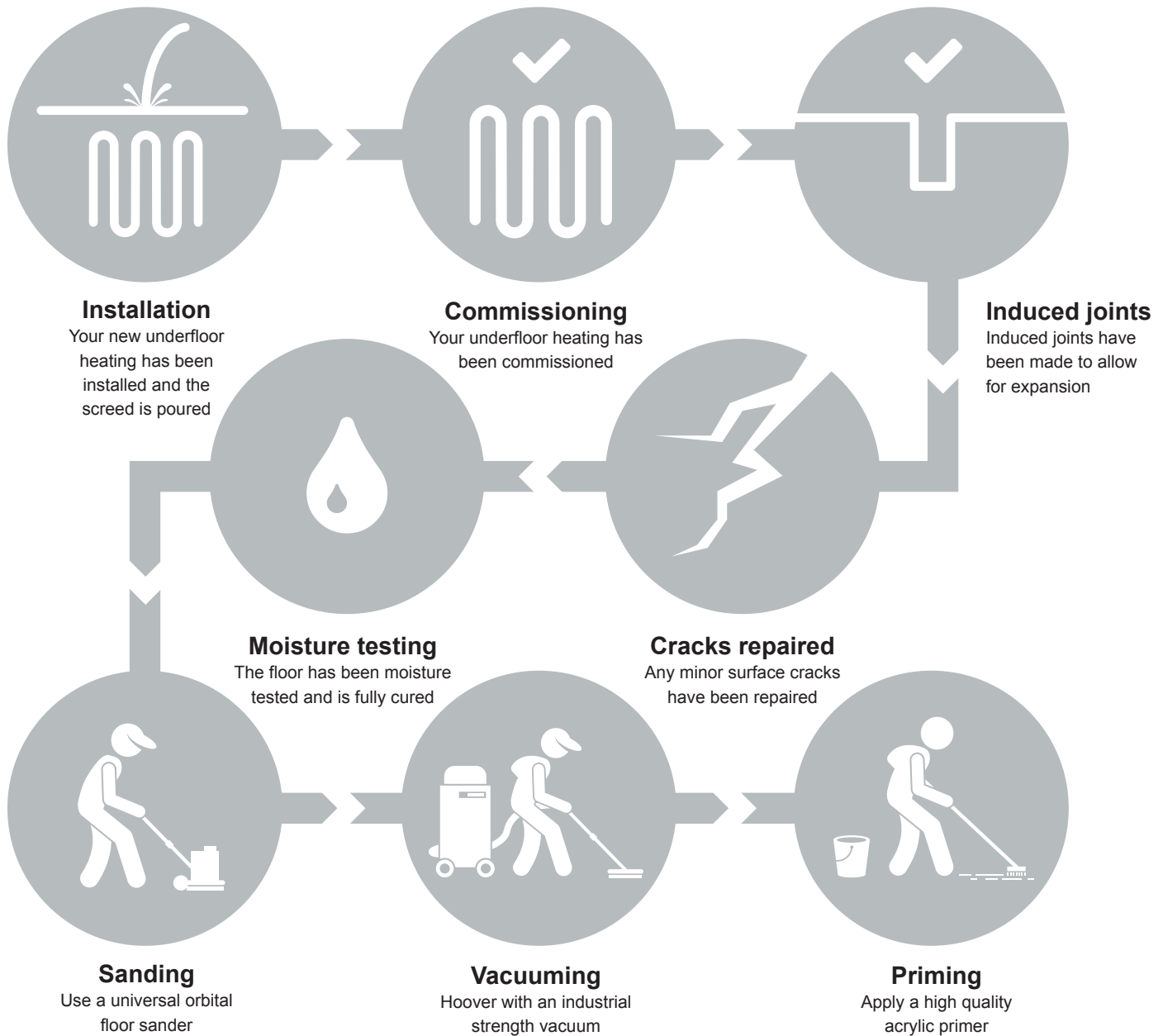
Wait. Laying your tiles too soon, or missing out some vital steps in your subfloor preparation, could be a costly mistake as tiles may not adhere correctly, or they may even crack. This guide will explain what needs to happen to ensure that your new floor is ready for tiling, including a tick list for your tiler to use when working out whether the time is right to start laying.



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Your sanding, vacuuming and priming timeline



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Make sure your screed is completely dry

The main pitfall when preparing a new screed floor for tiling is beginning work before the screed is properly dry.

A number of factors can affect how long a newly poured screed floor takes to fully cure and it's important to remember that the curing time stated on installation day will depend on:

- Other wet trades adding moisture to the room, such as plasterers
- Moisture or wetness entering through unglazed openings if your building isn't watertight

Don't panic. You can make sure your screed is completely dry by:

- Making sure your underfloor heating has been on for a minimum of 14 days prior to tiling
- Taping a polythene sheet to the floor and weighing it down overnight, to see if any moisture has risen to the surface

DIY Moisture Testing



Moisture Testing Kit

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Print this page for your tiler to fill in before they start work. This check list has been designed to protect you from poor quality tiling installations.

By identifying that the correct preparation has been completed, you could save both time and money.

Date of Screed Installation: / /

Has the underfloor heating been commissioned?

Date commissioned: / /

Engineer Name:

Has the underfloor heating been in use for a minimum of 14 days?

YES NO

Have induced joints been cut according to the screed type and floor size?

YES NO

Number of induced joints to be mirrored in tiling:

Have any surface cracks been correctly repaired?

YES NO

Has the floor been moisture tested?

YES NO

Name: -----

Date: / /

Has the floor been correctly sanded with an orbital sander?

YES NO

Name: -----

Has an industrial vacuum been used to remove dust and debris?

YES NO

Name: -----

Has the floor been correctly primed with an acrylic primer according to manufacturer guidelines?

YES NO

Name: -----

Which primer was used?

Manufacturer

Primer
