

STORAGE OF HARLEQUIN FLOORS

You will be very pleased with your Harlequin Floor, the choice of the most famous performing artists worldwide. Please give a few moments' attention to these recommendations, and you will keep your Harlequin floor in elegant and serviceable condition for years to come.

GENERAL:

Harlequin stage floors are all produced of specially-formulated poly vinyl chloride (PVC or vinyl) with surface finishes appropriate to the activities to which you are likely to put them. All Harlequin floors are suitable for loose-laying on stages or in studios and, except for Harlequin Showfloor, are ideal for dance – classical ballet, contemporary or character.

Harlequin Showfloor is intended for occasional use for display and set design; fashion, exhibitions and light entertainment.

STORAGE AND HANDLING:

1. Always keep Harlequin flooring firmly wound onto the cardboard cores (tubes) from the original packaging. This helps to prevent the flooring from being flattened or dented and makes handling easier. If you lose or damage the cores, replace them at once with lengths of plastic drainpipe, for example, of as large a diameter as possible – minimum 100 mm (4”) diameter.
2. Never wind up the rolls without a core inside, and particularly never store them horizontally on top of each other with no core to support them, this will certainly cause them to flatten and oval, resulting in stubborn or permanent ripples.
3. The ideal way to store Harlequin flooring is to pass a long metal or wooden bar through the core and hang the two protruding ends of the bar from strong hooks. Alternatively, store your Harlequin floor vertically on end, having first made sure that the roll ends are square. If the roll ends are ‘telescoped’ or if you lean the rolls on one corner, you may damage the edges.
4. If you have to store the rolls flat, make sure that they are not piled more than two (2) high and lay no heavy objects on top.

TEMPERATURE:

No harm is done to Harlequin floors if they are stored at sub-zero temperatures, but if they are deep-frozen, the flooring becomes harder and is easily damaged. Avoid, for instance, dropping rolls in this condition. This is a particular danger when you are unloading them on tour. Bring the rolls to room temperature before unrolling them. To speed things up, gradually ease back the outer turns as the roll unfreezes; this will help the rest of the roll to warm up more quickly.