

## PRECAUTIONS

- When taking measurements, add 2 %. This will permit you, later on, to offset any excesses or deficiencies where necessary and/or any deviations due to environmental factors.
- Allow the unwrapped commodity to acclimatize to the local ambient conditions (min. 24 hours) before fixing it in place.
- Check for optical flaws. Remember: minor visual differences are inherent in natural fibre products and thus inevitable. However, if these differences are too striking, DO NOT place the fabric.

## LAYING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1) AS A FLOOR COVERING

#### Cutting and joining

This type of material may fray easily when being cut to length, owing to its rustic and rich structure. In order to make them easier to lay, our products are sold in roll form with 2 selvages as standard. In that respect, pay particular attention to the following points:

- wherever possible, the woven hems should be flush with the next strip (to produce a perfect butt joint);
- if a selvaige isn't perfectly straight, cut the edges in those places using a pair of scissors, thereby loosening one shoot and adjusting both hems;
- always join strips in the same fibre direction;
- wherever there's a risk of fraying, use a skirting for a neat finish.

#### Glueing

The choice of the right glue, for meticulous placement, is crucial to the durability and resistance of the covering. The use of a reputable proprietary brand of polyacrylic glue with a high spreading rate is recommended. It should be applied, preferably, using the serrated spatula no 3.

**Take the following requirements into consideration as well:**

- Quantity required 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>
- Wait before placement approx. 10 to 20 min.
- Laying time (thorough glueing) 30 to 40 min.
- Time left to stand approx. 24 hours
- Final bonding together after 72 hours

**The adherence will depend on the conditions of the floor surface. The latter should be:**

- dry, clean and smooth
- non-friable and without any crevices.

#### Placement

- Always glue the entire bottom surface of the carpet.
- To ensure a perfect adherence of the floor covering, press down firmly.
- Don't load the floor covering before the bonding is complete (= after 72 hours).
- Don't force the drying process.

## **After-care**

After a while, the carpet may exhibit certain defects or imperfections. Air bubbles may form as a result of insufficient adherence due to shoddy laying. These defects can be corrected by injecting a little glue through the loosened patch of carpet using a syringe and then smoothing out the carpet in order to distribute the glue evenly.

Provided your carpet has been laid while duly observing all the above instructions, periodic maintenance will keep your carpet in good condition for a long time (see maintenance instructions).