



## TILE INSTRUCTIONS

**STEP 1:** Remove existing carpeting, padding, base or quarter round moldings. Do not remove existing resilient floor covering as it may contain asbestos. Please refer to the RFCI publication recommended work practices for removal of resilient floor coverings.

**STEP 2:** Door casings and jambs should be undercut. This will allow tiles to move freely while also covering the cut edges. A scrap piece of tile can be used to guide the saw blade. This will help achieve the correct height for undercutting. SnapStone Tile is 9/16" thick. To ensure proper door clearance, it may be necessary to cut or plane the bottom of the door to accommodate the change in floor height.

**STEP 3:** SnapStone is a floating floor system, and may be installed on or below grade over most wood, vinyl, concrete, and ceramic floors. Floor must be clean, smooth, dry, and structurally sound before installing SnapStone Tile. It must be flat within a tolerance of 1/4" in 10'. High and low spots of the sub-floor can be identified using a straight edge. High spots should be sanded, and low spots should be filled using a cement based leveling compound.

**STEP 4:** SnapStone Tiles may be installed in straight, diagonal, or staggered patterns. Visit [www.SnapStone.net](http://www.SnapStone.net) for more design ideas.

**STEP 5:** SnapStone Tile can be installed starting in the center of the room or at a wall. It is non-directional, and can be installed to the right or left. The interlocking tabs will not allow you to insert a tile between two tiles.

**STEP 6:** Assemble by aligning tabs at the top corner of each tile. Swing the tiles together so the remaining tabs interlock in succession. **OR** Using a white-headed rubber mallet and tapping block, gently tap the tiles into place. Be sure to place the tapping block squarely against the tile, never against the plastic tray.

**STEP 7:** SnapStone Tiles can be installed in succession one at a time, or tapped into place by row. Avoid small cut pieces containing less than two tabs on a side. Once snapped together, adjustments may be made to your layout using a white-headed rubber mallet and tapping block. Simply tap the row in the appropriate direction to achieve perfectly aligned grout lines.

**STEP 8:** SnapStone Tiles may be unsnapped using either of two methods: 1) Lift one tile at an angle until tabs dislodge, **OR** 2) Place a rubber-coated pull bar between tiles and carefully twist until they separate.

**STEP 9:** When approaching the perimeter, the size of the cut can be determined by laying a tile directly over the last full piece installed.

**STEP 10:** Using another full tile, lay it against the wall or barrier. Mark the lower piece using the top tabs of the tray as a guide. Using a wet saw, cut the tile on the line.

**STEP 11:** Align the tabs of the cut tile, and lower into place. The tabs along the perimeter of the installation should always be cut. Using a rubber-coated pull-bar, gently apply pressure until tabs interlock completely.

The SnapStone System is designed for indoor environments, and should not be installed in areas reaching temperatures below 32 degrees F or above 110 degrees F. Snapstone Tile System must be installed using ONLY SnapStone Flexible Grout.