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Floorwise brings together a wide range of different types of underlay that add comfort and provide cushioned support to increase the life of the carpet.

PU Foam Underlays

Although light in weight these foam underlays pack a punch when it come to comfort and performance. Made from recycled post industrial waste foam they are completely recyclable again after their long use. The recycled foam is compressed and rebonded into a range of thicknesses and densities with increasingly better comfort and performance over time.

Foam underlays are under half the weight of traditional rubber underlays, helping to reduce the risk of injury. Most foam underlays can be moved without the reliance of lifting equipment or the need for two people to carry one roll in compliance with latest health and safety regulations.



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Using recycled materials is not just good for the environment but helps to keep manufacturing costs to a minimum. The increasing cost of raw materials and rising energy costs make recycled foam underlays more affordable, delivering excellent value for money.

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Traditional Rubber Underlays

These more traditional underlays deliver a wide ranging balance of comfort and durability.

Blown Rubber

Formed under intense heat to create pockets of air, this type of rubber underlay delivers increasingly higher levels of comfort and durability depending upon thickness and density.

Crumb Rubber

Our crumb rubber underlays are made using the rubber from recycled car tyres. They have the best durability and recovery ratings of all underlays. Suitable for heavy were areas in both residential and commercial installations. For many, these are the ultimate performance underlays, providing the best support for your carpet.

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Wool Felt Underlays

As one of the original carpet underlays, wool felt continues to be the natural choice for your carpet. With exceptional heat insulation properties, wool felt underlays have great bedding down qualities, extensively used with woven backed carpets like Wiltons and Axminsters. Made from recycled wool, jute and synthetic fibres these underlays are fully recyclable after their long use.

Combination Crumb Rubber/Wool Felt Underlays

The combination underlays provide the exceptional recovery properties of crumb rubber, with the great bedding in and heat insulation properties of wool felt.

High Heat Insulator

All underlays help to reduce heat loss through the floor, but some underlays are better insulators than others. See our carpet underlay recommendation chart on page 15 to compare tog ratings.

Superb Sound Reducer

All our carpet underlays help to reduce noise both through and back into the room, but again some underlays are better sound reducers than others

Guaranteed for the serviceable life of the carpet when used in the recommended areas.



Display & Prosper

The range of Floorwise branded underlays has been carefully designed to attract attention and the in-store promotional and display material are key to helping you sell up to the higher margin underlays.

Service

Our range of Floorwise branded underlays are made to the highest standards on the very latest machinery. All underlays within the range are readily available from our exclusive network of distributors throughout the UK & Ireland.



Generally the thicker the underlay the better the comfort. The greater the density the better the underlay will perform over time.



is how the underlay's **durability** and **recovery** properties will perform over time.

Use the **individual performance charts** to compare and help choose the right underlay for the job.

The thicker the underlay the better the comfort The greater the density the better the bouncebackability the carpet type, the place it is to be laid and the footfall expected.

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luxury under your feet

Using premium materials for underlays of exquisite quality, *Teel* the Difference is a collection that truly delivers comfort and luxury under your feet.



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recycled PU foam

The Ultra High Density underlays are made from a variety of materials to make a denser ultra performing underlay.

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Thermal resistance (Tog) \approx **2.68** togs DB rating \approx **41** dB

L/U luxury use roll size: 1.37m x 11m = **15.07**m²



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sponge rubber waffle

Thermal resistance (Tog) \approx **1.60** togs DB rating \approx **43** dB

L/U luxury use roll size: $1.37m \times 8m = 10.96m^2$

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Thermal resistance (Tog) \approx **2.95** togs DB rating \approx **35** dB

HC/U heavy contract use roll size: $1.37m \times 7.3m = 10.00m^2$



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PU foam underlays



- Long lasting performance
 - Suitable for all rooms
- Increase the life of your carpet of the home
 - Exceeds BS Standards



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PU Foam Underlays · Long lasting performance common features:

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- Suitable for all rooms
 - Exceeds BS Standards



L/U luxury use: residential or commercial rollsize: 1.37m x 11m = 15.07m²





rollsize: 1.37m x 11m = 15.07m²

Enhanced High Density Plus Foam Underlays are made from recycled post-industrial foam which is highly compressed under pressure to make a denser enhanced performing underlay. All incorporating a non woven fleece to aid stability.

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PU Foam Underlays • Long lasting performance • Increase the life of your carpet • of the home common features:

Excellent heat insulator

- Suitable for all rooms
- Excellent sound absorption
 Exceeds BS Standards
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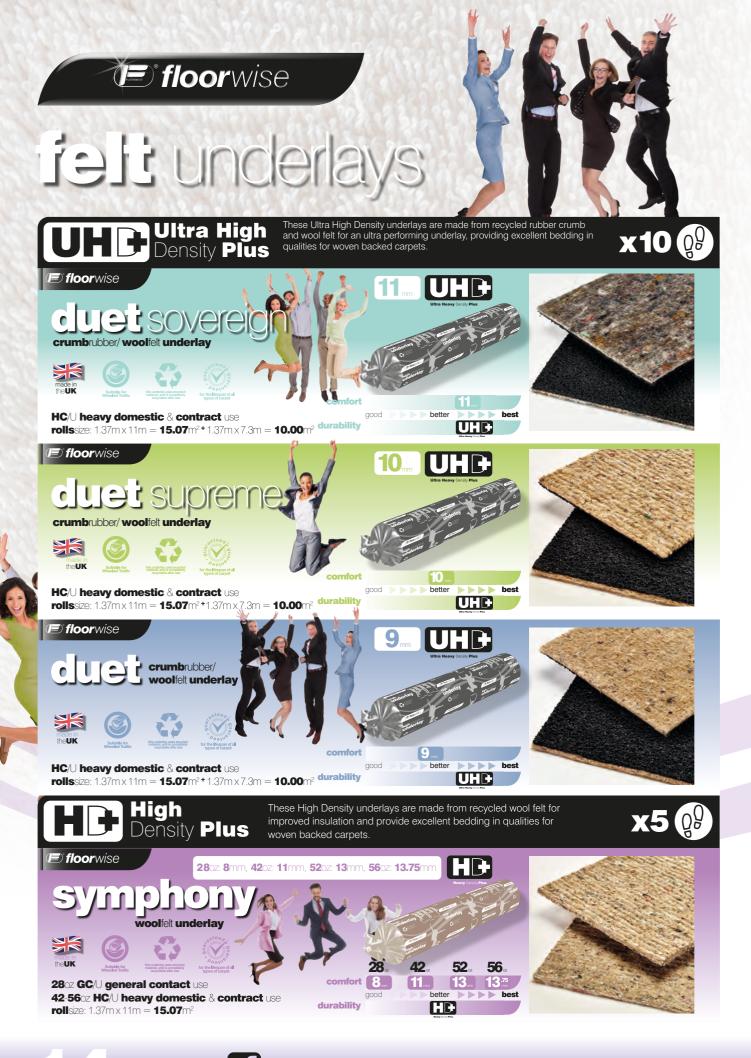
rubber underlays



Rubber Underlays common features:

- Long lasting performance
- Excellent sound absorption
- Great heat insulator
- · Increase the life of your carpet · Suitable for all rooms of the home
 - Exceeds BS Standards





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carpet underlay recommendations

Each Floorwise underlay has unique performance characteristics. We have included a recommendation table for you to be able to easily compare the underlays. Please note that generally the thicker the underlay, the better the underfoot comfort, whilst the greater the density the better the underlay will perform over time. The table includes a classification column, which rates the underlay to BS EN 14499 standards. Also included in the table are TOG ratings, with some underlays being better insulators than others. Finally, there is an impact sound rating, which is a guide to how well the underlay suppresses noise from the room above.

Heavy Contract Use General Contract Use Luxury Domestic Use General Domestic Use Light Domestic Use – not suitable for stairs

	ROOMS											
Range Name	GB	MB	L/D R	H,S & L	Comm	Density	Thickness	EN Use	Roll Weight Kg	BS4790 Flammability	Тод	Impact Sound dB
FtD Elegance	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	10mm	L/U	24.8	Pass	2.68	△ LW 31
FtD Inspiration	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	10mm	L/U	40.5	Pass	1.60	△ LW 43
FtD Prestige	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	11mm	L/U	36.0	Pass	2.95	△ LW 35
Tread	1	1	1	1		UHD+	9mm	L/U	25.2	Pass	2.44	△ LW 39
Lift	1	1	1	1	1	UHD+	7mm	HC/U	19.8	Pass	2.02	△ LW 39
Supreme	1	1	1		•1	SHD+	11mm	L/U	24.0	Pass	2.89	△ LW 43
Allure	1	1	1		•1	SHD+	11mm	L/U	23.0	Pass	2.89	△ LW 43
Vitality	1	1	1	1	•1	SHD+	9mm	L/U	19.7	Pass	2.37	△ LW 39
Verve	1	\checkmark	1	1	•1	SHD+	9mm	L/U	19.5	Pass	2.54	△ LW 40
Maxi	1	1	1		•1	EHD+	11mm	L/U	21.0	Pass	3.50	△ LW 45
Flexilay 11	1	\checkmark	1		•1	EHD+	11mm	L/U	21.0	Pass	3.55	△ LW 39
Esteem	1	1	1		•1	EHD+	10mm	L/U	21.0	Pass	3.55	△ LW 39
Traffic	1	\checkmark	1		•1	EHD+	9mm	L/U	17.4	Pass	2.80	△ LW 41
Flexilay 9	1	1	1		•1	EHD+	9mm	L/U	17.4	Pass	2.80	△ LW 41
Lush	1	1	1			HD+	12mm	L/U	19.2	Pass	3.26	△ LW 45
Panache	1	1	1			HD+	10mm	L/U	15.8	Pass	2.64	△ LW 39
Spirit	1	1	1			HD+	10mm	L/U	16.0	Pass	2.83	△ LW 36
Lusso	1	\checkmark	1			HD+	10mm	L/U	15.6	Pass	2.51	△ LW 38
Bravura	1	1	1			HD+	9mm	L/U	12.2	Pass	2.25	△ LW 34
Style	1	1	1	٠		HD+	8mm	L/U	12.6	Pass	2.18	△ LW 32
Solo	1	1	1			HD+	8mm	L/U	12.8	Pass	2.48	△ LW 34
Prima	1	1	1			HD+	8mm	L/U	12.6	Pass	1.96	△ LW 33
Fascino	1	1	1	٠		MD+	12mm	GD/U	15.3	Pass	2.80	△ LW 45
Essentials 10	1	٠	1	٠		MD+	10mm	GD/U	12.9	Pass	2.40	△ LW 38
Attivo	1	٠	1	٠		MD+	10mm	GD/U	12.9	Pass	2.45	△ LW 38
Essentials 8	1		1	٠		MD+	8mm	GD/U	10.5	Pass	1.90	△ LW 33
Senso	1		1			MD+	8mm	GD/U	10.5	Pass	1.95	△ LW 33
Initio						MD+	7mm	LD/U	8.4	Pass	1.80	△ LW 29
Champion	1	1	1	1		UHD+	8mm	HC/U	34.0	Pass	1.40	△ LW 33
Vigour	1	1	1	1	1	UHD+	6.75mm	HC/U	36.5	Pass	1.20	△ LW 31
Pinnacle	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	9.75mm	L/U	40.5	Pass	1.50	△ LW 42
Thermaflow Impact	1	1	1	1		SHD+	6.75mm	HC/U	39.0	Pass	0.79	△ LW 31
Duet Sovereign 10m ²	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	11mm	HC/U	24.0	Pass	2.95	△ LW 34
Duet Sovereign 15.07m ²	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	11mm	HC/U	36.2	Pass	2.95	△ LW 34
Duet Supreme 10m ²	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	10mm	HC/U	24.0	Pass	2.90	△ LW 34
Duet Supreme 15.07m ²	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	10mm	HC/U	36.2	Pass	2.90	△ LW 34
Duet 10m ²	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	9mm	HC/U	20.0	Pass	2.70	△ LW 32
Duet 15.07m ²	1	1	1		•1	UHD+	9mm	HC/U	30.2	Pass	2.70	Δ LW 32
Symphony 56	1	1	1		•1	HD+	13.75mm	HC/U	28.6	Pass	2.90	Δ LW 38
Symphony 52	1	1	1	1	●1	HD+	13mm	HC/U	25.2	Pass	2.80	Δ LW 35
Symphony 42	1	1	1	1	•1	HD+	11mm	HC/U	21.5	Pass	2.50	Δ LW 32
Symphony 28	1		1		•1	MD+	8mm	GC/U	14.3	Pass		

✓Recommended ● Suitable for use in ●¹ Stretch Fit installations only

GB General Bedroom MB Master Bedroom L/D R Lounge Dining Room H,S,L Hall Stairs Landing Comm Commercial Use

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Wood/laminate/LVT underlays

Floorwise brings together a wide range of different types of underlay that provide cushioned support and help to reduce the sound made by wood, laminate & LVT floorcoverings.

Acoustica Underlays

The Floorwise acoustica range of dense rubber underlays are excellent at absorbing noise, both between floors by way of impact sound reduction and within the room through airborne noise reduction.

Whisper Underlays

The whisper range of PE foam underlays are also very good at absorbing impact noise but do not perform to the same standards as the acoustica range for airborne sound.

Sound Reducing Underlays

The Floorwise range of underlays are excellent at absorbing noise, between the floors by way of impact sound reduction...





Absorbing Minor Floor Imperfections

With the increasing thickness, Floorwise underlays become better at absorbing minor floor imperfections. However, it is always advisable to prepare the subfloor so that it is perfectly flat by using a self-levelling compound like Pro-Screed Gold or flooring grade plywood like SP101.

Cushioned Support

The higher the density the better the support for the Wood/Laminate & LVT floor above

Built in Moisture Barrier.

Most of the Floorwise underlays have a built in moisture barrier, some with overlap, which help protects the floorcovering from the ingress of moisture. The moisture barriers are not a replacement for a DPM but will help control the flow of moisture from the subfloor below.



Recycled

Recycled Some of our underlays use recycled materials such as Crumb Rubber from Recycled car tyres, along with the PE Foam underlays they are also recyclable after use

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Suitability for Underfloor Heating

Our underlays are suitable for use with most underfloor heating systems The only real exception is the cable matting system which was developed specifically for use with ceramic and stone floor tiles.

minate/LVT underlays

LVT Underlays

These underlays are currently thinner than their wood/laminate counterparts, mainly because the click systems on LVT floorcoverings are not as robust as those on wood & laminate flooring. There has been a concern that too much cushioned support would allow the click system to disengage during normal footfall. However, as LVT flooring becomes denser and the click systems improve the need for a super thin underlay may diminish.

Guaranteed for the serviceable life of the wood/laminate/LVT floor when used

in the recommended areas.

Sound Performance

The performance data below is shown through acoustic values derived from official British standards data and conveyed to make the results simple to understand.



Service

Our range of Floorwise branded wood/laminate/LVT underlays is made to the highest standards on the very latest machinery. They are readily available from our exclusive network of distributors hroughout the UK & Ireland.

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Display & Prosper

The range of Floorwise branded underlays has been carefully designed to attract attention and the in-store promotional material and display stands are key in helping you sell up to the higher margin underlays.

Each underlay is differentiated by its sound performance characteristics. Generally the **thicker and denser** the underlay the **better the sound reduction**.

sound reduction BSR GSR+ HSR+ ESR+ PSR+ USR+

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acoustica sound reducing underlays

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Wood/Lam/LVT underlays

- Excellent sound reducers
- Premium cushioned support
- Absorbs minor floor imperfections
- Built-in moisture barrier
- Increased underfoot comfort
- Suitable for underfloor heating



minate/LVT underlays



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whisper sound reducing underlays

Whisper Underlays G common features:

• Good sound reducers

- Excellent cushioned support
 - Absorbs minor floor imperfections
- Built-in moisture barrier
- Increased underfoot comfort
- Suitable for underfloor heating



whisper sound reducing underlays

Good sound reducers Excellent cushioned support

• Absorbs minor floor imperfections

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Whisper Underlays

common features:

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· Built-in moisture barrier

• Increased underfoot comfort

· Suitable for underfloor heating

20 kg/m³

TOG rating

These PE Foam underlays are good sound reducers and **x4 (**(Good come complete with a built in water vapour barrier. Sound Reduction Roll Size: whisper silver 1m x 15m Standard PE Foam Underlay 15m² 3 HIGH DENSITY 0,87 (1)3_____ **30 kg**/m³ **TOG** rating ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ best E floorwise Roll Size: whisper green barrier 1m x 15m **Superb PE Foam Underlay 15**m² Grea 19dE 0.72 togs HIGH DENSITY **TOG** ratir **30 kg**/m³ •))**3**_____ Basic These PE Foam underlays are basic sound reducers. **x3((** Sound Reduction Roll Size: hisper 3mm ») 1m x 15m Basic **15**m² MEDIUN *)**3**__ 20 kg/m³ **TOG** rating better best Roll Size: whisper 2mm ») 1m x 15m 15m²

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commendations

Please note that generally the denser the underlay the better it is at reducing sound, which is why Rubber underlays are generally better than PE Foam Underlays.

ROOMS

USR+ Ultimate Sound Reduce PSR+ Premium Sound Reduce ESR+ Enhanced Sound Reducer GSR+ Good Sound Reducer BSR Basic Sound Reducer

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Range Name	GB	MB	L/D R	H,S & L	Comm Use	Density kg/m³	Roll Weight	Moisture Barrier	Thickness	Sound Performance Class	Tog	Impact Sound dB
Acoustica Platinum	1	1	1	1	1	707	38.4kg	1	3.75mm	USR+	0.28	△ LW 23
Acoustica Gold Supreme	1	1	1	1	1	350	12.3kg	1	3.50mm	USR+	0.25	△ LW 23
Acoustica Gold Excel	1	1	1	1	1	930	28.0kg	1	3.50mm	USR+	0.28	△ LW 23
Acoustica Gold	1	1	1	1	1	735	21.4kg	1	3.00mm	PSR+	0.25	△ LW 20
Acoustica Bronze	1	1	1	1	1	735	32.2kg		3.00mm	PSR+	0.22	△ LW 22
Acoustica Silver	1	1	1	1	1	925	18.5kg	1	2.00mm	ESR+	0.22	△ LW 22
Acoustica LVT 18dB	1	1	1	1	1	1666	25.0kg		1.50mm	ESR+	0.12	△ LW 18
Acoustica Fibreboard	1	1	1	1	1				5.00mm	GSR+	0.50	△ LW 22
Whisper Gold	1	1	1	1	1	30	1.78kg	√ +Overlap	5.00mm	PSR+	1.20	△ LW 21
Whisper Guard	1	1	1	1	1	65	2.92kg	√ +Overlap	3.50mm	PSR+	0.88	△ LW 23
Whisper Silver	1	1	1	1	•	30	1.77kg	√ +Overlap	3.00mm	GSR+	0.87	△ LW 19
Whisper Green Barrier	1	1	1	1	•	30	1.93kg	√ +Overlap	3.00mm	GSR+	0.72	
Whisper 3mm	1	1	1	1	•	20	0.90kg		3.00mm	BSR	0.70	∆ LW 18
Whisper 2mm	1	1	1	1	•	20	0.60kg		2.00mm	BSR	0.41	△ LW 18

✓ Recommended ● Suitable for use in

GB General Bedroom MB Master Bedroom L/D R Lounge Dining Room H,S,L Hall Stairs Landing Comm Commercial Use



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underlays for underfloor heating

Floorwise have brought together a unique collection of low-tog underlays guaranteed for use with most types of underfloor heating.*1 Designed for use with normal operating underfloor heating systems, these underlays will not produce odours or degrade when used at higher temperatures over prolonged periods of time.

*1 They are not be suitable for electric heating mats and some electric cables. Checks should be made with the underfloor heating manufacturer as to the suitability prior to installation.







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plywood, hardboard + paper felt

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SP101 Plywood

SP101 Flooring Plywood[®] has been developed to exceed BS8203 standards as a fully reliable underlay meant for use in the subfloor preparation in readiness for all types of floorcovering.

- Meets BS8203: 2017 Plywood Annexe A
- TFT Woodexperts Diamond Mark Certified
- High quality face veneers
- Reliable glue line performance
- Accurate dimensional tolerances
- Recommended by most flooring manufacturers

Available in a range of thicknesses and sizes.

Hardboard 3.2mm



Our hardboard is a versatile general purpose fibreboard usually used for levelling uneven floorboards.

Paperfelt

Our quality lining paper helps protect the subfloor and prevents dust from rising through the floorboards.

Available in a range of weights and roll sizes.





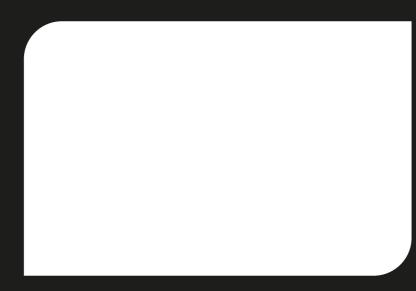
When it comes to flooring installation, **Floorwise** is the name for **quality** and **value**!

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Reliable service, through an exclusive network of distributors, and the consistent quality of our products has earned Floorwise an enviable reputation.

Floorwise strives to deliver excellence in innovation too, with a continuous development programme aimed at meeting the evolving needs of both consumers and installers alike.

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