

## **STORAGE OF HARLEQUIN FLOORS**

If your Harlequin Vinyl/Marley floor is not laid permanently, proper storage is necessary to minimize the possibility of damage and to ensure longevity.

### **STORAGE AND HANDLING**

1. Always keep Harlequin flooring firmly wound onto the cardboard cores 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, with lengths of plastic drainpipe, with as large a diameter as possible – minimum 4” (100 mm) diameter.
2. Never wind up the rolls without a core inside and never store them horizontally on top of each other with no core to support them as this will certainly cause them to flatten and oval, resulting in stubborn or permanent ripples.
3. The ideal way to store a Harlequin floor 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 stacked more than two (2) rolls high and lay no heavy objects on top.
5. Additionally, Harlequin offers 4 and 6 roll storage carts for proper storage.

### **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 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. Gradually ease back the outer turns as the roll unfreezes; this will help the rest of the roll to warm up more quickly.