

The FloorPrep Report: MP Global Products

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This Norfolk, Nebraska-based supplier provides a range of products to a growing number of satisfied customers. Included in this range of quality flooring underlayments, available at affordable prices is: QuietWalk, their revolutionary laminate floor underlayment that actually smoothes out little sub floor imperfections while quieting impact sound and floor-to-ceiling noise. Not only does it dampen ambient sound in the room that it's installed in, but it also inhibits sound from traveling into the room below. Although it is promoted as an upgrade underlayment taking the place of poly foam, it doesn't carry a heavy upgrade price when compared to cork or rubber. On the other hand, in recent head-to-head Sound Transmission Loss tests, QuietWalk outperformed both cork and rubber in the majority of test band frequencies. Certified field sound tests were performed on an installation over a standard 6" concrete sub floor with a suspended ceiling assembly, and received an FIIC score of 71. In addition to its sound deadening benefits, the absorbing action



of the synthetic fibers together with the attached vapor barrier provides superior moisture protection that is backed by a Limited Lifetime warranty. Another benefit is the increase in R-value to help keep floors warm in the winter, and cool in the summer. QuietWalk is available in 100 square foot do-it-yourself size rolls and 360 square foot contractor size rolls. QuietWalk is approved for use over radiant heated floors. Other underlayment products are: VersaWalk, VersaStick Adhesive, QuietWarmth, Insulayment, UltraLayer, UltraLayer Peel & Stick, TileQu!ck and ThermoPod Packaging. Poly products include: PolyFoam, DuoFoam, MoistureBlock, SoundStep II, ReproSound, ReproSound Light, ReproFoam, Sound Relief, SoundWalk, SoundBarrier Select, SolidBlack MD and Cover II. This supplier, in addition to its floor underlayment products offers Luxury Vinyl Flooring, Zip-Up Ceiling Systems and Blue Hawk Products.