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### **Next Generation DRICore® Modular Subfloor System Features Enhanced Moisture Protection**

DRICore®, the original modular subfloor system for all concrete floors, especially basement floors, has been redesigned for enhanced moisture protection.

The next generation of DRICore, which became available in mid 2005, has a newly engineered moisture barrier on the underside of each panel. The rigid polyethylene moisture barrier features a new grid pattern that increases airflow under the panels by more than 10 percent, for quicker evaporation of basement moisture and performance that is superior to similar subfloor products.

“This redesign of DRICore enhances moisture protection and offers added value to homeowners, considering that in any given year, an estimated that 3-4 million U.S homes experience some water penetration in the basement,” said Dave Murray, marketing director for DRICore.

DRICore remains true to its origins as a product that marries two material technologies – a durable engineered wood subfloor that expands uniformly when subjected to high levels of humidity, and a moisture membrane with a raised design that creates a ¼-inch air space between the concrete floor and the wood subfloor on top of it.

This space allows air to circulate between the concrete and the subfloor to dry up small amounts of basement moisture and keep dampness from coming into contact with finished floor materials and furnishings.

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The redesigned DRICore retains all of the other benefits that have made it an increasingly popular choice as a subfloor over concrete – comfort, ease of installation, versatility, durability and environmental friendliness.

- **Comfort.** The airspace also creates a thermal break between the cold concrete and the finished floor. DRICore panels have an insulating value of R-1.7 or R-2 with the finished floor – sufficient to make the floor feel 6°F or 3.2°C warmer than the concrete underneath. DRICore also has a subtle resilience that makes it more comfortable for walking or standing.
- **Quick and easy installation.** DRICore’s 2’ x 2’ panels have a precision tongue-and-groove design so they can simply be tapped together to form a “floating” floor without nailing or gluing the seams. Dealing with small uneven areas in the concrete is easy, too. Just stack DRICore’s leveling shims – small squares of the same polyethylene material used on the underside of the panels – at the low spot in the floor until the panel is level. A 500 square foot basement can easily be installed in an afternoon.
- **Versatility.** DRICore has been tested and installed successfully with a variety of finished floor options including carpet, engineered hardwood, laminate and vinyl. DRICore may also be sealed for protection and used “as is”, without a finished floor.
- **Durability.** DRICore panels maintained their shape without warping or buckling when tested for extended periods in sauna-like conditions of heat and humidity. DRICore panels are rated at over 5,500 pounds per square foot, strong enough to support pianos and pool tables. DRICore carries a 25-year warranty.
- **Environmentally friendly.** Laboratory tests have confirmed that DRICore and its component materials will not support the growth of mold, which is the source of musty odors and may contribute to poor indoor air quality. DRICore is fabricated of safe, non-toxic materials that are 100 percent recyclable.

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The DRICore ([www.dricore.com](http://www.dricore.com)) modular subfloor system is a product of DRICore Division, Longlac Wood Industries, a unit of Kruger, Inc. Montreal-based Kruger is a major Canadian pulp and paper producer and a leader in sustainable forest ecosystems and recycling.