

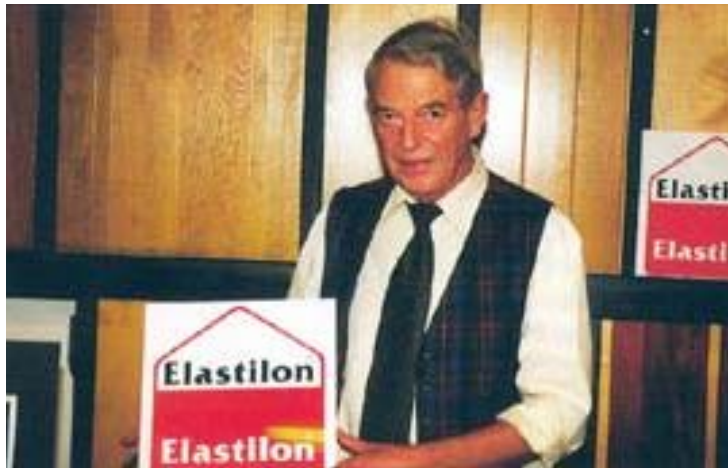
# Industry

## Elastilon by Osbe Parket

### More than just an underlay

An almost joint free surface without full-surface gluing - this is possible using an installation system from Osbe Parket in Eindhoven. Elastilon is a permanently elastic, springy underlay for parquet with excellent thermal and acoustic characteristics.

Elastilon's special feature is the adhesive layer on its upper surface which keeps the parquet strips and boards under tension almost eliminating joint spacing. Elastilon underlay simplifies parquet installation considerably. The Dutch manufacturer maintains that without gluing or nailing and without click connections time savings of up to 50% can be achieved. This system is attractive for commercial installation due to the shorter installation times and the possibility of immediate use thereafter. Elastilon is also advantageous from environmental and work safety points of view. This product is considered free of volatile materials. The adhesive surface is absolutely clean and does not cause any soiling according to the producer. Elastilon is in use since 1993, initially in Holland and increasingly throughout the world. Many good references



**Frederik J. van Bers, Managing Director, Osbe, and inventor of the Elastilon system: "Now we want to market this unique system more intensively on export markets".**



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for its technical reliability are provided by private and commercial properties. The system has also proved itself in multi-purpose halls in which the elastic properties of the flooring are important. Osbe customers in Holland are parquet installers but Osbe seeks contacts with parquet manufacturers in export markets.

## Osbe Parket

Osbe Parket was founded in 1963 in Eindhoven as a wood dealership. Gradually the parquet trade was integrated, having reached ca. 8,000 sqm annually. Osbe's products are largely limited to solid wood parquet in thickness' ranging from 19 to 22 mm., widths of 13 and 14 mm. And lengths between 40 cm and 200 cm.

Osbe's Managing Director Frederik van Bers was annoyed by inadequate underlay materials and more or less coincidentally came upon the idea of

permanently combining wood and an elastic underlay in a way that excluded the effects of moisture. The prototype was a flowerpot made of joined wooden laths glued on to Elastilon. If it can take sunshine and rain it'll work as a floor underlay, de Bers thought. The system is patented in Europe and the USA and is increasingly being used by tradesmen. Demand increased particularly in Holland when adhesives containing solvents were made illegal. In the meantime, Elastilon is common in many parts of Europe.

## Elastilon

**Roller width:**

1m

**Roller length:**

50 running metres

**Available in thickness:**

3, 5, 10, 15 mm.

**Thickness of adhesive layer:**

0.15 mm