

## Laminate Installation Guide

1. Read enclosed detailed installation instructions before beginning.
2. A flat subfloor is essential.
3. Proper moisture testing is required.
4. Ensure proper expansion around all permanent structures.
5. Moulding, trim, transition, and finish pieces must not prevent the floor from floating.
6. Failure to follow installation instructions will void the warranty.
7. No acclimation is required under proper conditions.

**Please Carefully Read All Instructions Before You Begin Installation. Improper Installation Will Void The Warranty.**

It is recommended to consult a licensed installer/contractor to verify that the conditions are appropriate for this product.

Inspect the floor for defects before and during installation. Do not install defective flooring. Check planks for defects such as chips and colour variations under good light, and ensure grooves are free of debris. Use planks from multiple boxes to ensure random pattern variation.

**Acclimation:** No acclimation is required under normal conditions. However, if the flooring has been exposed to temperatures below 40°F (5°C) or above 95°F (35°C), or humidity below 40% or above 60%, condition the flooring by spreading unopened cartons for 12 hours in the room where they will be installed.

The area must be climate controlled between 65-78°F (18-25°C) and humidity levels between 40%-60% during and after installation.

This product is for indoor use only.

For installations spanning greater than 40 feet, a T-moulding is required to allow for proper expansion.

**Installation Guidelines:**

- This is a floating floor and should **NOT** be secured to the subfloor. Fixed objects, such as cabinets, should not be installed on top of the flooring unless it is fully adhered.
- Do not fasten trim/moulding directly to the floor.
- For door frames, trim to allow space for flooring to slide underneath.

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### Required Tools and Supplies:

- Saw, safety glasses, ½” spacers, utility knife, straight edge, pencil, tape measure, adhesive tape, rubber mallet, dust mask or respirator.

### Suitable Floors and Preparation:

- The subfloor must be flat, dry, and clean. Remove any carpet staples or adhesive residue.
- Moisture testing is required for concrete subfloors. Maximum acceptable moisture for wood subfloors is 12%.
- For concrete, use a moisture barrier if readings exceed 5 lbs/1000 ft<sup>2</sup>/24 hours or 80% relative humidity.

Check for flatness by stretching a string across the floor and examining for high or low spots. Subfloors must be flat to 3/16” per 10 feet. Use an appropriate leveller to fill in uneven areas.

This product can be installed over most existing floors, including wood, non-cushioned vinyl, linoleum, and tile, provided they are intact and secure. For tile, fill grout lines wider than 1/16” with a Portland-based skim coat.

**Warning:** Do not install over carpet, as this will void the warranty. Use blinds or drapes to avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

**Radiant Heat:** Flooring can be installed over 1/2” (12mm) embedded radiant heat systems, provided the temperature does not exceed 85°F (30°C). Before installation, operate the system to eliminate residual moisture. Use an in-floor temperature sensor to avoid overheating.

### Installation Process:

- Begin in the left-hand corner, maintaining a 1/2” (10mm) gap around all walls using spacers.
- Connect planks by inserting the tongue on the short side into the groove and lowering into place.
- Continue until you reach the last full plank, then cut the final plank to fit.
- Stagger rows by at least 12” (30cm) for a random pattern. Use cut pieces from the previous row to start the next row.
- Fit the last row by measuring and cutting to size, ensuring a 1/2” gap from the wall.

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### Maintenance:

- Clean with a vacuum or dry mop. Avoid excessive water or wet mopping.
- Use felt pads on furniture legs and mats at entrances. Avoid rubber-backed mats and trim pet nails to avoid scratches.
- Do not use steam mops.

### Illustration:

