

# Installation Instructions

## How to install



- 1** Start by engaging the plank on the long side (angle-system)



- 2** Slide the plank until it reaches the short side of the next plank



- 3** Let the plank drop gently



- 4** Press with your thumb on both ends of the short side



- 5** Continue pressing until you hear the "Click" sound of the **one piece** drop-lock system



- 6** Planks are now fully locked



Please note that hard materials are best installed with a soft-faced hammer

## How to disinstall

- 1** Always start by disengaging on the long side



- 2** Grab the planks with both hands and gently lift at the same time until the planks disengage



- 3** Place the planks gently on the floor



- 4** To disengage on the short side, slide the planks the opposite direction



- 5** Press the planks gently while sliding



- 6** Continue sliding until the planks are fully separated



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For more information, please check out the installation tutorial at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zbilqa1lyq0> (QR Code)



# *User Guides*

- 1. Read enclosed detailed installation instructions before beginning install.***
- 2. A flat subfloor is a must!***
- 3. Proper moisture testing is a must!***
- 4. Proper expansion around all permanent structures is a must!***
- 5. Molding, trim, transition, and finish pieces must not prevent the floor from floating.***
- 6. Failure to follow installation instructions will void warranty.***
- 7. Acclimation is normally not necessary but maybe required in extreme circumstances.***

***Please Read All Instructions, Carefully, Before You Begin Installation.***

***Improper Installation Will Void Warranty***

## *Before Installation*

- 1. Always check flooring planks for defects such as chips and color variations under good light conditions. Check that grooves are free of debris. Use planks from multiple boxes during installation to insure random pattern variation.*
- 2. The flooring should be stored and installed in a climate-controlled area with an average temperature between 55-95 F (12-35 C). If flooring is exposed to temperatures less than 40 F (5 C) or more than 95 F (35 C) for more than one hour, the flooring must be acclimated for a minimum of 12 hours by spreading out the cartons during acclimation but not stacking the cartons. If stacking is necessary, stack the cartons in a crisscross manner – NEVER stacking the cartons more than three high.*
- 3. The area in which the flooring is installed must remain climate controlled with the temperature between 65 F- 85 F for the life of the product.*

*Note: This flooring maybe installed in a vacation home, three-seasons rooms, etc., with a temperature between 55-95 F (12-35°C) at least 48-hours before and during the installation, even if temporary temperature measures must be taken. Thereafter, the temperature cannot fall to below 40 F (5°C) or higher than 95 F (35°C), and RH must maintain between 35-70%. In these installations, you must use transition moldings at*

doorways and in any span greater than 40' in any direction. The same is true in light commercial installations.

4. This product is a floating floor and should NOT be secured to the floor. Do not install fixed objects, such as cabinets, on top of the flooring or fasten trim/molding/transition pieces directly to the floor.

Note: You may adhere this flooring in light commercial and commercial installations using LVT compatible adhesive following directions on the adhesive guidelines.

## *Suitable Types of Subfloors and Floor Preparation*

1. The sub floor must be flat, dry, and clean. Carpet staples or any/all adhesive residue must be removed, and floor must be clean to ensure proper installation. If it is uncertain that the old adhesive residue may cause issues, you should use LVT compatible Adhesive Encapsulator.

**WARNING:** This product should not be installed over carpet. Installation over carpet will void the warranty. When installed in rooms with direct sunlight, during the peak hours of sunlight, the use of blinds/shades or drapes is recommended.

2. To check for flatness, hammer a nail into the center of the floor. Tie a string to the nail and push the knot against the floor. Pull the string tight to the farthest corner of the room and examine the floor for any high/lows relative to the string. Subfloor must be flat to 1/8" per 6" (1.8 meter). Any areas in excess of the flatness specification must be sanded down or filled with an appropriate leveler.

3. This product can be installed over most existing floors including wood, non-cushioned vinyl or linoleum, and ceramic/porcelain tile if the existing flooring is intact and properly secured to the subfloor. If installing over ceramic/ porcelain tile, grout lines in excess of 1/16" (0.0625 meter) must be filled with a Portland based skim coat/floor leveler according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

4. This product is waterproof but is not a moisture barrier. The product can withstand topical water and water penetration for up to 16 hours without being damaged. However, water leaking over or around the outer edges of the flooring can damage a wood subfloor and breed mold/mildew growth on subfloor and walls. This is not considered a defect in the flooring.

5. Moisture arising from new or old concrete can create high levels of moisture vapor emissions, hydrostatic pressure, and high levels of alkalinity. This combination is highly corrosive and will damage the floor over time. To avoid this problem, ensure that concrete subfloors are constructed according to the American Concrete Institution's guidelines (ACI's 302.2 Guide). To check current conditions, a calcium chloride test (ASTM F1869) and a RH test using in situ Probes (ASTM F 2170) is necessary. If the

*level of vapor emissions/hydrostatic pressure exceeds 6 lbs and/or 90% RH, a moisture barrier must be installed over the concrete or you must use LVT compatible high moisture adhesive for the install.*

*Note: New concrete needs to cure for at least 60 days before installing flooring materials.*

*6. If considering Radiant heat, only Hydronic radiant heat can be used. The heating components must have a minimum of 3/8" separation from the product. System must be operational for a minimum of two weeks prior to installation. Five days prior to installation, the temperature should be reduced to 65 F (18 C). After installation, the temperature can be raised gradually (5 F per hour) to a maximum operation temperature of 85 F (29 C). An in-floor thermostat is recommended to avoid overheating. A transition strip must be used for any installation longer than 40 linear feet and/or wider than 30 linear feet. It is also suggested to use T-Molding in doorways.*

## *Required Tools and Supplies*

- *Circular Saw*
- *Safety Glasses*
- *1/2" or 3/4" Spacers*
- *Utility Knife*
- *Straight Edge Ruler or T-Square*
- *Pencil*
- *Tape Measures*

*Note: If existing baseboard molding is difficult to remove, Quarter Round molding will be required to cover the expansion space between flooring and baseboard.*

## *Installation*

*How to engage the "click-locking" system*

*How to disengage the "click-locking" system*

*1. Remove the tongue (on the long side) from the first row of planks. This will ensure that the decorative surface of the flooring is under the finished trim when installed. Use a utility knife to score through the tongue several times until it easily snaps off (Figure A).*

*Note: The first row of planks may need to be trimmed lengthwise for a better fit at the end of the installation. Measure the room and divide by the width of the plank. If there is a remainder of less than 2", the first row will need to be trimmed by that amount.*

2. Starting in the left-hand corner, place the first plank with its trimmed side towards the wall. Use spacers along each wall to maintain an expansion gap of 1/4" (7-8mm) between the wall and the flooring (Figure B).

3. Attach the ends of the 1st plank and the 2nd plank by pressing the tongue of 2nd plank into the groove of the first plank and lowering it into place. Lineup edges and corners carefully. (Please see the "click-locking" system instruction)

4. Continue along the wall until you reach the last full plank, connecting each plank in manner described above. To fit the last plank, turn plank over (face down). Place the plank in the corner so the tongue on the short end touches the adjacent wall. Measure overlap between the installed plank and the last plank (Figure D1&D2).

5. Using a sharp utility knife and a straightedge, score a line on the top surface of the plank. The plank should split on the scoreline with little effort. Use saw to cut plank to size. The plank should split on the score line with little effort. Use saw to cut plank to size.

Note: the end pieces must be longer than 8". This may require cutting a plank to start a row depending on the size of the room.

6. Begin the next row with the cutoff piece from the previous row to create the necessary stagger pattern. This piece should be a minimum of 8" (20cm) long and the joint offset from the previous row should be at least 10" (26cm) apart. To attach, please see the "click-locking" system instruction of the long edge.

7. Install the second plank in the second row by inserting the short end tongue into the previously installed plank's groove. Continue locking each piece into place, short side first and then long side.

8. To fit the last row, lay a plank on top of the previous row. With the plank against the wall mark a line down the length of the plank and cut the planks accordingly (Figure H).

9. Door Frames and heating vents also require expansion room. Cut the planks to the correct length. Place the cut plank next to its actual position, use a ruler to measure the areas to be cutout and mark them. Cut out the marked points allowing the necessary expansion distance on each side. T-molding is suggested in all doorways.

10. You can trim door frames by turning a panel upside down to use as a height guide. Using a handsaw, cut door frames to the necessary height so that planks slide easily under them.

11. To finish the perimeter of the room, install quarter round molding using finishing nails. Nail quarter round directly into the baseboard not the flooring.

# **Maintenance, Tips, and Warnings**

## **MAINTENANCE:**

1. *Dust-mop or broom can be used for daily maintenance. When necessary, clean with a MOIST cloth or mop and a neutral PH cleaner-heavy use of detergent cleaners will leave a residue and, overtime, lead to a cloudy film.*

2. *NEVER USE floor polish or floor cleaning wax, oil soaps, etc. These products can damage and/or leave a film on the flooring.*

*This is not a defect in the floor.*

## **TIPS and WARNINGS:**

*Always use felt tip protectors on all furniture legs/feet*

*Entryway/walk off mats are recommended; WARNING: Never use rubber protective mats*

*Area rugs are recommended*

*Keep pet nails trimmed*

*Sharp shoe-heels (e.g. high-heels) may dent the floors*

*NEVER slide furniture across a floor without pads*

*Keep floors clean*