

EASY INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Once the packages have been opened, planks should be installed immediately. Check all the planks to be installed. Claims for defective planks that have already been installed can not be admitted. Do not engage/disengage laminate flooring planks more than 3 times.

FIGURING QUANTITY:

One carton of laminate flooring covers approximately 18 1/2 square feet of floor. Calculate your total floor space (length X width) plus the area of any irregular shapes within the room. Divide the total square footage by 18.5 and add a 10% safety factor to determine the number of cartons.

TOOLS & MATERIALS:

- Hand saw or power saw
- Tape measure
- Utility knife
- Drill, carpenters glue and bar clamp, if pipes come through your floor.
- 1/8" spacers (or smaller)
- Masking tape
- 6 mil plastic sheet, if installed over concrete floor

KITCHENS, BATHROOMS, LAUNDRY ROOMS AND ANY OTHER AREAS SUSCEPTIBLE TO MOISTURE:

Do not install cabinets over laminate flooring. Laminate flooring should be installed up to the front of the cabinets leaving a 1/8" to 1/4" expansion space. Silicone sealant should be used to fill-in expansion space in all possible wet areas such as icemakers, dishwashers and sink areas.

In the laundry room remember that rubber pads should be attached to the washer and dryer leveling feet before these appliances are operated.

Always use transitions and silicone sealant at bathroom doorways to separate the bathroom flooring from the remainder of the installation. Toilets must be removed before installing laminate flooring. Leave a 1/8" to 1/4" expansion gap around the toilet flange perimeter. After fitting of the flooring this gap should be sealed with premium quality silicone sealant. Seal with silicone sealant the expansion space around the room perimeter and all fixed obstacles such as cabinets, pipes, doorframes, sinks and toilets. To avoid water penetration underneath the planks in any wet areas, you must seal with silicone sealant the expansion space around the perimeter. (This will not affect the expansion of the laminate flooring.)

If installing over concrete or a concrete floor covered by tiles, you must first lay down a 6-mil plastic sheet vapor barrier. Always apply a small bead of silicone sealant between the bottoms of the trim molding and the surface of the laminate flooring.

Do not install laminate flooring in rooms with a water drain located in the subfloor. For moisture resistance warranty in any room, silicone sealant must be used as instructed in all of the above instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Remove any existing carpeting or wood flooring glued to a concrete floor. (Wood flooring NOT glued to a concrete floor can remain.) Ensure the floor is clean and dry.

2. Remove baseboards.

NOTE: If installing over concrete or a concrete floor covered by tiles, you must first lay down a 6-mil plastic sheet vapor barrier. Sheetting should overlap at least 7-8 inches and extend up the wall 2 1/2". Secure seams with masking tape. Do not use plastic sheeting over an existing wood floor. (See Fig. A.)

3. Measure the width of the room and divide by 12", the width of one plank. If the remainder is 2 1/2" inches or smaller, cut down the first row of planks on the tongue side (the less machined side) to have sufficient width for your last row. (Width of first and last planks should be approximately equal.)
4. If possible, install planks with their length parallel to incoming sunlight.

NOTE: If your room is larger than 1,000 square feet, you must leave expansion space. Use 1/8" spacers to create expansion space around the entire perimeter of the room and any fixed objects pipes, doorframes, cabinets, etc. If your room is smaller, a proportionately narrower gap is recommended no less than 1/8".

5. Start in the left corner of the room. Trim the first row per the above instructions or cut off the tongue of the planks (whichever is applicable), and run this trimmed edge parallel to the wall using the expansion spacers. (See Fig. B.)
6. Install each sequential plank by inserting one short end into the other at an angle and pressing down. (See Fig. C.)
7. When you reach the end of the row, measure and trim the last plank to fit. (Cut with the decorative side up with a handsaw, decorative side down with a power saw. See Fig. D.) If this last piece is 15-16" or shorter, cut a new plank in half and use this to start the next row.
8. Lift the previously installed row slightly to enable you to snap the first adjacent plank into position. (See Fig. E.) For subsequent planks, the short end is positioned at an angle to engage the planks. (See Fig. F.) Then give the board a sharp rap with your hand to fully engage (See Fig. G.) and press down firmly (See Fig. H.) Continue until you are done.

INSTALLATION TIP # 1

To install flooring around pipes, drill a hole in the plank that is 1/4" to 1/2" larger than pipe diameter. Cut the plank across the center of the circle, position on the floor, glue plank pieces back together and clamp (do not glue laminate to subfloor). Cover expansion gaps with molding or pipe rings when the floor is complete. Water pipes require silicone sealant. (See Fig. J.)

INSTALLATION TIP # 2

Flooring should extend under the doorframe. Use a piece of scrap flooring to mark the depth that the doorframe should be trimmed. (See Fig. K.)

9. To install the last row, trace the wall contour and cut. Remember to leave room for expansion. (See Fig. I.)

INSTALLATION TIP # 3

To replace any planks that may have been damaged in installation, simply raise the last installed board approximately 1 1/2" until it disengages. Do not engage and disengage more than 3 times. Continue until you reach the affected plank, replace and reinstall the planks.

10. Trim any excess plastic sheeting and remove spacers. Reinstall baseboards without nailing to the floor.

FLOOR CARE

Vacuum with a soft brush or wipe with a slightly damp mop. Do not soak floor or use strong detergent cleaners. To remove stains, use a mild, non-abrasive cleanser. Felt pads are recommended under furniture legs. Floor mats are recommended at all exterior doorways.

