

Solid Floors - between a rock and a hard place

In the previous article you've read what we think about 'Cheap Offers' in Solid wood flooring and what to note. We recently received a question where the buyer ended up between a rock and a hard place.

Solid short lengths on chipboard?

Hi, i am looking to fit solid oak flooring in my lounge (18mm x 125mm x 300-1200mm lengths) the lounge is 6m x 4m, the floor is of chipboard, all skirtings will be removed, what is the best way of fitting this type of oak flooring.???

Mr E.

Double trouble!



Hi Mr E.

Thank you for your question. You're between a rock and a hard place I'm afraid.

9 times out of 10 these type of solid floors have too many short lengths in the pack - and only 1 long length. If that hadn't been the case you could have installed this floor using the floating method on foam underlayment and [glueing the T&G's correctly](#).

In this case you should fully bond the floorboards with [flexible adhesive](#) - if it wasn't for the case that modern chipboard (water resistant/repellent) don't bond with the adhesive! Secret nailing on chipboard is never a good idea (the chipboard will 'explode' due to the force and angle of the nails).

So, dilemma. These type of products is what we call: [getting the 'short end of the stick'](#)

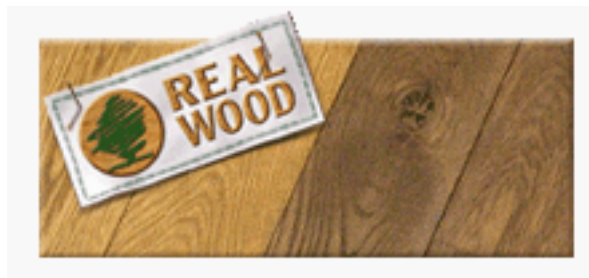
Not sure if this is still possible, or if you want this: but best to return the product to the supplier and opt for a higher quality floor that can be installed floating without causing you problems and giving you a better result.

Hope this helps

Kind Regards

Wood You Like Ltd

Who else wants a robust floor covering that becomes more beautiful over time?



A wide selection of natural wooden flooring: [From Basic Oak to Bespoke](#) can be found in our [secure webshop](#)