
I N S T A L L A T I O N G U I D E

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION
IMPROPER INSTALLATION WILL VOID WARRANTY



ALWAYS WORK FROM A MINIMUM OF 3 CARTONS

Store the packages of laminate in the room or rooms to be covered for at least 72 hours at normal room temperature before installation. Wait for any completion of wall preparation, painting, and other wet trades before storage begins. Do not open the packages but spread them out in the room or rooms. If the installation area is new construction, wait for 14 days with the climate controlled at normal room temperature with a minimum of 62°F (17°C). This allows for acclimation of the temperature and humidity conditions.

Check the sub floor for a smooth surface and fill any depressions or holes with a floor level compound. Long rooms in excess of 15' (5m) in either direction should be checked for any uneven conditions in the subfloor and level compound should be applied to within a difference from one end to the other of a gradual minimum of 1/8" (3mm) within a 10' (3m) radius.

Always shuffle the planks from various packages to insure mixture of grain and color.

You will need to install a t-molding to allow for expansion after a run of 23' in width and 35' in length.

Do not install pad attached laminate on stairs.

CHECK THE PLANKS BEFORE INSTALLING THEM TO BE SURE OF APPEARANCE.

We maintain strict quality control at the factory but it is a good idea to check each plank for any blemishes or flaws. Return any such planks to your dealer for replacement.



Figure 1: Thoroughly clean the subfloor and roll the underlayment as indicated. If installing over concrete a moisture barrier is required (at least 2mm) the plastic film should be overlaid on the adjoining row by about 10" (25cm). When you are applying foam the rows should abut. **Please Note:** (Additional foam is not required if foam is already attached to laminate.)



Figure 2: Commence installation in the left hand corner. Use shims to allow about 1/4" (6mm) between the plank and the walls, or stationary interior room objects, so that there is room for normal expansion and movement.



Figure 3: Insert the end section of the next plank at an angle and press down to get a flat adjoining surface. Continue this process to the end of the first row.

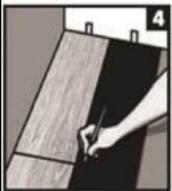


Figure 4: Place the last plank face down with the short side (without the locking side) facing the wall as indicated. Be sure to allow for the 1/4" (6mm) expansion space next the wall and draw the cut line.

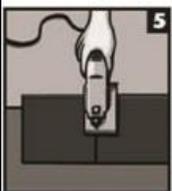


Figure 5: If you are using a sabre saw, or other type of power saw, place the plank face down on the work area and cut to size. If you are cutting with a hand saw, use a fine tooth blade and cut the plank with the face up. Insert the cut plank into the row. Use a crowbar to ease the plank into position.

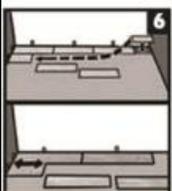


Figure 6: The cut piece from the previous row should be used to start the next row. This cut piece should be at least 12" (30cm) long. If the cut piece is less than 12" (30cm), start with a full plank which should be cut in half length-wise in order to achieve the staggered appearance. Be sure that all end joints are staggered in length at least 12" (30cm).



Figure 7: Insert the starting piece of plank on the next row at an angle and press forward and down to snap into place.



Figure 8: Insert the next plank at an angle and snap into place lengthwise. Allow a slight space between the ends and then lock into place by using a tapping block and tap the ends tightly together. The tapping block can be a remnant piece from a cut plank or you can use a block of wood with a routed out interior that does not adversely impact the end side profile.



Figure 9: Continue step 8 system on the remaining planks in the row. At the end of the row repeat steps 4, 5 and 6.



Figure 10: To install the last row of the project, place a loose board on top of the last installed plank on the adjoining row. Place another board on top, with the tongue side facing the wall (allow the 1/4" (6mm) expansion joint) and draw a line along the edge of the plank as indicated in the figure and cut along the drawn line. Insert the cut plank against the wall and use a crowbar to ease into position. The shims can then be removed.