



RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WATERPROOF LAMINATE FLOORING

ATTENTION: CAREFULLY READ BEFORE INSTALLING!

Master Floors planks are designed to be a floating floor over an existing secured floor. It is not necessary to glue down our floating floor with any adhesives.

CAUTION: Do not install our Waterproof Laminate Flooring over carpet or any other soft or uneven surface. **It's highly recommended to use a 6 mil PE Film under flooring planks as a moisture barrier, in order to prevent floors from warping after long-periods of exposure.** This product is not suitable for any outside use, sunrooms, solariums, or saunas. We also highly recommend you do not install in rooms that are not temperature - climate controlled. Exposure to long-term direct sunlight and elevated heat can cause damage to your floor. In areas where there are extreme temperature fluctuations, ensure HVAC systems are on and operating properly.

Important information:

- The flooring must be acclimated a minimum of 24 to 48 hours prior to installation in the room where the installation will take place.
- In rooms larger than 20 x20 m (400 m2), the flooring must be installed in smaller sections with expansion joints.
- The distance to walls and other permanent pieces of construction elements [such as pillars and kitchen islands] should be approximately 5 mm.
- Never install very heavy pieces of furniture such as kitchen islands or cabinets on top of the flooring.
- The indoor climate should have a temperature between 60°F-75°F(15-23°C) and relative air humidity between 30-60% (according to Swedish Standards Institute).
- Always follow the floor manufacturers requirements and specifications regarding subfloor preparation.

1. Tools needed

- Utility knife and straight edge
- Measuring tape
- Shears for cutting around irregular shaped objects
- 1/4" spacers

2. Pre-Installation

ROOM CONDITIONS FOR INSTALLING OUR LAMINATE PLANKS:

The optimum room temperature range shall be 60°F-75°F (15C-23C) for 24 - 48 hrs.before, during and after installation, and a humidity range of 30-60% is recommended. Do not remove the planks from the boxes during this acclimation period! Maintain this temperature during installation as well.

CHECK THE PLANKS BEFORE INSTALLING TO BE SURE OF APPEARANCE:

We maintain strict quality control at the factory, but it is a good idea to check each plank for blemishes or flaws.

SHUFFLE PLANKS FOR BEST VISUAL REPRESENTATION:

Our flooring replicates the look of a natural product with variation in color, texture, and sheen-gloss. For the best visual effect, shuffle planks from several cartons and do not install similar planks next to one another.

3. Subfloor preparation

The subfloor surface must be smooth, flat, dry, clean, and solid. Carpet staples or adhesive residue must be removed to ensure proper installation. Subfloors should be flat within a tolerance of 1/8"(3 mm) over a span of 4 feet (1.22 m). Any unevenness over 1/8"(3mm) must be sanded down or filled with a floor leveler. Voids or humps in the subfloor will prevent vinyl from locking properly. Subfloors must be carefully checked for moisture problems.

The LAMINATE FLOORING is waterproof. It is NOT a water-proofer; any moisture problems need to be addressed prior to installation. New concrete floors need to be cured fully for a minimum of 60 days.

HELPFUL NOTICE: If laying LAMINATE FLOORING over existing ceramic tile, it will be necessary to skim coat the grout lines with a floor leveler. If you install vinyl over an existing floor that has an embossing or grout line on it, you must skim coat with a floor leveler if the embossing or grout line is greater than 1/8" (3 mm).

4. General installation instruction:

1 First plank, first row
Place a spacer with predicted thickness to the left and position the panel against the wall.

2 Later, after 3 rows, you can easily position the flooring with predicted spacers.

3 When folding down it is important to start from the corner closest to the previous row, folding down towards the center, and continue towards the opposite long side. During the fold down, make sure the panels are close to each other.

4 Afterwards press slightly along the short end just installed.

5 Second plank second row
Place the panel gently and close to the short end of the previous panel and fold it down in a single action movement.

6 Staggered joint distance i.e. minimum distance between short ends of panels in parallel rows shall not be less than the given length.

7 Second row

8 After 2-3 rows

9 Adjust the distance to the front wall by placing spacers.

10 Last row (and perhaps also first row).

At the end of the first row, put a spacer to the wall and measure the length of the last plank to fit.

Minimum width 50 mm. Place a spacer to the wall before measuring. Make a simple drawing tool (piece of wood with a hole) and mark the panel along the wall. Cut the panels lengthwise including the flexible tongues.

Installation around radiator/heating pipes

Drill holes two times larger than the diameter of the pipes. Remove a piece of the panel with a utility knife. Put the panel on one side of the pipes and the removed piece on the other side.

When angling is not possible
Remove the vertical locking part of the strip with a chisel, put applicable glue on the strip and push the planks horizontally together. Place some spacers between last board and the wall.

Dismantling panels

Separate the whole row by carefully lifting up and release the whole row.
Fold up the row and release the whole long side.

Never fold up a panel, as this damage the profile.

Notes

1- Inspect the ground before installation, the installation is feasible with the moisture under 30-60%; for special ground with the moisture 40%-60%, you should install a little to confirm before mass- installation; and it is unsuitable to install with the moisture over 60%.A way to test the moisture is to flatly place a couple of planks on the ground and see if there is moisture on the back 6- 12 hours later. The following situations are beyond the warranty: Minor color, shape or texture variations between samples, printed color photography and the actual material.

2- Please note every installation is different and these specifications for installation are only recommendations.

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1. It is our recommendation to first sweep and vacuum the floor surface to ensure removal of all loose dust, dirt, and debris. Using a mop (or, for large areas, a floor cleaning machine with a low abrasive pad), scrub the flooring surface. Using warm, clean water, rinse several times or as needed, then use a dry mop or wet vacuum to remove the water and allow drying.

2. Do not allow pets with unclipped nails to damage your LAMINATE FLOORING. It may result in severe scratching to the surface. The same is true for any high-heeled shoes that do not have proper tips on the heels.



3. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time. During peak sunlight hours, use drapes or blinds to minimize the direct sunlight on the

LAMINATE FLOORING. Most types of flooring will be affected by continuous strong sunlight. In addition, excessive temperatures are not good for resilient floors. Some natural ventilation or intermittent air conditioning in vacant homes should be considered. Long-term continuous inside temperatures over 38°C (100 degrees) combined with strong direct sunlight will damage your LAMINATE FLOORING and may cause the installation to fail.

4. Always sweep or vacuum your LAMINATE FLOORING before cleaning so that all loose dirt and particles are removed. For best results don't use combination cleaner finish products.

5. DO NOT WAX your LAMINATE FLOORING! The surface of your floor is very dense and non-porous, which prevents wax from penetrating and thus builds up which can cause yellowing and dirt collection. The same non-porous feature also provides all the protection against wear and staining that you will need. Your laminate floor has been designed to be very easy to maintain.

6. If your floor has been exposed to excessive amounts of water due to flooding, simply remove the water as quickly as possible. A dehumidifier should be promptly turned on in the room to reduce the moisture levels back to normal. Do not dry the room below the normal moisture level that existed previously.

7. When moving appliances or heavy furniture it is always suggested to use plywood panel on your floor and "walk" the item across it. We also recommend using floor protectors under furniture and placing a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt being brought in to your home.



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