

General Information

Please read these instructions thoroughly in conjunction with relevant country standards before installation.

Transport, Storage, Acclimatisation: Transport and store cartons in laying position, store planks at room temperature for at least 48h in their packaging prior installation. Remove plastic wrapping from packaging only when ready to install. Room temperature must be at least 18°C (65°F) before & during installation.



Subfloor Requirements:

General: Floating floors can be laid on top of most hard surfaces (e.g. concrete, ceramics, wood), soft subfloors (e.g. carpets) must be removed. The sub floor must be even, flat, dry and variations should not exceed 3mm in 2 m (0.12" in 6.6 feet). All types of hard sub floors must be dry (concrete screeds < 2,0%; anhydrite screeds < 0,5% - CM instrument).

Moisture Protection: All types of sub floors require insulation against moisture. Use PE film with minimum thickness of 0,2mm (.008). On ground/basement sub floors we recommend laying 2 layers crossway for better protection.

Preventive Care:

If work will take place in the room where the floor is installed, protect with craft paper, plywood or hardboard.

Please Note: We do not recommend this product with underfloor heating.

- Cork Floating floors are intended for indoor use only.
- Do not drag furniture across the floor.
- Use felt pads on chair and furniture legs.
- Never use latex or rubber backed mats as they can permanently stain the floor.
- Office roller chairs must comply with DIN 68131.
- Place quality walk-off mats at all entrances to retain tracked in dirt, grit and moisture.
- Avoid moisture. Healthy room conditions are 35-65% R.H. at 20°C (68°F). If necessary use a room humidifier.
- Cork is a natural material which tends to fade when exposed to sunlight. Use blinds, curtains to minimize this effect.
- Cork will expand and contract through heating and non-heating seasons, therefore experiencing some separation between the planks/tiles at different times during the year. Such separations are not considered a product defect.

Laying Instructions

Inspection: Prior to installation, inspect planks in daylight for visible faults/damage. Check if subfloor/site conditions comply with the specifications described in these instructions, if you are not satisfied do not install, and contact your supplier.

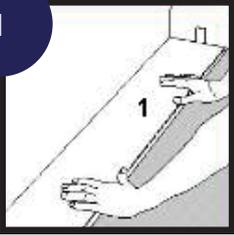
Tools & Materials: Electric saw, spacers, pencil, set square, PE film and adhesive tape.

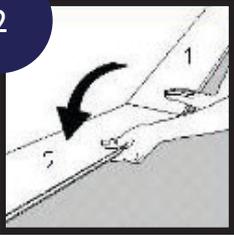
Moisture Protection: Lay the PE film, allowing for at least 20cm (8") overlapping and tape. Turn the film upward 5cm along the walls and trim after the skirting boards are fixed.

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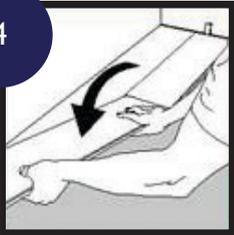
Before Laying: Measure the room at right angle to the direction of the planks. Planks in the final row should be at least 5cm wide, for this purpose, planks in the first row can be cut to smaller size. Shuffle planks in order to obtain a pleasant blend of shades. Lay planks preferably following the direction of the main source of light. We recommend laying on wooden floors crossways to the existing floorboard. Planks must not be nailed or screwed to the subfloor and skirting boards must not be fixed in a way which restricts the movement of the floor.

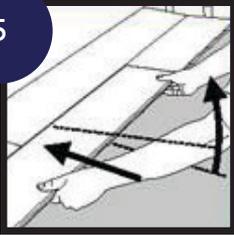
Expansion Gaps: Provide 10 mm expansion gaps to the walls and other fixed objects. Areas greater than 100m² (900 sq. ft) or 10m (30 feet) in either direction, transitions between rooms and asymmetrical areas require extra expansion gaps.

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Start in the corner. Turn the tongue side of the first plank to the wall, maintaining a gap of 10mm on the short side.
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Hold the next plank at an angle against the first plank and lay it flat on the floor. Complete first row in the same way. Cut final plank of the first row to correct length and start the next row with the piece leftover (must be at least 300mm long) . Ensure that the end joints are staggered at least 300mm.
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Place first plank of the new row with the tongue side at an angle against the groove side of the plank in the previous row. Press forward and lay it flat at the same time.
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Place the short end of the plank at an angle against the previous installed plank and fold down. Ensure that the plank is positioned on the integral locking strip of the plank in the previous row.
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Lift planks (together with the previous laid in the same row) lightly up (about 30 mm), push it against the row in front and then put it down. Adjust the distance to the wall to 10mm when three rows are completed. Proceed installation as described above until reaching the opposite wall.