Installation Guides

Laminate Click & 5G

Laminate floors are a popular choice of flooring due to the fact that they are very easy to install. They can be installed in all areas of the house (except wet rooms) and are suitable for use over any type of subfloor including underfloor heating.

Additionally, some of our floors feature a 5G click system, these boards feature the latest technology for an even faster and easier fitting. As well as a locking profile on the long edge, the 5G range uses a plastic widget on the short edge to provide a robust joint on all sides that can be simply pushed down into place with ease.

Click system floating installation is the most common and DIY friendly installation method because it is the easiest and the fastest to do and does not require any special skills or prior experience. The floor just clicks together with no need for any glue.

All floating flooring installations must use the correct underlay. The ideal choice for laminate flooring is Cushion Ultra Silver Wood Underlay, which has a built-in damp proof membrane (DPM) that's suitable for use over a concrete subfloor. Over a wooden subfloor you can use the Cushion Plus White Underlay with its vapour barriers. Alternatively Cushion Standard White Underlay, dependent on subfloor construction. Cushion Acoustic Gold Wood Flooring Underlay is not a suitable option for this type of flooring.
*Please note: Herringbone laminate flooring should be laid with Acoustic Timberpro Silver underlay or Acoustic Vinyl Underlay as it provides the best durability under the product.

Using the correct underlay can give better support to your new flooring, which in turn prolongs the life and also aids installation by removing some minor imperfections from the subfloor.

Please ensure you review and follow the manufacturers guidance on subfloor prep and levelling to achieve a correct fit. For herringbone lines the subfloor should be completely flat.

After acclimatization we recommend opening 3-4 packs when installing to stagger the boards creating a floor with great visual interest.

Each board is designed with a click profile on all four sides to join the boards together. Simply insert the long side tongue into the groove at a medium angle and then push them down. The shorter end, known as the "Header Joint", will vary dependent on product chosen. You will need to refer to the manufacturers guides for further product specific instructions.

You will need to leave a 15mm expansion gap around the perimeter of the room. To maintain this gap during installation spacers are provided in our installation kit (purchased separately). After you have installed the floor you can cover this expansion gap with scotia beading or replace you old skirting boards with new ones, this gives a much more professional finish. An expansion gap also needs to be left in doorways where the floor follows through from one room to another or not. We have a full range of door profiles available to match your floor.

The above is a brief guideline on the installation of our laminate flooring; always refer to the manufacturer's installation guidelines contained within packs of the flooring or visit our Flooring Manufacturer Installation Guides.

If you require any further advice on installation then please call our technical department on 02476 012 840, e-mail us on technical@ukflooringdirect.co.uk or click the Live Help Button at the top of the page.