

5.5" (5-1/2") WIDTH ENGINEERED CORK PLANK FLOORING

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTENTION INSTALLERS

WARNING: Installation of wood product may create wood dust, which is known to the state of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection.

Sawing, sanding and machining wood products can produce wood dust. Airborne wood dust can cause respiratory, eye and skin irritation. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified wood dust as a nasal carcinogen in humans.

Precautionary Measures: If power tools are used, they should be equipped with a dust collector. If high dust levels are encountered, use an appropriate NIOSH-designated dust mask. Avoid dust contact with eye and skin.

First Aid Measures in Case of Irritation: In case of irritation, flush eyes or skin with water for at least 15 minutes.

WARNING: Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/wood-dust.

Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) which include NIOSH or OSHA approved dust masks, safety goggles and work gloves.

WARNING: EXISTING IN-PLACE RESILIENT FLOOR COVERING AND ASPHALTIC ADHESIVES. DO NOT SAND, DRY SWEEP, DRY SCRAPE, DRILL, SAW, BEADBLAST, OR MECHANICALLY CHIP OR PULVERIZE EXISTING RESILIENT FLOORING, BACKING, LINING FELT, ASPHALTIC "CUTBACK" ADHESIVE, OR OTHER ADHESIVE.

These existing in-place products may contain asbestos fibers and/or crystalline silica. Avoid creating dust. Inhalation of such dust is a cancer and respiratory tract hazard. Smoking by individuals exposed to asbestos fibers greatly increases the risk of serious bodily harm. Unless positively certain that the existing in-place product is a non-asbestos-containing material, you must presume it contains asbestos. Regulations may require that the material be tested to determine asbestos content and may govern removal and disposal of material. See current edition of the Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI) publication Recommended Work Practices for Removal of Resilient Floor Coverings for instructions on removing all resilient floor covering structures.

If you have technical or installation questions please call 1-800-258-5758

IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MINNESOTA ONLY:

THESE BUILDING MATERIALS EMIT FORMALDEHYDE. EYE, NOSE, AND THROAT IRRITATION, HEADACHE, NAUSEA AND A VARIETY OF ASTHMA-LIKE SYMPTOMS, INCLUDING SHORTNESS OF BREATH, HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS A RESULT OF FORMALDEHYDE EXPOSURE. ELDERLY PERSONS AND YOUNG CHILDREN, AS WELL AS ANYONE WITH A HISTORY OF ASTHMA, ALLERGIES, OR LUNG PROBLEMS, MAY BE AT GREATER RISK. RESEARCH IS CONTINUING ON THE POSSIBLE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO FORMALDEHYDE.

REDUCED VENTILATION MAY ALLOW FORMALDEHYDE AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE INDOOR AIR. HIGH INDOOR TEMPERATURES AND HUMIDITY RAISE FORMALDEHYDE LEVELS. WHEN A HOME IS TO BE LOCATED IN AREAS SUBJECT TO EXTREME SUMMER TEMPERATURES, AN AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM CAN BE USED TO CONTROL INDOOR TEMPERATURE LEVELS. OTHER MEANS OF CONTROLLED MECHANICAL VENTILATION CAN BE USED TO REDUCE LEVELS OF FORMALDEHYDE AND OTHER INDOOR AIR CONTAMINANTS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF FORMALDEHYDE, CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

TRANSPORT, STORAGE, ACCLIMATION:

- Transport and store cartons in laying/flat position.
- Store planks at room temperature for at least 48 hours 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 subfloor must be even, flat, dry and variations should not exceed 3/16" in 8 feet radius.
- All type of hard subfloors must be dry (concrete screeds < 2.0 %; anhydrite screeds < 0.5 % - CM instrument).

MOISTURE PROTECTION:

Required on concrete/below grade only.

- Use PE film/moisture barrier with minimum thickness of 0.2 mm (.008).

RADIANT-HEATED SUBFLOORS:

- Subfloor surface temperature must not exceed 28°C (82°F).
- For detailed information, follow instructions of the subfloor heating system manufacturer/contractor or contact your supplier.

PREVENTIVE CARE:

- If works will take place in the room where the floor is installed, protect with craft paper, plywood or hardboard.
- Do not drag furniture across the floor.
- Use felt pads on chair and furniture legs.
- Office roller chairs must comply with EN 12529 (Type W). Use protective office mats under the rolling chairs.
- Place quality walk-off mats at all entrances to retain tracked in dirt, grit and moisture.
- Never use latex or rubber backed mats as they can permanently stain the floor.
- Avoid moisture on the floor. Clean up spills immediately.
- Ideal and healthy room conditions are 35-55% R.H. at 20°C (68°F).
- If necessary use a room humidifier.
- These floors are intended for indoor use only.
- Flooring products are based on natural materials, and will expand and contract through heating and non-heating seasons, thus experiencing some separation between the planks/tiles at different times during the year. Such separations are not considered a product defect.

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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 AND MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- Electric saw • Spacers • Pencil • Set square
- PE film/Moisture Barrier • Adhesive tape

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MOISTURE PROTECTION:

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- Lay the PE film, allowing for at least 20 cm (8") overlapping and tape.
- Turn the film upward 5 cm (2") along the walls.
- Trim after the Trims / Moldings are fixed.

BEFORE LAYING:

- Measure the room at right angle to the direction of the planks.
- Planks in the final row should be at least 5 cm 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.
- When installing on wood subfloors, flooring planks should run perpendicular to the direction of the subfloor joists.
- Planks must not be nailed or screwed to the subfloor.
- Trims / Moldings must not be fixed in a way which restricts the movement of the floor.

EXPANSION GAPS:

- Provide 10 mm (3/8") expansion gaps to the walls and other fixed objects.
- Areas greater than 100 m² (900 sq. ft) or 10 m (30 feet) in either direction, transitions between rooms and asymmetrical areas require extra expansion gaps.

START LAYING:

1. Start in the corner, turn the tongue side of the plank to the wall while maintaining a gap of 10 mm (2/5") on the short side.
2. Hold the next plank tight to the short end of the first one matching the corner, then fold it down with a single action movement. Make sure that the long sides of the planks make a straight line. Complete first row in the same way. Cut final plank of the first row to correct length and start next row with the piece leftover (must be at least 300 mm (12") long). Ensure that end joints are staggered at least 300 mm (12").
3. 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.
4. Place the second plank like the previous one and fold it down ensuring that no joint is noticed between short sides. Ensure that the plank is positioned on the integral locking strip of the plank in the previous row.
5. Adjust the distance to the wall to 10mm (2/5") when three rows are completed. Proceed installation as described above until reaching the opposite wall.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE:

Use only recommended products. Contact us at 1-800-258-5758 for details.

