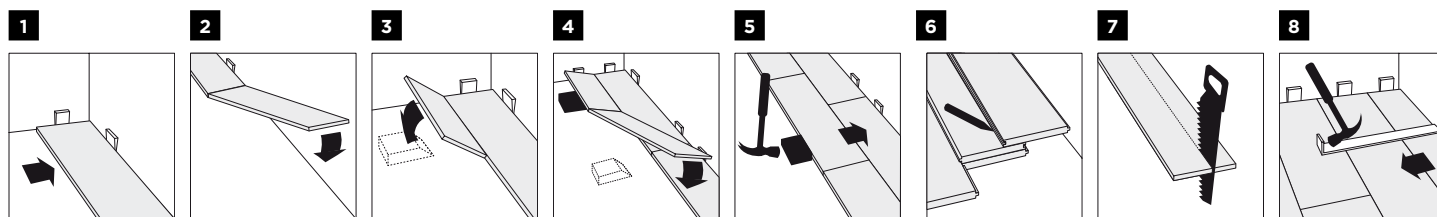


installation instruction topbamboo (engineered board with clicksystem)



before installation

- To allow acclimatisation, lay your bamboo flooring flat in the room in which it is to be installed for at least 48 hours, in its sealed foil packaging or box, at a room temperature of 18°-21°C (40-65% air humidity). After opening the foil packaging or box, the boards have to be installed immediately.
- Please note that the surface to which the flooring is to be applied must have a minimum temperature of 18°C. The flooring may be installed on any sub floor which is level, without cracks, dry, clean and stable.
- Excessive humidity has a detrimental effect on the flooring. Maximum permitted humidity levels for sub floors are: sand cement 1.8%, chipboard 7-9%, anhydrite floors 0.3%.
- We recommend that you use PE damp proof membrane (min 0.2mm). The membrane must overlap by 30 cm.
- We recommend that you use a sound isolating underlay like a PE-foam.

please note

- Bamboo is a natural product! Therefore variations in colour and structure within a batch are possible. You should always mix the components from different boxes.
- Before installation, we advise you to inspect the flooring for moisture content, size, colour differences and damage. We cannot accept any complaints regarding this once the material has been installed or further processed.
- Installation of the flooring should always be the final job in any building project, in order to avoid damaging the flooring surface. Take care when working with adhesive tape as this could damage the flooring finish.
- Felt pads must be attached to furniture and chairs to avoid damage to the flooring surface.
- To protect against dust and sand, a walk-off mat has to be placed before and after the entrance of the room.

ideal room conditions

- Room temperature approx. 18-21°C; Air humidity 40-65%.
- During the winter months, room air can become extremely dry. To maintain a constant air humidity, ceramic humidifiers should be mounted on radiators (or stoves) and, for larger rooms, electric air humidifiers are required. In summer and autumn when air humidity is high, ensure that the room is well-ventilated. Where these conditions are not maintained, warping, shrinkage and movement will occur. Check the air humidity using a hygrometer.

expansion gap

- This floor type is laid as a floating floor, see the following installation instructions. Fully gluing the boards to the subfloor is also a possible installation method, but this requires specialist materials and skills; therefore a recognised contractor should carry out the installation.
- Bamboo and wood are natural products which are affected by air humidity. Excessive air humidity causes bamboo materials to swell whilst low air humidity results in shrinking. It is of the utmost importance that you maintain distance (expansion gap) from walls, door frames, pipes etc. This distance should be minimal 10-15 mm. If the floor is wider than approx. 7 metres or longer than approx. 12 metres, a larger expansion gap must be included.

floor heating / cooling

This floor type can be installed - under certain conditions - on warm water floor heating. See **"MOSO" Bamboo Flooring** floor heating / cooling".

installation

(numbers refer to the drawings above)

- 1 Place the first board, in the left side of the room, with the tongue side against the wall.
- 2 Connect the next board on the headside: insert the tongue under a 45 degree angle and press it to the floor. Continue to install the rest of the row in the same manner.
- 3 Start the second row with the off-cut from the last board installed. Put an installation wedge under the short end of the last board installed.
- 4 Connect the next board on the headside: insert the tongue under a 45 degree angle and press it down, at the same time inserting the tongue on the length side of the board.
- 5 Carefully tap the boards together using a hammer and tapping block. Remove the installation wedge and gently push the boards down to the floor. Continue to install the rest of the floor in the same manner.
- 6 To measure the width of the last row of boards, place the board face down, tongue side facing the wall, on top of the last installed row. Place a spare board on top of the board to be cut, slide the spare board across until it touches the wall. Run a pencil down the edge of the spare board, thus marking the board to be cut. Remember to allow for extra space for the expansion gap.
- 7 Cut the board along the pencil line.
- 8 Tap the last board into place using a hammer and a hook tool. Insert spacers to obtain the required expansion gap.

maintenance and cleaning

Cleaning and care: The useful life of your engineered boards will be considerably increased with suitable cleaning and maintenance. Ask your supplier which products are suitable.

skirting boards

Skirting boards must be fixed to the walls with screws and plugs in such a way as not to obstruct the natural movement of the wooden floor. If skirting boards are fixed to the wooden floor they will obstruct the floor's natural movement, and may, therefore, cause damage.

additional note

Whilst all due care is taken to ensure the accuracy of the installation instructions, individual circumstances (location, subfloor and installation procedures) may vary and are beyond the manufacturer's control. In case of doubt, therefore, consult the distributor.

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