

## 5GS Click

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### Installation Guide

Engineered floors are very dimensionally stable allowing them to be installed over all types of sub floor. They are suitable for all areas of the home except bathrooms and wet areas. They are also suitable for use over under floor heating and conservatories.

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### Storage

Decorating and remodelling a home is a time-consuming process that can become even longer when little problems arise. If your building project exceeds the original timeframe you may need to store some of your flooring materials like engineered hardwood & Laminate 5GS flooring. These types of flooring are extremely susceptible to water, weather and heat damage so they must be stored properly in order for it to be viable for use when you need it. If you make the effort to store your flooring properly, you can avoid having to deal with damage or replacements later.

While it may be required to leave your engineered hardwood & Laminate 5GS flooring in the garage for a few days before bringing it inside to acclimatise, these conditions are not acceptable for long-term storage. Your flooring must be kept in properly enclosed surroundings that have a secure roof and weatherproof windows. Extreme temperatures and excess moisture can irreparably damage your flooring, so it is important to select an area that will protect your flooring from exposure to the elements.

If engineered hardwood & Laminate 5GS Flooring products are exposed to freezing temperatures or extreme humidity, this can lead cracking or warping in some cases. In order to prevent this damage, if you are not sure, speak to our Customer Sales Team about what temperature and humidity is ideal for storing your particular type of flooring, and do what you can to control the temperature and humidity in your temporary storage area. All flooring needs to be kept clean and dry, so air circulation can also be a concern. Clean air should be



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allowed to circulate among the stacks of flooring; you may need to install fans if your building has poor air flow.

The flooring should be laid down horizontally onto a flat surface, and never propped up against a wall, as this is very likely to cause the flooring to warp and bow.

As a general guide, look at Temperatures in the region of 18-24°C and Relative Humidity 45-60%. (Please refer to the manufactures guides upon delivery, or if you anticipate storage needs contact our Customer Service Team on 08443 274 444)

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### Acclimatisation

Due to their stability they can be fitted in a minimum of 48 hours after correctly being acclimatised. To correctly acclimatise your engineered floor it should be left in the room it is going to be fitted in at suitable room temperature and relative humidity (RH). Please refer to the manufactures guides contained within the packaging for accurate advice of your chosen product.



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Our 5GS Engineered flooring has a revolutionary 5GS click installation system and can be installed as a floating floor which is the most common and DIY friendly installation method because it is the easiest and the fastest to install. It can be installed over any type of subfloor and it does not require any special skills or prior experience in installing floors as the floors just clicks together with no need for any glue.

All floating flooring installations must use the correct underlay. Over a concrete subfloor you will need to use a superior underlay which has a built in damp proof membrane (DPM) such as Cushion Premium Black Underlay. Over a wooden subfloor you can use the Cushion Plus White Underlay or Cushion Ultra Silver Underlay with their vapour barriers. Alternatively Cushion Standard White Underlay, dependent on subfloor construction. For installations over under floor heating we recommend using Cushion Heat Flow underlay. Also for improved noise reduction we recommend the Cushion Acoustic Pro or Acoustic Gold Underlay, bringing peace and quiet to the room, by reducing "Drum Sound".

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 sub-floor.

Each board has a tongue and grooved machined profile on all four sides, to join the boards together simply insert the tongue into the groove on a flat surface after running a bead of glue along the top inside of the groove on the board you are next fixing.

You will need to leave a minimum 15mm expansion gap around the perimeter of the room. To maintain this gap during installation, spacers are provided in our installation kit (purchased separately).



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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.

This is a brief guideline on the installation of our 5GS Click flooring; always refer to the manufactures installation guidelines contained within packs of the flooring or visit our Flooring Manufacture Installation Guides.

**If you require any further advice on installation then please call our technical department on 0844 327 5555, e-mail us on [technical@ukflooringdirect.co.uk](mailto:technical@ukflooringdirect.co.uk).**



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