

# Installation Guides

## Tongue & Groove Engineered Wood

Engineered floors are very dimensionally stable allowing them to be installed over all types of subfloor. They are suitable for all areas of the house, except bathrooms and wet areas, and can be used with underfloor heating and in conservatories.

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 normal room temperature and relative humidity (RH). Please refer to the manufacturer's guides contained within the packaging for accurate advice on your chosen product.

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 Acoustic Gold Wood Flooring Underlay. Over a wooden subfloor you can use the Essential Plus Cushion White Underlay or Cushion Ultra Silver Wood Underlay. Alternatively Essential Cushion White Underlay, dependent on subfloor construction.

Also, for improved noise reduction we recommend the Cushion Acoustic Gold Wood Flooring Underlay, bringing peace and quiet to the room, by reducing impact 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 subfloor.

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).

After you have installed the floor you can cover this expansion gap with scotia beading or replace your 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. We have a full range of door profiles available to match your floor.

Engineered Tongue and Grooved flooring can also be fully glued down, secret nail/screwed down or glued down with liquid battens.

The above is a brief guideline on the installation of T&G engineered flooring; always refer to the manufacturer's installation guidelines contained within packs of the flooring or visit our Flooring Manufacture Installation Guides.

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