

Bamboo Click

Installation Guide

Bamboo click floors are very dimensionally stable allowing them to be installed over all types of sub floors. They are suitable for all areas of the house 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 Bamboo click flooring. As a natural product, Bamboo click flooring is susceptible to environmental damage so it 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 Bamboo click flooring in the garage for a few days before bringing it inside to acclimatise, these conditions are not acceptable for long-term storage.

All flooring must be kept in properly enclosed surroundings that have a secure roof and weatherproof windows. Extreme temperatures and excess moisture can irreparably damage wood flooring so it is important to select an area that will protect your flooring from exposure to the elements.

If Bamboo click flooring is exposed to freezing temperatures or extreme heat, this can lead to later cracking or warping. In order to prevent this damage, if you are not sure, speak to one of our 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. Bamboo click flooring needs to be kept clean and dry, so air circulation is also a concern. Clean air should be allowed to circulate among the stacks of flooring; you may need to install fans if your building has poor air flow.



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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 02476 012 844).

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Acclimatisation

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

Due to their stability they can be fitted in a minimum of 48 hours after correctly being acclimatised. To correctly acclimatise your Bamboo 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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Bamboo flooring with a click installation system can be installed as floating floor, which is the most common and DIY friendly installation method because it is the easiest and the fastest to install. They can be installed over any type of subfloor and does not require any special skills or prior experience in installing floors as the floors just clicks together with no need for any glue.



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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 wood flooring underlay. Over a wooden subfloor you can use the Cushion Plus White Underlay or Cushion Ultra Silver wood underlay with their vapour barriers. Alternatively Cushion White wood underlay, dependent on subfloor construction. For installations over under floor heating we recommend using the Cushion Ultra Silver wood underlay. Also for improved noise reduction we can recommend the Cushion Acoustic Gold wood underlay or our 5.5mm Fibre Boards, 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 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 around a 20° 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 manufactures guides for further product specific instructions.

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 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 click engineered 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.



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