

ATTENTION: INSTALLERS AND HOMEOWNERS

Please Read Before Installation

To ensure ease of installation, the tongue and groove of SuperFast™ Solid Wood Flooring has been lightly waxed. From handling during installation, some wax may be present on the surface of the planks. This can be easily cleaned following the completion of installation by wiping the area with a clean, dry cloth or towel.

Installation Instructions for SuperFast™ Solid

Important

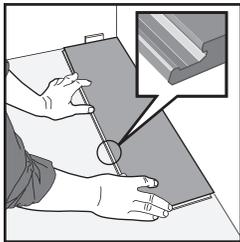
- SuperFast™ Solid wood floors are suitable for all rooms, except those that are subject to excessive moisture and high levels of humidity (like full bathrooms or wet rooms).
- Wood is a natural product and there will be graining and shade variances from plank to plank. This is characteristic of all natural wood flooring, and adds to the timeless beauty of real wood. Also, since wood flooring is a natural product, it is important during installation that you check each plank for any knots or visual issues that you may not want to install. It is normal to use such planks at the row ends, where the affected area may be cut off as waste material.
- All wood is hygroscopic, meaning it reacts to the moisture in the environment. As a result, it will expand or contract accordingly, so be sure to leave proper expansion area at the perimeter of the room(s). All sources of moisture must be rectified prior to the installation of the floor, and moisture levels in all rooms should be maintained at a stable level, in line with normal living conditions. Any construction dampness must be completely dry.
- It is important that you check each plank for manufacturing defects. Any faults must be reported back to the store of purchase for an immediate refund or replacement prior to the flooring being installed. The boards in this pack are random lengths, and should be laid randomly across the floor to create the best effect. **Helpful Hint:** To ensure the best visual, open a few cartons at a time and mix the planks from different cartons as they are installed.

I. Before You Start

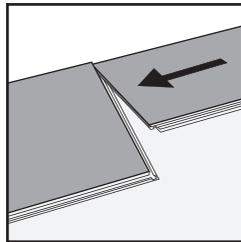
- Ensure you have sufficient packs of flooring to complete your project and read these instructions thoroughly. Calculate the total surface area of the room(s) and add 5% to 10% for cutting and waste.
- The flooring cartons should be placed in the room in which they are to be installed to acclimate for 48 hours and should be stacked, in their packaging, in such a way as to allow air to circulate. The planks should be stored and installed in a room temperature of between 65 and 75 degrees. The relative humidity during acclimation and installation should be between 45% - 60%, and this balance of humidity should be maintained during use of the floor.
- Wood flooring is a natural product which will mature with age and every board is unique in design. The planks may change shade over time as a reaction to exposure to sunlight and this is perfectly normal. It is recommended that you occasionally relocate rugs and furniture once installed to ensure even shading.
- All subfloors must be structurally sound, flat and dry. The surface should be swept thoroughly and be free of all dirt and loose material. The flatness of the subfloor should be a standard of no more than 3/8" height differential over a length of 8 feet.
- It is suggested that the planks be installed parallel towards the main incoming light source and, where possible, down the length of the room.

II. SuperFast™ Solid Floating Installation

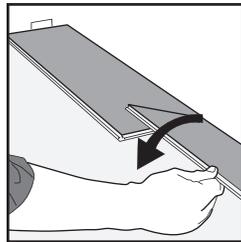
SuperFast™ Solid wood flooring may be installed over plywood subfloors, concrete subfloors, and even over vinyl floors that have been fully glue-adhered. Before installation of the floor, install a foam underlayment. Run the foam underlay in the same direction as the flooring planks. The underlay should be butted side-by-side with no overlap. Tape seams together. If you are installing on a concrete subfloor, either on grade or below grade, you will also need to use a minimum 6mm plastic poly sheeting placed under the foam underlayment as a moisture barrier. The plastic sheeting should be overlapped at least 6 inches and taped together. **Helpful Hint:** The foam underlayment is NOT overlapped, but the plastic sheeting is overlapped. You may also find that some foam underlayments already have the plastic attached. In this case, you would always install with the plastic side down.



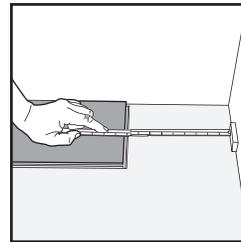
1. First plank, first row. Leave an expansion gap of approximately 1/2" width to the left, and position the plank against the starter wall. **Helpful Hint:** Skip to review Step 10 notes below regarding the last row, then come back to continue.



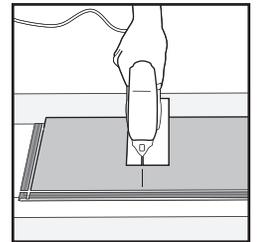
2. Second plank, first row. Place this plank tight to the short end of the first plank.



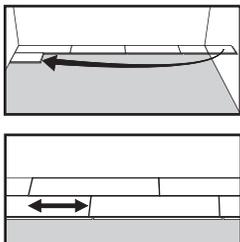
3. Lower the plank with a single action movement and repeat until you reach the end of the row.



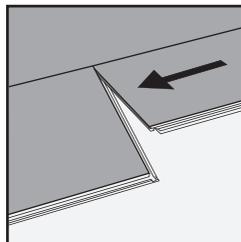
4. At the end of the first row, measure the length of the last plank to fit. Be sure to consider and include leaving the expansion space of approximately 1/2" at the end of the row.



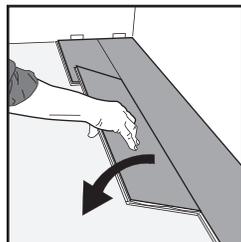
5. Once you have determined your measurement, make your cut.



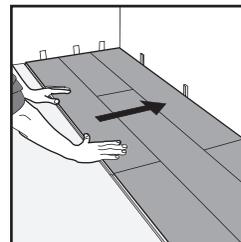
6. Second row. The first plank (in any row) should be at least 12" in length. Again, be sure to leave an expansion gap of 1/2" against the left wall as you start the second row. **Helpful Hint:** You can minimize waste by many times using the balance of the last cut plank from the prior row as the first plank of the second row. While this does not work for every row, it will work for the majority and help reduce your waste.



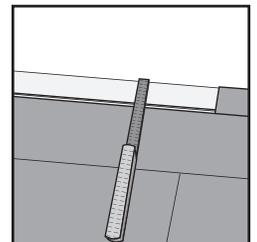
7. Second plank second row.



8. Place the panel tight to the short end of the previous panel and fold down in a single action movement.



9. After 3 rows are installed slightly pull the entire 3 rows away from the long wall to allow for your 1/2" expansion. Then continue installing each additional row as instructed above. **Helpful Hint:** To ensure a good visual as well as ensuring the structural integrity of the installation, do not install the planks in such a way that the end joints from one row to the other are closer than 6" apart.



10. For the last row, you will most likely need to cut the plank lengthways to fit against the far wall. Do not forget to leave the 1/2" expansion, and it is not recommended for the last plank to be less than 1 1/2" in width (which may mean adjustment to the first row....be sure to measure across your floor and determine this before starting).

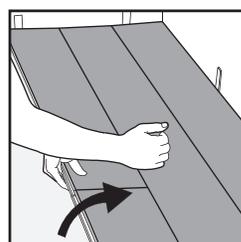
11. Note that in and around door jams, you may need to undercut the door jam molding to allow for the wood flooring to be able to expand and contract beneath the trim. In some cases, you may need to trim the bottom of the doors as well.

Moldings

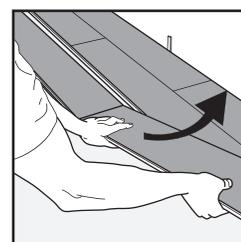
- There are transition moldings available to use when you need to transition from one area to another that involves possible height differences between flooring types. Also, there are various base moldings and skirtings that are available in order to cover the expansion spaces left around the perimeter of the room.

Disassembling

- If needed, your SuperFast™ Solid hardwood floor can be easily disassembled.



1. Separate the whole row by carefully lifting up and releasing the whole row. Fold up and release the whole long side.



2. Disassemble the panels by angling the short sides up vertically.

III. Care and Maintenance

- It is recommended that you use felt pads under all chair legs and furniture (a plastic or carpeted mat should be used in areas with chairs on wheels).
- Rubber based castor cups are recommended for heavy load furniture such as armchairs and pianos.
- Doormats should be used inside and outside of all external doorways to prevent grit from being marring the floor, thus protecting the surface from excessive wear and tear.
- For indoor mats, do not use any rubber-backed throw rugs or mats. These may discolor your floor.
- For regular cleaning, use a non-soap based wood floor cleaner. These are available normally in a spray bottle, and can be used with any sponge mop.
- Do not use any abrasive cleaners, steel wool or scouring powder as this may damage the surface of your floor.
- Do not use any Wood Oil Soaps, as these will leave residues that are very difficult to clean and may permanently damage the finish.