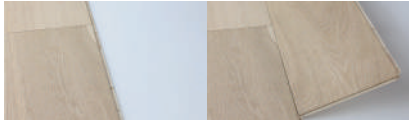


# ABOUT CLICK-LOCK SYSTEM

## \* Angle Drop Click Installation



1 Place the male of the long side against the wall and connect the long side first at an angle



2 Slide and fold down



3 Press to lock

## \* How To Disengage



1 Lift up the entire row at an angle



2 Slide the short sides of the planks in opposite directions

**Step 1: First Row** Use the starter row as an alignment guide, leave space in between planks. The numbers of planks use should correspond to the size of the space. You may remove the starter row when the third row is completed. Shift the floors toward the wall against the spacers and proceed the installation.



### Step 2: Subsequent Rows

2-1. Start each subsequent row with cut off end of last board from previous row. Beginning at left, stagger end joints by minimum 6" (8" is preferred).  
2-2. Procedure for installing each board: Set cut-off board from previous row, as described in Step 2.1. Remember to allow for expansion gap and shim accordingly. Work from left to right.  
(Optional: If needed, use glue hammer to ensure the male and the female stay properly engaged as well.) 2-3. At end of row, cut board to appropriate length (allowing for expansion gap).

## AFTER INSTALLATION

- Use wood filler or putty to correct minor flooring damage that might occur during installation.
- Retain excess planks for future repairs.

## START INSTALLATION

- Make sure the subfloor is level and clean.
- Use rated floating underlayment if necessary.
- Begin a floating floor installation with the male of long side against the wall!
- Leave expansion space at all walls and all vertical obstructions, e.g. (fireplace, doorjamb, etc.)

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# CLICK-LOCK FLOORING INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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Simple but not simpler.

Just Click It!

**IMPORTANT:** As an installer, it is your responsibility to be aware of the grade, relative humidity of the room, and moisture content of the subfloor. You should check that each plank is free of damage or manufacturing defects. Any unusable boards should not be used, and any boards that you find visibly objectionable should either be used in an inconspicuous place or not used at all

## INTRODUCTION

This product uses the click-lock system, meaning that it is suggested to be installed as floating floors. The edges, attached with a self-locking mechanism, offers a simple installation without using any glue or nails. It can be installed successfully on, above or below grade level and can directly be installed over concrete or wood subfloor. Please read all the information and guidelines below before proceeding the installation.

## ABOUT FLOATING INSTALLATION

Floating installation is generally fast, inexpensive and DIY friendly. Unlike the nail or glue down installation, floated floors act as an entire unit because each plank interlocks edge-to-edge to form a single mat-like surface and the flooring material is not secured to the subfloor or underlayment. There are some crucial details that you should know before installation. Please read carefully and follow the below points for a successful project.

As all hardwoods are hygroscopic and they expand and contract with the change of season...

- 1 Always leave 1/2" expansion space around all perimeters, vertical and unmovable objects. If your installation length exceeds 30', more expansion space is required, approximately 1/16" per each extra 10'.
- 2 Use expansion shims spaced every 12" along all walls to help prevent avoidable movement during installation.
- 3 Install T-moldings in every doorway, archway, hallway and opening between rooms for proper expansion space to be maintained, so that the rooms can expand or contract independently.
- 4 Never install cabinet or other permanent fixtures on top of the floor. The weight of the cabinets or heavy objects will obstruct the space for expansion or contraction and this can cause the flooring to buckle and damage the flooring's locking system.

## PRE-INSTALLATION WARRANTY

To make sure you are receiving the right floor, please inspect ALL flooring carefully BEFORE installation. If during inspection, the installer or buyer feels the flooring is the wrong color, improperly manufactured, finished problems, off-grade or the wrong gloss level, do NOT install the flooring. Please immediately contact the retailer from where the flooring was purchased. No claim will be accepted when the flooring is visually defective. If such flooring is installed, the installed flooring is deemed to be accepted. Since wood is a product of nature, standard industry practice allows for up to 5% of flooring shipped to have milling, handling, finish and grade defects. This warranty applies only to material that is in excess of this 5%.

NOTE: Warranty coverage may be lost due to failure to strictly follow all installation instructions and recommendations and/or the use of improper materials or tools. While the floating method offers some advantages, there are some things that you should be aware of: (1) The floor may have a hollow sound when walking on it. (2) The wood rests on the subfloor with its own weight, which may cause the floor to have slight vertical movement. (3) A damaged plank cannot be replaced as simply as in a staple down, nail down, or full glue down installation.

## JOBSITE REQUIREMENTS

- 1 All work involving water or moisture should be completed before installing hardwood flooring.

For any new construction or remodeling project, hardwood flooring should be one of the last items installed. The job site should be monitored for consistent, normal room temperature of 68 deg. 20 °F (16 deg. °C) in winter and 74 deg. °F(22 deg. °C) in summer, and relative humidity of 40~60% for at least one week before installation. This flooring should be kept in the shrink-wrapped boxes until immediately before installation. DO NOT remove from packaging and acclimate like solid hardwood floors! This can make the flooring very difficult to install. Tolerances between female and male are so exact that any expansion of the joints due to acclimation might make the click-lock fit too tight for easy installation. DO NOT install in areas subject to moisture, such as bathrooms or laundry rooms.

- 2 All subfloors should be flat and clean

The subfloor surfaces must be level to within 1/8" in an 8' . radius and the maximum level tolerance is 3/16" per 10' . Check this by using a 6 foot or longer straight edge to find high and/or low spots. If necessary, flatten out any irregularities using #20 grit paper and fill any low spots with leveling compound.

- 3 Wood subfloors must be

Dry and well secured, with a moisture content under 12%. The bottom side, if facing outside (like a crawl space) must be under 15% MC and a 6-mil Polyfilm placed over the dirt in the crawl space. Adequate ventilation must exist, with clearance of 18" to 24" . Leave 1/8" gap around perimeter. Leveled by sanding or grinding down high spots and filling in low spots with an underlayment patch as necessary. Preferred subfloor: 3/4" CDX grade Plywood subfloor / underlayment (Exposure 1), 4' x 8' sheets or 3/4" OSB subfloor/ underlayment grade, PS2 rated, sealed side down, with joist spacing of 19.2" on center or less.

- 4 Concrete subfloor must be

Fully cured for at least 60 days. Installed properly with minimum 6-mil Polyfilm between concrete and ground. Dry all year round. DO NOT install over concrete if you are not sure it will remain dry. Tested for moisture by using calcium chloride test.

## PREPARATION

Set the unboxed floors aside for at least 48 hours before installation. This allows the moisture content of the wood floors to equilibrate with the surrounding environment. Make sure your subfloors match the regulations above. Once all requirements are met, you may open each box of floors carefully and inspect each plank visually before installation. Please note that the boards are considered accepted by the installer and the homeowner once installed.



TOOLS YOU MAY NEED

- Tape Measure
- Hammer
- Expansion Shims
- Router Bit
- Chalk Line
- Knocking Block
- Floor Protectors
- Splines