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### Before you begin

Do not ship, drop or store boxes on sides or ends and acclimate unopened boxes to room temperature for a minimum of 48 hours prior to installation in a temperature controlled environment between 65°(18°C) and 85°f (28°c)

Check that all flooring boxes are labeled with identical batch numbers

Prepare tools (utility knife, straight edge, measuring tape, shear / snips (to cut around irregularly shaped objects)

Verify enough flooring material is on hand to complete installation and prepare additional 10% for mistakes, trimming and future needs, additional material requirements may vary with room size and lay out

## Subfloor preparation

Subfloor surface must be smooth, flat, dry, clean and rigid

Imperfections measuring greater than 0.25° (6mm) should be repaired by sanding bumps or ridges or filling voids with Portland-based patching compounds

Radiant heated subfloors should not exceed 84°f (28°c)

#### Installation



Remove any existing base molding and/or skirting and undercut door frames so planks can slide under the jambs



Lay the first row with the extended tongue side (fig. 1)facing towards the wall with minimum gap of  $1/8^{\circ}$  (3mm) up to 3/8 (9mm)



Interlock short ends by inserting the tongue side into the groove at an approximate angle of 20°. Properly locked planks will have a near seamless appearance & are not easily pulled apart.



Insure the first row is straight by using a spare plank to align the seam (fig. 2). This is essential for a secure installation & straightness in successive rows

Planks can be cut with a straight edge and utility knife. Simply line up the straight edge, score the plank until you have penetrated the clear wear layer, and snap

Begin laying the second row by inserting the long tongue edge into the long groove edge of the first row at approximately 20°c until fully inserted an then drop flat(fig 3 & 4)



When laying subsequent rows, it is essential to stagger joints to insure planks are adequately locked together and to achieve a random appearance in the flooring (fig 5). We suggest using the cut end of the last plank of the first row as first plank of the second row. Appearance can be altered to suit your taste.



In order to lay the next plank, lock the short ends with the long edges slightly apart (fig 6) taking care to insure the lock is solid and the seam is even



Carefully lift the plank to a 20° angle and lock the long edge by sliding the tongue into the groove edge (fig 7). Properly installed planks will have a minimal visible seam

Continue installing second row in the same fashion and cut the final plank of the row taking care to leave the same approximate gap between the plank and wall

#### Maintenance

Inquire about cleaning kits for best results, otherwise use only neutral pH cleaners and disinfectants Remove spills as soon as possible and rinse with clean, warm water – no flooring products is impervious to every chemical, solvent, etc

Avoid rubber and petroleum-based products tires, casters, floor mats. Asphalt sealers, etc which may contain chemicals that can permanently stain flooring

Install walk-off mats to avoid up to 80% of tracked-in dirt, grit and debris

Always avoid flooding the surface with detergent solution or rinse water and always take care to remove liquids form the surface. Failure do so may result in a hazy appearance as detergent or soil from rinse water may be redeposited on the surface