

INSTALLATION & CARE GUIDE



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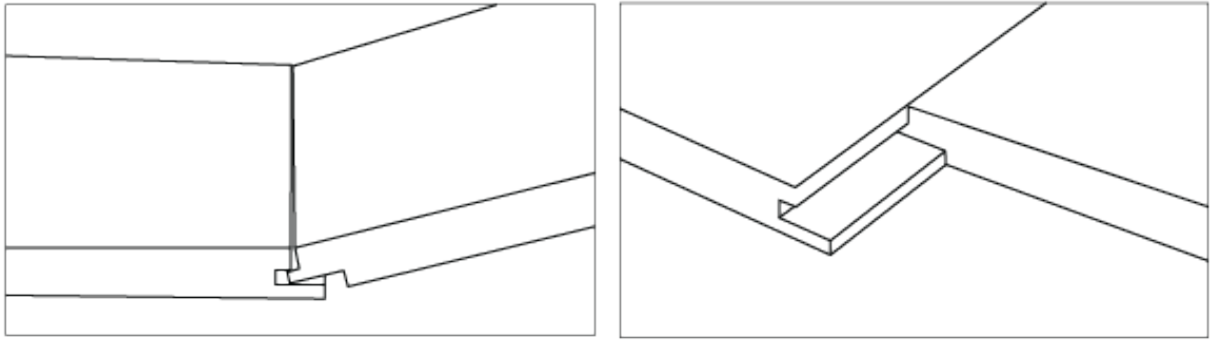
Bamboo Co Eco-Shield Flooring should be stored inside, raised above the ground (on a level pallet), horizontally, in a dry, clean, pest free location. (Defects caused by improper storage, will not be covered by the warranty)

BEFORE INSTALLATION:

- **VERY IMPORTANT:** If installing on a concrete pad, the floor should be fully cured and dried before installation. Too much moisture can cause it to swell or warp. (Defects caused by improper installation, will not be covered by the warranty)
- To avoid installation problems the sub-floor should be perfectly clean and level with no discrepancies. A self levelling compound is recommended.
- Allow the flooring to acclimatise for 48 hours prior to installation (unbox the flooring in the room where it will be installed). This will reduce the risk of the flooring expanding or contracting once installed.
- For best results use Eco-Shield Bamboo Flooring Under-Lay, for sound reduction and moisture barrier (excessive sub-floor humidity can damage the flooring. Warranty is void if installation instructions are not followed.

INSTALLATION NOTES:

- **Natural Product:** Bamboo Eco-Shield Flooring is a natural material, so variations in color and structure between batches are expected. Always mix components from different boxes before installation.
- Install the flooring as the final step in the building project to avoid surface damage. Be cautious with adhesive tape, as it could damage the floor's finish.
- Attach felt pads to furniture and chairs to prevent scratches and damage to the flooring surface.
- Use a walk-off mat in entrance areas to prevent dust and sand from damaging the floor.



INSTALLATION:

(SAFETY NOTE: Machining/cutting/sanding Bamboo Co's Eco-Shield Flooring generates dust. To avoid inhaling dust, always wear a dust mask)

Tool List

- Tape measure
- Rubber Mallet and tapping block
- A four-foot and eight-foot level
- Safety glasses & mask
- Chop saw
- Expansion gap wedges

- Bamboo Co Eco-Shield Flooring should be installed as a floating floor.

- Bamboo is sensitive to humidity fluctuations. Excessive humidity causes swelling, while low humidity causes shrinkage. Ensure a minimum 10-15mm expansion gap around walls, door frames, and pipes. If the floor width exceeds 7 meters or length exceeds 12 meters, a larger expansion gap is necessary. Use spacer wedges to maintain gap measurement.

- First Row: Choose the longest, straightest wall to start the installation ensure the first row is as straight as possible. This will reduce problems further into the installation process.

- Connecting Boards: Insert the tongue of the next board under a 45-degree angle [see above diagram] and press it into place. Continue installing the rest of the row in the same manner.

- Stagger Joints: Start the second row with the off-cut from the previous row. Stagger the end joints of adjacent rows by at least 50 cm.

- Continue Installing: Insert the tongue of the next board at a 45-degree angle and press it down, simultaneously connecting the length side of the board. Tap the boards together with a rubber mallet and tapping block continue with method until all boards are installed.

- Once all boards have been installed, remove the spacer wedges and install the skirting boards around the edge of the room to hide the expansion gaps. Do not attach skirting boards directly to the floor, as this may prevent proper expansion and cause damage.

- Skirting boards should be fixed to the wall using screws and plugs, ensuring they do not obstruct the floor's natural movement.
- If required use the necessary accessories (stairnose and t-mould) for between doorways or steps.
- Clean the floor thoroughly, making sure all debris is removed to avoid scratching the floor.

CLEANING, CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Defects caused by improper cleaning, will not be covered by the warranty

- Regularly clean the floor with a soft brush or vacuum removing any debris that could scratch the surface.
- Clean the floor with a damp mop (not soaking wet) and a gentle, bamboo friendly cleaner or a mild PH-balanced wood cleaner. [DO NOT USE harsh chemicals or bleach products as this will damage the finish.]
- Avoid excess water (not recommended for bathrooms) as this may lead to warping or swelling. Mop up excessive water spills immediately as this will damage the surface.
- In order to prevent dents and scratches, use furniture pads where available and use rugs and mats in areas of extremely high-traffic.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this guide, individual circumstances, such as location, subfloor conditions, and specific installation methods, may vary. If in doubt, please get in touch with us.

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