

Flexiboo Bamboo Flooring with Magic Bond Adhesive Instructions

Pre Installation/Acclimation Process

Please handle, transport, and unload the flooring with care. Acclimate the flooring for at least 72 hours (preferably 3-4 days) prior to installation. In addition, the heating or cooling system should be operating and controlled at 50° F – 70° F (10° C – 21° C) for at least 72 hours before, during and maintained after installing.

Do not install in areas that are subject to extreme seasonal temperature/humidity changes where you cannot control the temperature/humidity. As with all hardwood flooring, it is best if the humidity is maintained year-round to help prevent small gaps from appearing when humidity levels are very low. Precautions should be taken if you are installing in very dry or very humid conditions.

Tips for a successful installation

1. Read all instructions first: Get all your questions answered before you start installing the floor.
2. **Ensure the sub-floor is clean and free of paint, wax, oil, dust and other debris before beginning installation. To guarantee your subfloor is ready for installation, you may want to roll on a layer of latex primer, such as Kilz.**
3. Amount of flooring needed: Buy enough flooring to equal at least 105% of the square footage of your room, for waste allowance.
4. Always avoid installing the floor under very dry or very humid conditions, it is best to install when conditions are about the same as it will be most of the year.
5. Be aware of moisture problems: Moisture can ruin any floor. Always look out for potential moisture problems, especially in basements and crawl spaces. If you have or suspect moisture problems, do not install your floor yet. Contact a professional flooring installer to improve sub-floor to an acceptable level of moisture.
6. Flooring should be installed from several cartons at the same time to ensure good color and shade mixture.
7. Protect your new bamboo floor from scratches. Use felt pads under chairs & tables. Also, if your chairs or other furniture have rolling castors, you may need to replace with softer rubber castors. Never push or drag furniture and appliances across the floor as they can damage the finish.

Installation

Flexiboo Bamboo Floor Planks come pre-backed with our special Magic Bond Glueless Installation System. Just peel off the protective covering and apply to any clean subfloor. Our system makes installation easy with no messy glues or complicated click systems to contend with. We have included an extra roll of tape for you, in case you need to cut the planks to fit around corners; and have to cut away the Magic Bond.

Bamboo and wood are natural products which are affected by air humidity. Excessive air humidity causes bamboo material to swell while low air humidity results in shrinking. It is of the utmost importance that you maintain the edge distance (expansion gap) from walls, door frames, pipes etc.! This distance should be approximately 1/8" - 3/8" (5-10mm).

First determine in which direction you will place the boards. It is advised to install the boards parallel to the main light source.

To begin installation use a chalk line to ensure your first few rows are laid straight. It is recommended that you lay out at least 3 rows of planks to get an idea of how your floor will look before adhering them to the sub-floor. During installation, stagger planks so no end joint is closer than 6 inches to an end joint in the next row. As you install the planks, cut pieces (at least 8 inches long) to fit at the end of each row; allow a 1/2-inch gap at the wall.

To begin peel the protective backing from your bamboo flooring and lay in place. Adjust plank placement immediately to ensure proper alignment. If you need to use the extra tape provided, **adhere the tape to the plank first, then adhere to the floor.**

Now install the rest of the boards. For the last row: cut the boards to size, leaving 1/8" - 3/8" space to the wall. To cut between the bamboo strips (length direction of board) a sharp knife can be used. To cut through the bamboo, (for example for cutting the board to a certain length) use a jigsaw with a fine blade.

Maintenance and Cleaning

The useful life of your floor will be considerably increased with suitable cleaning and maintenance. Do not use harsh detergents or products containing solvents and/or glycerin.

Sand and dust have the same effect on the surface as sanding paper. Therefore, use a soft brush vacuum cleaner or special dust remover to keep sand and dust from the floor. At the entrance, use a good quality entrance mat.

Frequent cleaning: use dry methods e.g. vacuum cleaning and dry mopping. Occasional cleaning to remove more difficult dirt: use Bona® Hardwood Floor Cleaner.