

Laminate Click & 5G Installation Guide

Installation

Laminate floors are a popular choice of flooring due to the fact that they are very easy to install. They can be installed in most areas of the home and are suitable for use over any type of subfloor including underfloor heating.

Additionally, some of our floors feature a 5G click system, these boards feature the latest technology for an even faster and easier fitting. As well as a locking profile on the long edge, the 5G range uses a plastic widget on the short edge to provide a robust joint on all sides that can be simply pushed down into place with ease.

Click system floating installation is the most common and DIY friendly installation method because it is the easiest and the fastest to do and does not require any special skills or prior experience. The floor just clicks together with no need for any glue.

All floating flooring installations must use the correct underlay. Over a concrete subfloor you will need to use a superior underlay which has a built-in damp proof membrane (DPM) such as 2mm Silver with Vapour Barrier 15m². Over a wooden subfloor you can use 2mm Foam Underlay 15m². Alternatively, 3mm Gold with Vapour Barrier 10m², dependent on subfloor construction. For installations over underfloor heating we recommend using 3mm Gold with Vapour Barrier 10m²—We also recommend using this underlay for improved noise reduction.

Using the correct underlay can give better support to your new flooring, which in turn prolongs the life and also aids installation by removing some minor imperfections from the subfloor. Each board is designed with a click profile on all four sides to join the boards together. Simply insert the long side tongue into the groove at a medium angle and then push them down. The shorter end, known as the 'Header Joint', will vary depending on the product chosen. Always refer to the manufacturer's instructions ahead of installation for product specific guidance on fitting.

You will need to leave an expansion gap around the perimeter of the room—check the manufacturer's instructions for details of the minimum size of the expansion gap. To maintain this gap during installation spacers are provided in our installation kit (purchased separately). After you have installed the floor you can cover this expansion gap with scotia beading or replace your old skirting boards with new ones for a professional finish. An expansion gap also needs to be left in doorways where the floor follows through from one room to another.

The above is a brief guideline on the installation of our laminate flooring; always refer to the manufacturer's installation guidelines contained within packs ahead of installing any type of flooring.

If you require any further advice on installation then please call our technical department on 01782 528000, e-mail us at support@flooringmountain.co.uk or click the Live Chat Button at the top of the page.

