

Installation Advice

How many packs of HydroClick do I need?

Follow these simple steps to calculate how many packs of HydroClick you will need for your project.

1. Measure the length and width of the room in metres and multiply the two values together. This will give you the square metre coverage. For irregular shaped rooms, try breaking the area into smaller rectangles. Calculate the area of each rectangle then add the values together.
2. We recommend adding an additional 10% to the total area to allow for cuts and wastage during the installation process. To calculate this, multiply the total square metre coverage by 1.1.
3. The box coverage for the product will be displayed on Wickes website within the Product details section. Choose the desired product, then divide your total m² required from step 2 by the box coverage to establish how many boxes are required for your project.

Preparation

Preparation is key before you begin to install your HydroClick Water Resistant Laminate to ensure a long-lasting finish. HydroClick must always be laid on to a smooth, level, clean and dry surface. Stack the unopened packs of laminate in the room where they are to be laid for at least 48 hours prior to laying. This will allow them to acclimatise to room temperature. You should always remove any existing carpet, underlay, tiles or vinyl flooring before you begin installation. If you are installing over floorboards, ensure they are firmly secured and that there are no protruding nails or screws. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions when laying underlay. We recommend a maximum thickness of 3mm, minimum compression 50Kpa.

Installation

HydroClick should be laid with an expansion gap of 10mm at all edges where the product meets a boundary. You may wish to remove your skirting boards and re-attach them after installing your flooring to discreetly disguise the expansion gaps. Alternatively, you can use a decorative trim. This should be adhered to the wall or skirting and not the top of the flooring. Always loose lay your flooring before fixing to determine the most aesthetic laying pattern. If you are laying HydroClick on top of floorboards, you should position these at a 90° angle to the floorboards for additional strength. We recommend working from left to right from the farthest corner of the room. For detailed installation diagrams, refer to the printed inlay on the inside of your HydroClick packaging.

Safety

Always wear safety goggles and a dust mask when sawing or drilling. Cut or drill HydroClick outdoors if possible or ensure your room is well ventilated. For extra comfort and protection, we recommend wearing knee pads.

Aftercare

Brush or vacuum to remove dust regularly. For an extra clean, use a damp mop or cloth with diluted flooring cleaning solution. Apply felt pads to furniture that sits on top of your flooring to prevent damages. Although HydroClick is water resistant, we recommend that you mop up any spills straight away. Any stains can be removed using a well wrung out mop or damp cloth with warm water and a suitable laminate floor cleaner, making sure to rinse and dry the floor. Never use abrasive scourers or incorrect acidic or alkaline cleaners that are not suitable for vinyl floors. Protect your floors by installing doormats at the entrances to your home. Metal abrasion can scratch or discolour your flooring. Chairs and furniture should be fitted with protective furniture pads.

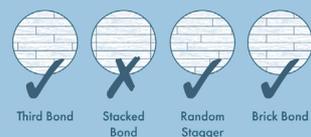
Top tips

It's a good idea to keep any spare planks you may have after installation in case you ever need to replace part of your flooring due to damages. If the thickness of the underlay, laminate flooring and threshold bar prevents doors opening into the room, remove the door and trim down to allow extra clearance.

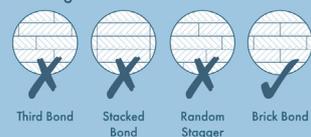


Laying Patterns

Wood Effect Planks



Herringbone



Chevron



Tile-style

