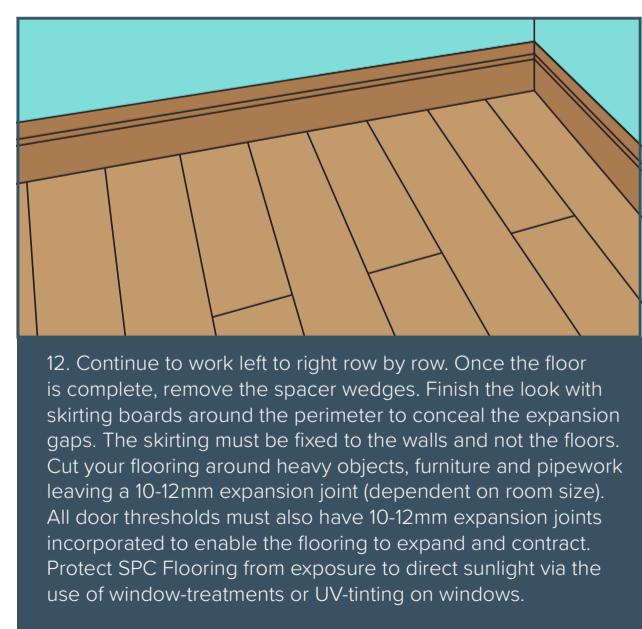
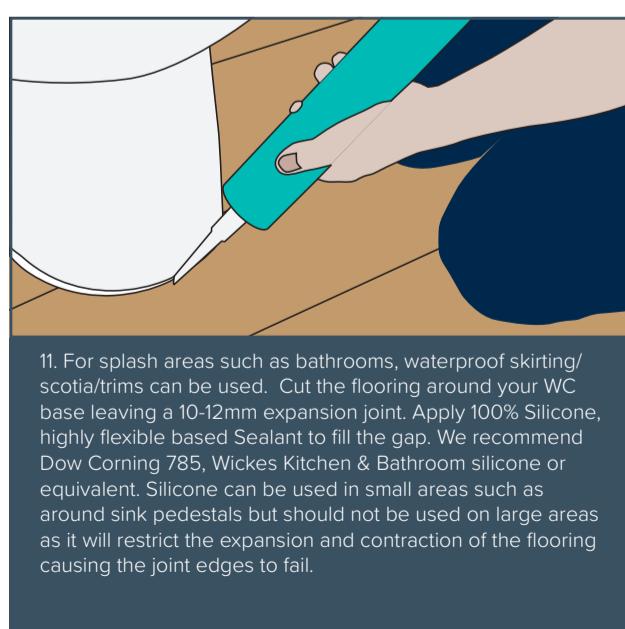
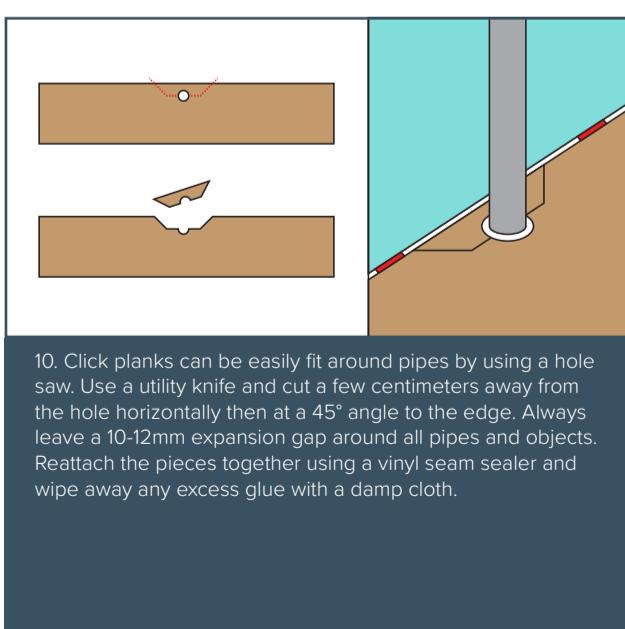
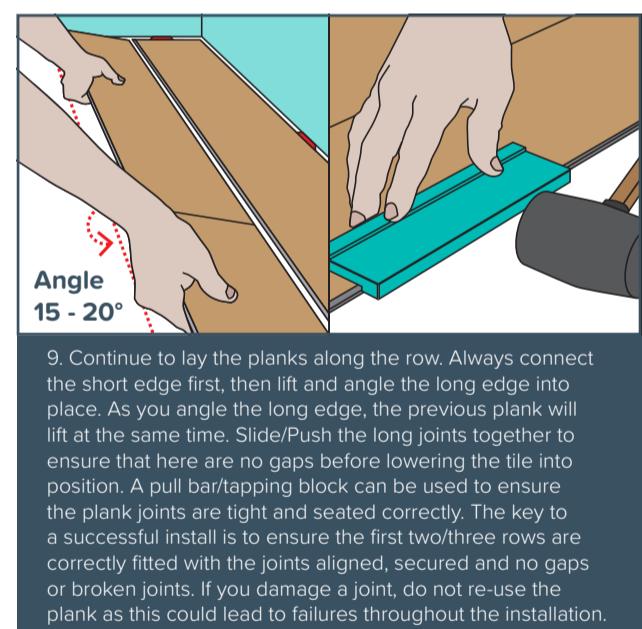
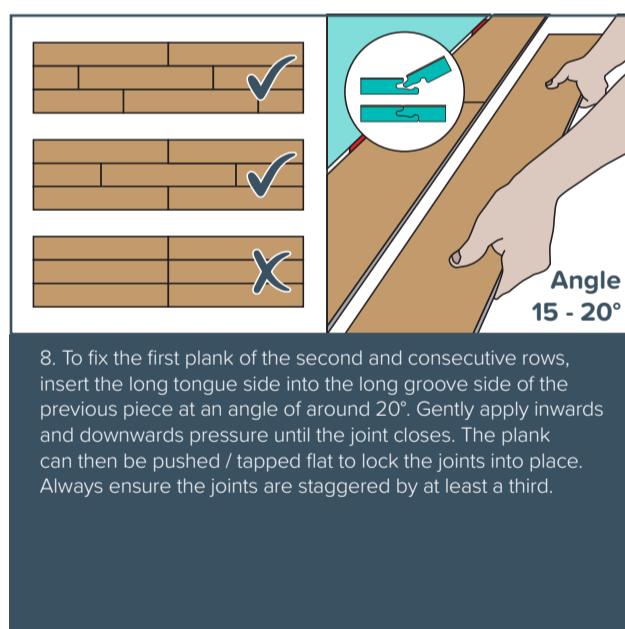
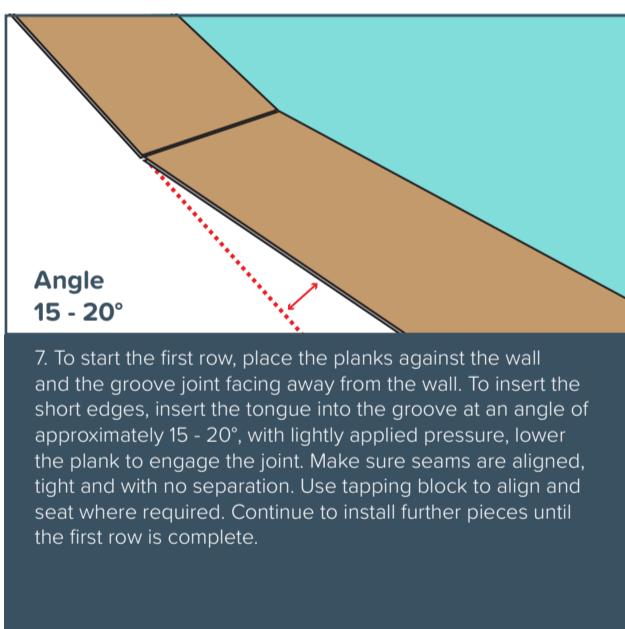
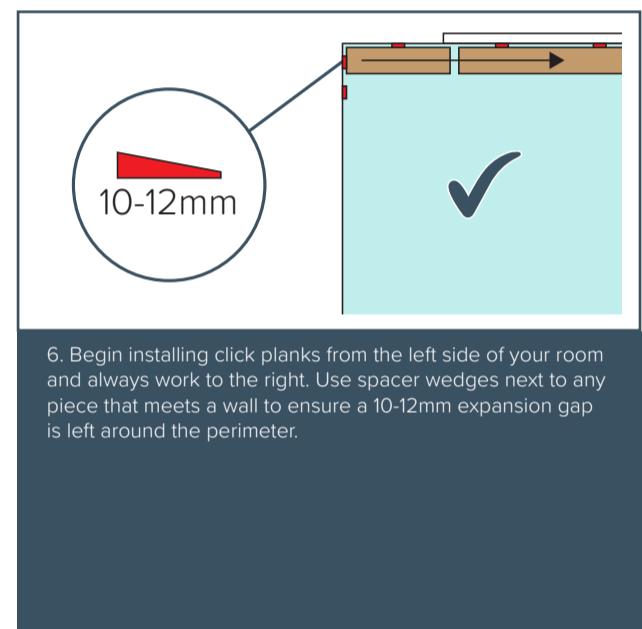
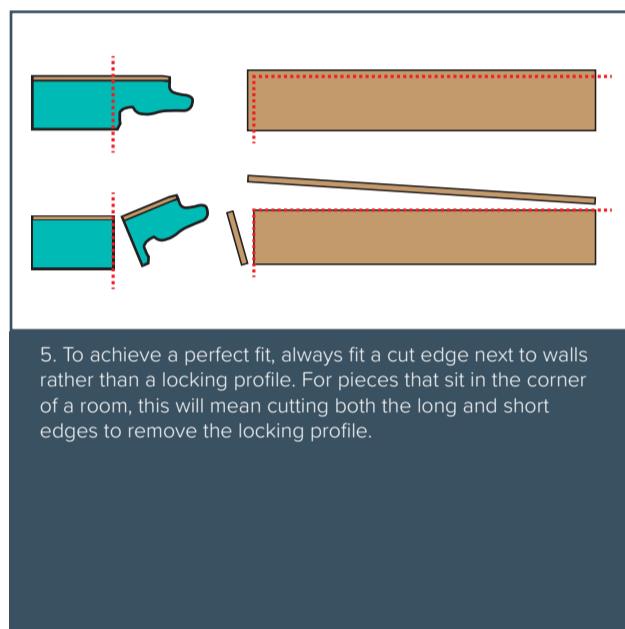
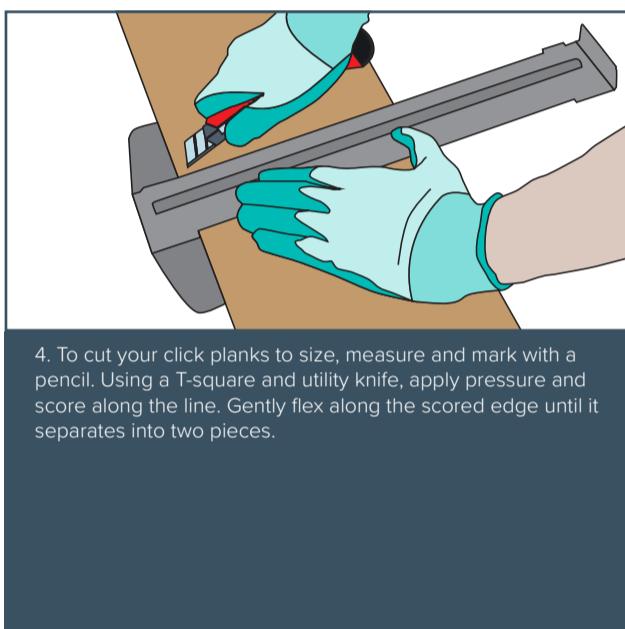
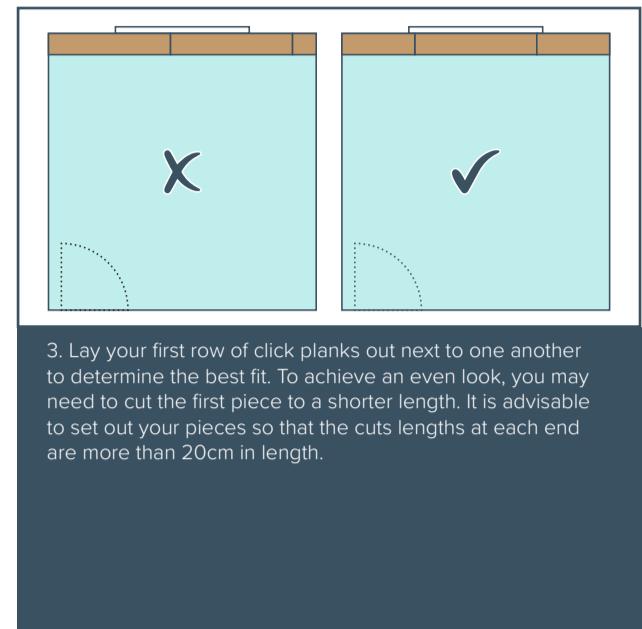
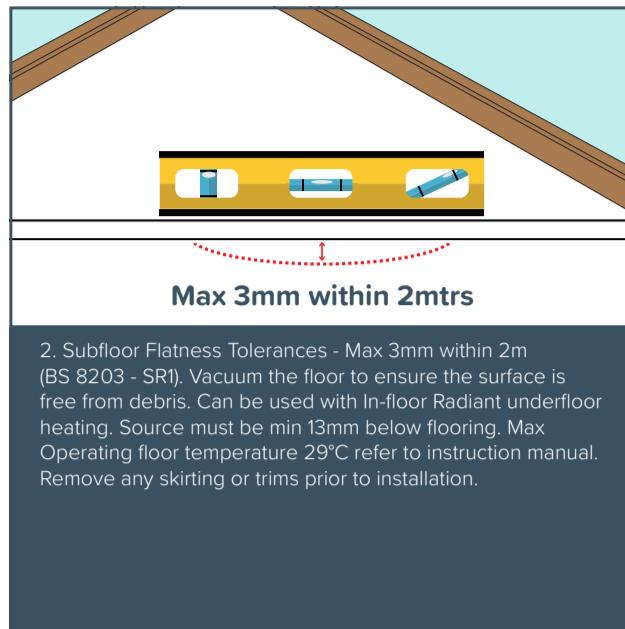
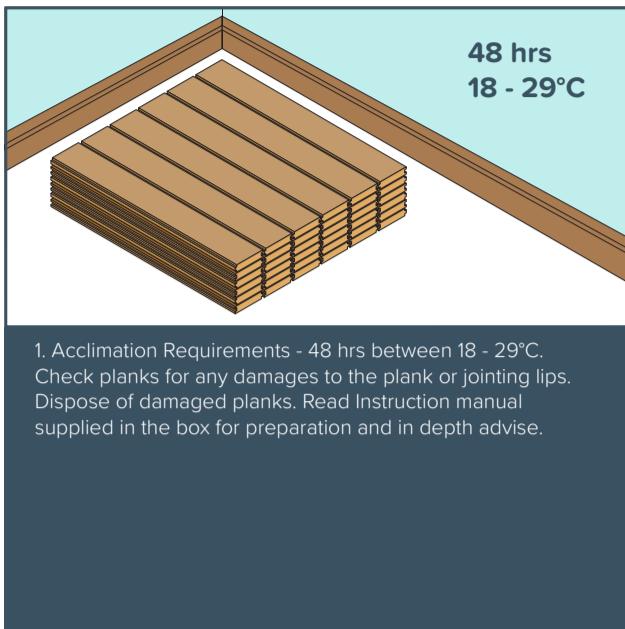


# How to install ClickCo Wood Effect Planks



## DO-IT-YOURSELF INSTALLATION

**IMPORTANT:** Unilin Click System is installed without glue, nails, or other fasteners. The Individual planks should not be fixed to the subfloor. It is designed to be installed as a floating floor and must be allowed to expand and contract freely. Do not install in any external areas or rooms that are prone to flooding or that are not temperature controlled. Permanent cabinets, vanities, islands, and similar items should be installed first, then, the flooring installed around them. Leave a minimum 10mm expansion around the perimeter of the room, and all permanent fitted items. Expansion gaps must also be implemented in all door/entrance thresholds.

Protect SPC Flooring from exposure to direct sunlight via the use of window / door-treatments or UV-tinting. SPC Flooring is not recommended for heavy rolling or static loads. SPC flooring can be used with radiant heated floors, both electric and water piped systems. The distance from the heating system to the top surface of the floor must be at least 12mm. The floor temperature must not exceed 29°C. Before installing the floor, the heating system should be turned on to eliminate moisture. The heating should not be switched on for at least seven days after installation and slowly increased to ensure that the maximum temperature of 29°C is not reached for at least seven days.

Flooring transition strips must be used in areas larger than 10 linear metres.

The SPC flooring comes complete with its own pre-attached underlay. Do not install an additional underlay as this will cause damage to the plank joints and will void the warranty.

The edges (tongues and grooves) are engineered to lock together creating a secure bond along all four sides of each plank, making installation easier, faster, and cleaner while allowing your new floor to be used immediately after installation.

### MATERIALS YOU MAY NEED:

- Floor repair mortar / leveling compound to level surface and repair cracks.
- Utility knife and straight edge.
- Measuring tape.
- Cutting tools such as trimming knife, hand saw, jigsaw, chop saw.
- Marker pen, gloves, rubber hammer.
- Unilin Click System planks - make sure you purchase at least 10% extra to cover mistakes or for possible future replacements and repairs.

**IMPORTANT:** Purchase all planks at the same time and check to make sure all batch numbers match before leaving store.

### SUITABLE AREAS:

Excellent for areas of your home including kitchens, hallways, living rooms, laundry rooms and light commercial areas such as shops, salons, offices, receptions and break rooms. Not suitable for use in showers, wetrooms, conservatories, or areas prone to direct sunlight, high heat or fire-hazards. Temperature range required for the flooring to remain stable is 60F to 85F / 15 to 29°C.

### SUITABLE SURFACES:

- Smooth surfaces that are flat, level, structurally sound and rigid. Flatness tolerance for all surfaces must be prepared to BS 8203:2017 – Class SR1. must not exceed 3mm in 2m (1/8" over 6') - with no abrupt height differences. High spots must be sanded or ground down and low areas filled.
- Clean surfaces that are free of dust, dirt, grease, paint, old adhesive residue, carpet staples and moisture.
- Plywood, chipboard, flakeboard, waferboard, particleboard or OSB.
- Concrete floors that are dry, and free of dust, solvents, grease, and oil. New concrete must be thoroughly dry and cured for at least six weeks.
- Ceramic and stone floors as long as they have been made smooth and level with a patch/screed/embossing leveler.

## UNSUITABLE SURFACES :

- Carpet, foam underlayment or heavily cushioned floors.
- Concrete surfaces below grade where moisture may be a problem. Unilin Click System is waterproof and is not susceptible to water damage. However, excessive moisture in the subfloor beneath the plank may allow for the growth of mould or mildew (see concrete moisture test below).
- Heavily embossed floors, unless the embossed surface is filled with a suitable patch, screed, or embossing leveler.
- Floors that are not flat or level will cause flooring to buckle and break flooring mechanisms.

## CONCRETE SUBFLOOR MOISTURE TESTING PROCEDURE:

Concrete screed must be suitably dried out. The use of a 6 mil (0.15mm) polyethylene film vapour barrier is recommended if subfloor is concrete. **WARNING:** Never install 6 mil (0.15mm) polyethylene film vapour barrier over wood substrates. Moisture must be tested with a hygrometer and must not exceed 75% relative humidity as per BS 8203:2017 Annex B.

**IMPORTANT:** Store the Unilin Click System Planks horizontally in the room where it will be installed for at least 48 hours prior to installation. Make sure the room temperature is between 18°C and 29°C for at least 48 hours prior to installation and for the life of the floor.

## PREPARING THE SUBFLOOR:

### CONCRETE FLOORS:

Concrete must be smooth, clean, flat, and free of moisture. Remove all dirt, grease, and adhesive residue. Sweep and vacuum the floor thoroughly. Fill all cracks and holes with a suitable patch/screed/embossing leveler per manufacturer's instructions.

### WOOD FLOORS:

Sand down high spots and fill low spots with leveling compound. Firmly fasten all loose boards and fill all gaps before installation.

DO NOT install vinyl planks over wood floors/ laminate laid directly on concrete or bitumen. Perform moisture tests using a reliable moisture meter in multiple locations. Moisture readings should never exceed 14% for plywood, OSB, particleboard, chipboard, and solid hardwood subfloors. If moisture readings exceed 14%, it should be corrected at the job site before installing SPC Flooring.

### OLD FLOOR COVERINGS:

Planks may be installed directly over any well-bonded, smooth surface. Planks should not be installed over heavily cushioned floor materials. Planks should not be installed over heavily embossed planks unless the embossing has been filled in with a suitable patch, screed, or embossing leveler. Your Unilin Click System Planks may even be installed over ceramic tiles if the surface is smooth, and the grout lines and any other irregularities are filled with a suitable patch/screed/embossing leveler.

## WARNING :

NEVER SAND EXISTING RESILIENT FLOOR, AS THE DUST MAY CONTAIN HARMFUL ASBESTOS FIBERS.

### **PATCHING OR LEVELING:**

Patch, fill, level and smooth any holes, cracks, or surface irregularities. The floor must be level within 1/8" over 6' (3mm over 2m) in all directions. Make sure that the floor is smooth, clean, and completely free of wax, grease, oil or dust before laying the planks. Any roughness or unevenness in the subfloor may eventually show through, detracting from the genuine appearance of your floor as well as causing excessive wearing in those areas.

## BEFORE INSTALLING PLANKS:

Planks and the room where the planks are being installed must be maintained at a stable temperature of around 18°C - 29°C for at least 48 hours prior to, during and after installation. Installed planks must always be maintained at a stable, controlled temperature of between 18°C and 29°C for the life of the product.

### **FOR BEST VISUAL RESULTS:**

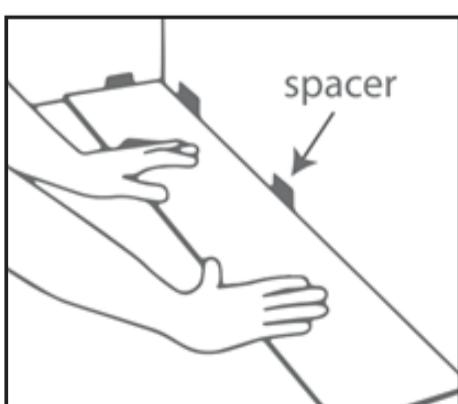
- Check to see that all pattern and item numbers are the same.
- Always mix planks from several boxes to avoid installing planks with similar patterns/colours next to each other. A little time spent carefully selecting planks from several boxes will significantly reduce the effect of any shade variations as well as increase the authenticity and beauty of your floor.
- Before installation, carefully inspect each plank for blemishes and visual defects. For visual defects: installation constitutes acceptance.

## INSTALLING PLANKS:

### **LAYING THE FIRST THREE ROWS:**

1. Remove wood skirting / mouldings around the perimeter of the floor.
2. Lay the long dimension of the planks parallel to the long dimension of the room.
3. It is important to plan your layout to avoid an unbalanced installation with narrow plank widths or short end lengths at the walls. Always plan your layout to prevent having less than a half plank width at the side walls and no less than 12"/300mm lengths at the end walls.
4. Measure the width of the room at the front, middle and back and divide the widths of each measurement by the width of a plank. If the remainder is less than half the plank width, then the planks on your starter row should be narrowed to make the last row approximately half the width of the plank. The width of the last plank should be approximately the same width as the first plank.  
*Please note: This may also be figured out by laying down loose planks across the width of the room without securing them to each other and making the necessary adjustments.*
5. Same for the length. Measure the length of the room wall and divide by the length of a plank. If the remainder is less than 12"/300mm, then you need to cut the first plank down to make the remainder 12"/300mm or longer. Begin installing the first row of planks along the left side wall from the left front corner with the tongue side facing the wall. Lay down your first plank, then insert the tongue end of the second plank into the groove end of the first plank at an angle of approximately 20 degrees and push down. You should feel the planks lock together. It is very important that the planks line up perfectly, the joints are tight and do not pull apart, and the seams are tight without any gaps.

All expansion gaps must be 10 – 12mm, any thresholds and rooms over 10 linear metres must use room divider braces (transition strips) to divide the floor into smaller area. Do not install product against wall, columns, or cabinets without leaving the correct expansion gaps.



### **CUTTING THE LAST PLANK IN THE FIRST ROW:**

Mark the last plank, score it with a straight edge and utility knife, and break it at your scoring line.

### **INSTALLING THE FIRST AND SECOND PLANK OF THE SECOND ROW:**

- Insert the tongue on the side of the first plank of the second row into the groove of the first plank in the first row at an angle of approximately 20 degrees. With lightly applied pressure, click the tongue into the groove. Make sure the seams are tight with no separations or gaps.

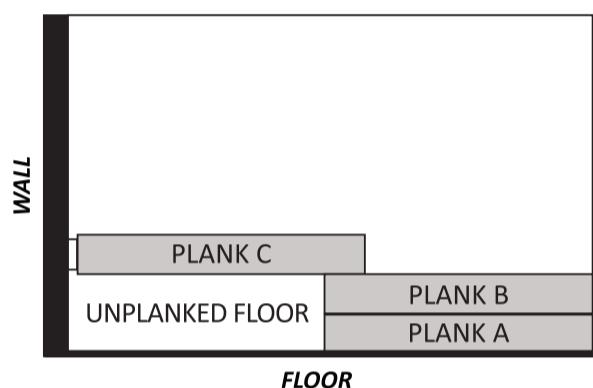
- Interlock the end of the second plank with end of the first plank, leaving the second plank long side tongue just over the first-row plank groove. Then at a very low angle, slide/push the lengths together. Check to make sure there are no gaps in the end or long side seems.

***The seams must be tight with no separation at the ends or along the side.***

- Continue laying planks, one row at a time.
- Pause, check, then recheck the first three rows again to make sure everything is straight and square without any gaps in the seams. These three rows are the foundation for the rest of your floor.
- Don't forget to keep the gap as above. Your flooring will expand and contract with temperature changes within the home as well as direct sunlight.
- To fit planks around obstacles, make a pattern of the area on paper or cardboard, trace the pattern onto the plank and cut.
- To fit a partial plank on the last row, first place a loose plank (B) directly over the last whole plank (A) closest to the wall. Then butt another plank (C) against the wall overlapping plank (B) and mark plank (B) where it is to be cut (see Illustration #1). Do not cut on floor, as you may cut through and damage new planks. Check to see if the fit is acceptable, then click lock the plank (B) into place.

**ILLUSTRATION 1**

**SIDE ELEVATION**



When you are done, remove all spacers along the walls and install moldings over the planks. When installing the moldings, always fasten them to the wall, not to the plank.

**CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR NEW FLOOR:**

Your new floor is now ready to show with pride! You may wash the floor immediately. Always use chair protectors, mats and rugs to help prevent scratching. Regular sweeping or vacuuming and occasional washing with clean warm water will keep your new floor clean and beautiful. Use a damp sponge mop rinsed with a mild, no-wax floor cleaner to clean your new floor. This is a high-quality vinyl floor that if maintained, will last for years. If not protected properly, as with other floor covering such as hardwood and laminate, it will scratch. Scratches may be caused by pets, furniture, rocks from shoes, and many other abrasive items.

**WARRANTY INFORMATION**

***5 Year Light Commercial / Limited 20 Year Residential:***

This product is warranted by the manufacturer to the original purchaser against manufacturing defects when installed and maintained according to the instructions printed or supplied within each carton. Under this warranty, the manufacturer will repair or, at his option, furnish replacement material of similar design, colour, and quality as the defective material. If a manufacturing defect becomes evident within the warranted period, you should notify the retailer immediately, in writing, and supply proof of purchase, a detailed description of the defect, along with a sample, and /or photograph if possible. No other expressed warranties are given. Repair or replacement of the defective product is your only remedy. In no event shall the manufacturer be liable for consequential or incidental damages or expenses of any kind or amount no matter what the cost.

***This warranty does NOT cover the following:***

- Any usage other than interior residential or interior light commercial as specified in the installation instructions.
- Labour and/or material costs involved in removing defective product and installing the replacement.
- Damage due to excessive moisture, alkaline substances, or hydrostatic pressure in the subfloor.
- Dissatisfaction due to improper installation and maintenance.
- Damage due to stains, scratches, gouges, scuffs, indentations, punctures, tears or burns.
- Accidental discoloration due to extended exposure to sunlight.
- Seasonal Dwellings, unheated porches, or installations where there are extreme temperature variations.
- Intentional misuse.