THE CANADA PLUS INSTALLATION GUIDE

Prepare. Install. Enjoy.

00 Start here

Both the installer and the homeowner or end user must read this guide before work begins.

Read every instruction carefully. Incorrect installation can cause performance problems and will void the warranty.

01 Gather your tools

Have these items ready: utility knife, tape measure, straight edge, spacers, tapping block, pull bar, rubber mallet and moisture testing gauge.

02 Prepare the room and materials

Check every plank for visible defects before installation. If a problem is found, contact your supplier before laying the material. Installing a defective plank constitutes acceptance of that material.

Acclimate unopened cartons in the room where the flooring will be installed for a minimum of 24–48 hours. Keep the cartons flat and protected from direct sun and extreme temperature changes.

Before, during and after installation, keep the room between 18°C and 25°C, with relative humidity between 40% and 55%.

Clear the subfloor of dust, debris, grease, wax, paint and adhesive residue. The surface must be dry, clean, structurally sound and flat.

Flatness variation must be no greater than 3 mm over 3 m or 2 mm over 1.2 m. Grind high areas and use a suitable levelling compound to fill low spots.

SUBFLOOR CHECKLIST

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03 Check the surface below

Wood subfloors

The wood substrate must be flat, sound and firmly fastened. Its moisture content must not exceed 10%. Particleboard, chipboard and other similarly unstable wood panels are unsuitable.

Concrete subfloors

Concrete must be fully cured, clean and dry. Test for moisture before installation. Moisture vapour emissions and relative humidity must meet industry standards. Install a vapour barrier over concrete.

Existing hard flooring

Existing vinyl, linoleum, tile or hardwood may remain beneath SPC if it is flat, clean and securely fixed. Do not lay SPC over carpet or carpet underpad.

INSTALLATION & EVERYDAY CARE

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04 Plan and lay the planks

Plan the layout and measure the room first so that narrow strips at the walls can be avoided. Offset end joints by at least 200 mm between neighbouring rows.

Work from left to right with the tongue edge towards the starting wall. Leave 8–10 mm of expansion space around walls, columns, pipes and all other fixed objects.

Angle the long edge into the previous row, then lower the plank carefully. Engage the short end, using a tapping block if needed.

Build the floor one row at a time, checking alignment as you go. Keep spacers in place to maintain even expansion gaps.

For the last row, measure and rip the planks lengthwise to fit, retaining the required expansion space.

Do not run SPC beneath fixed cabinetry, islands or heavy built-in furniture.

05 Keep your floor looking its best

Place walk-off mats at entryways to limit tracked-in dirt and grit.

Fit felt protectors beneath furniture legs.

Use a damp mop with a pH-neutral cleaner formulated for vinyl flooring.

Avoid excess water, steam cleaning, abrasive cleaners and wax-based products.