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Aqua Plank

i4F

**Installation  
& Care Guide**



**IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT YOUR FLOORING. READ BEFORE INSTALLING**

# Care Guide

## Acclimatization and Storage

Your new flooring has to be acclimatized for 24 hours before installation begins. The flooring must remain in its packaging stored horizontal in the room, which it is to be installed into. Please Note the room must be between 18° and 24°, room conditions should never exceed 50° or fall below 10°.

## Subfloor

It is of the utmost importance that the subfloor is dry, clean, solid and flat. You can find appropriate electronic moisture meters in DIY stores, the subfloor must be flat and the flatness tolerances must be observed. The installer must always and in particular with renovation work check the current status of the subfloor, if it does not meet the requirements stated here extra work will need to be carried out to level the subfloor out, to determine the flatness of your floor apply these tolerances over 3m length the floor must not be more than 3mm difference.

## Underfloor Heating

We can recommend water based underfloor heating systems be used with Aqua Plank flooring with a temperature not exceeding 27°C and an average running of 20°C. The heating must be turned off 48hrs prior to installation and once the flooring has been installed turned on with an increase in working temperature of 5°C per day until normal operating temperature has been reached. Water Based heating pipes are to be fitted a minimum of 30mm below the subfloor surface and electric based cables and grids a minimum of 10mm.

## Tools

Having the correct tools and equipment and understanding of how to use them safely is key to a successful installation, Broom and or a vacuum cleaner, tape measure, pencil, set square, ruler, utility knife, hand roller, rubber mallet and a tapping block.

## Expansion

Depending on the climate conditions your flooring will expand or contract, it therefore needs to be kept a suitable distance away from any fixed structures such as walls, supports, door frames, radiator pipes etc., this is called the expansion gap. This gap should be a minimum of 8mm, for areas larger than 60m<sup>2</sup> it is recommended to increase this minimum size to a 10mm gap, if the run of a single wall exceeds 20 linear metres then expansion profiles must be used.

### PLEASE NOTE

All flooring will CHIP, DENT and SCRATCH unless care is taken to PROTECT it, FELT PADS should be used on all moveable furniture. Matting at room entrances will greatly reduce grit and dirt from being transferred onto your flooring.

Liability for the installation remains with the installer following the fitting instructions and guides supplied and ensuring that the product and area are both suitable to be installed.

Prevent the flooring from coming into contact with a large amount of water, or from being submerged as the click connection is not waterproof.

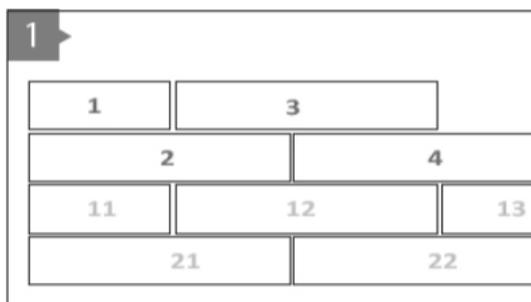
Conservatories and rooms with excessive light should be avoided unless protection screens are used, this can be glass protection or blinds.

Always inspect materials for faults or damage as no claims on surface defects can be accepted after installation.



## i4F Installation Instructions

The subfloor should be clean dry and flat, remove any dirt, paint, wax, oil or any contaminants before you begin the installation.



1. The flooring needs to be laid in a brick pattern, it may be necessary to cut the first board, the balance of this can be used later to finish a row.



2. The use of a suitable LVT underlay not exceeding 1.5mm is recommended assisting with the installation and slight unevenness in the subfloor. To maintain an even expansion gap place spacers to give an equal distance between the wall and the plank.



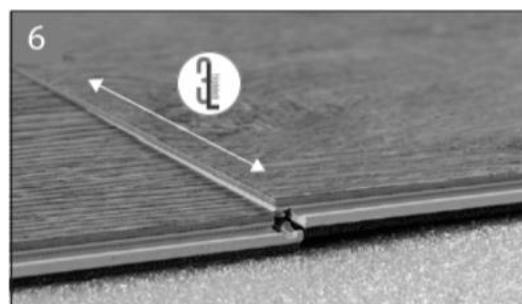
3. It is of the utmost importance that the first row is installed straightly to achieve this both rows one and two will be installed together alternating between planks at each stage, this will only need to be done for the first two rows. Row one is started with a cut down half plank.



4. The first plank of row two will be a full size plank, angle the long side of row two's first plank onto the long side of plank one of row one, lower plank one of row two to lock them both together making sure there are no gaps.



5. The second plank of row one will also be a full size long plank, once again angle the long side of this plank into the long side of row two's first plank, slide the third plank to the left so the short end meets the short end of the first plank of row one, it is then lowered to lock into position.



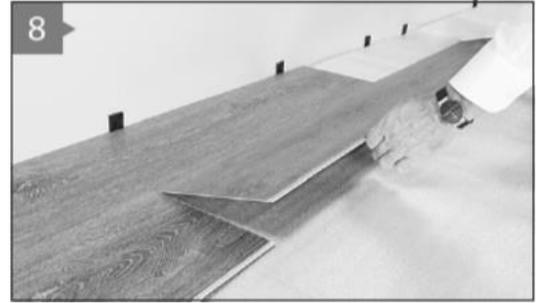
6. The short ends are lowered into position to lock the planks together.



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7. The use of a rubber mallet in conjunction with a tapping block can be used to fully secure the locking system. This requires no more than a tapping force.



8. Continue to construct rows one and two by alternating boards to avoid any misalignment. At the end of the row measure back and cut the board to suit making sure to allow for the expansion gap. Row 3 onwards will not require this alternating method and a single row can be installed at a time.



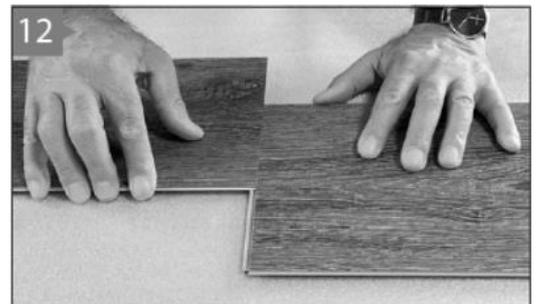
9. Continue to use the rubber mallet and tapping block to fully secure the locking system. Remember this requires no more than a tapping force.



10. Once the room has been completed the spacers can be removed and the expansion gap can be covered with a skirting or a trim.



11. To disassemble the planks row by row, lift the entire row to the same angle as when being installed, the row can now be slid apart.



12. To disassemble the individual planks slide the short ends apart while the boards remain flat to release, lifting the short end at an angle will cause damage to the joints.



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# Aftercare

## How to Care for Your Floor

1. Remove all loose dirt and debris from the flooring by using a vacuum cleaner, broom or a dust pan and brush, electro static wipes, if you are using a vacuum cleaner please refer to the manufacturers guidelines and make sure that it will be suitable for cleaning aqua plank flooring.

2. We recommend that only PH Neutral cleaners and disinfectants are used during the cleaning of your new floor, try to remove spills as soon as they arrive on the floor and rinse down with warm clean water, please be aware no flooring product will be impervious to every chemical or solvent and to avoid rubber and petroleum based products such as tyres, casters, floors mats and asphalt sealers which may contain chemicals that could react and permanently stain your floor.

3. We recommend fitting a suitable non-rubber backed doormat as this can prevent up to 80% of tracked in dirt debris.

4. Avoid swamping the floor area with detergent and rinse water, take care to remove all liquids off the surface as re-deposited rinse water with dirt and detergent can settle on the surface and give a hazy appearance.

### HELPFUL TIPS

Avoid dragging or sliding heavy items of furniture, carousels and point of sale across the floor.

Spending a small amount of time looking after your new click vinyl floor will ensure that it continues to look at its best and provide you with many years of carefree use without the need of costly maintenance and repairs.

Never use abrasive cleaners or scourers

Never use waxes or floor polishes during cleaning

DO USE MOP AND WATER FOR CLEANING

DO USE DRIP TRAYS UNDERNEATH POT PLANTS

DO USE PH NEUTRAL CLEANERS

DO REMOVE ANY SPILLS OR EXCESSIVE LIQUIDS AS SOON AS THEY OCCUR



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