

## **Before Installing the material, note the following:**

- Read the Warranty handout, found inside package labeled "Must Read Before Installation".
- Check the panels for defects under well lit conditions.
- Complaints on defective panels already installed will not be recognized.
- This product is not recommended for damp rooms such as bathrooms that can cause steam and or saunas. Product installed in these areas will violate warranty.

## **Equipment needed to install flooring:**

You will need the following items for installation: 0.6 mm PE only moisture barrier with or without foam underlay (necessary for concrete sub floors unless product comes with pre-attached pad to product. In which padding is pre-attached it is recommended to have additional 0.6mm PE poly moisture barrier installed before future application begins), spacer blocks, tapping block, pull bar, fine tooth saw blade, pencil, wood glue, ( for heating pipes) and a chalk line.

## **Pre-Preparation:**

- Our laminate flooring must be laid in a floating manner. The laminate floor must not be glued, nailed, or fixed in any other way to the sub floor.
- Laminate flooring is made up of High Density Fiber, which does expand; therefore, always keep a distance of 8-12mm ( 1/3—1/2 inches) between the panels and the walls or other fixed elements (e.g. heating piped, door frames, etc.).
- The sub floor and underlay must be even, dry, stable, clean, solid and flat. Any floor unevenness of more than 3 mm per 1 m ( 1/9 inches per 39 3/8 inches ) must be flat or smoothed with filler.
- The floor should be installed parallel to the main light source. The ideal environment is a temperature of 60 degrees F to 70 degrees F and a relative humidity of 50-60%. Allow the laminated flooring to adjust to the rooms temperature for 48 hours in its original package, in the area where it is to be installed. Put the packages in the middle of the room and lay flat away from all walls in the room in which the product is being installed. Do not lean product against a wall or place in the corner of the room.

## **Preparation:**

1. First lay a poly moisture barrier ( stated above ), allowing it to run up the wall. Overlap the sheets 20 cm (7 7/8 inches) and fix them with adhesive tape.
2. Lay the sheets and foam underlay in the same direction as panels tape together (*Recommendation: Lay the panels parallel to the main light source*).
3. Before installation, it is necessary that you remember to calculate the exact width of the last row of panels. It must not be narrower than 2 inches. If you determined value is below, you cannot begin with a full panel in the first row. Just cut the first row of panels to a correspondingly smaller width to obtain the minimum value for the last row. When making your calculation make sure the distance from the walls on either side is 1/2 inch as stated above for expansion.
4. Leave expansion joints at least 3/4 inch wide between individual rooms and in rooms which are no longer or wider than 24 feet. Additional square footage can be installed following completion of 24 ft length or width room after expansion joint is set. Failure to use expansion joints in oversized rooms and at doorways may cause buckling which will void the warranty.

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Please follow the installation guidelines.**

**Failure to follow the guidelines will violate any claim made as Floors To Your Home and the manufacturer shall not be liable to any warranty claim.**

1. Installation:

- Place the first panel with its tongue facing the wall, using spacers to keep the distance from the wall 1/3-1/2 inches.
- Attached the long side of the panel by hand and join the short side carefully, using a hammer and a tapping block. Gently tap, do not bang, laminate sides together. Excessive force may damage the floor.

2. For Skew walls:

- Use a spacer to mark the wall line on the first row of panels.
- Cut the panels to the marking over their entire lengths.
- Lay the panels in the specified sequence or as desired by the purchaser.
- Begin the second row with a half panel.

3. Turn around the last panel in the row 180 degrees with the décor side up and place it next to the existing row joining the existing panels with the lock system.

- Make allowance for the distance from the wall at the short edge.
- Mark the panel with a pencil and cut it
- To avoid chipping of the edges turn panel side up (pattern side up).
- Use a fine toothed blade. Cut from the top side of the panel to avoid chipping of the pattern.

4. Use a pull bar to attach the last panel to the row.

- Proceed with the installation from the third row.

5. Begin each new row with a remainder (7 8/9 inches long of the foregoing row. The transverse joint offsets from one to the other row. Panels should be at least 15 3/4 inches. Use a pull bar to carefully fit in the last panel.

**For existing pipes or room dividers:**

1. First cut the panel to the correct length
2. Place the panel next to its actual position of installation. Make necessary markings in pencil for proper cutouts to fit application areas.
3. Cut out the marked points and keep the necessary distance ( 1/3-1/2 inches) at each side.
4. Make sure that the row where there is a pipe impairing the floor, the pipe comes exactly at the cross joint of the two panels. Make the cut size similar to the diameter of the pipe and add 3/4 inches for expansion, and connect panels.

1. Use a sufficiently wrung out cloth to wipe off any footprints and dirt. **DO NOT USE ANY WET CLOTHS.**
2. Never use wax, polish, varnish coating, or scouring products for cleaning.
3. Use acetone to remove stubborn staining.
4. For regular cleaning we recommend using a duster or vacuum that is intended for use on hard wood flooring. One can also use a soft bristle broom or a damp mop to remove grit from floors.
5. Use doormats in particularly easily soiled areas to keep out water, dirt, sand, or other unwanted materials. Also recommended in hallways and entry ways to home.
6. To avoid scratches, protect furniture feet by felt pads, plastic foot pads, and or soft rubber chair coasters.
7. Make sure the humidity in the room stays around 50-60%. If needed use a humidifier in the room.
8. Special care must be taken under flower pots, vases etc. Use waterproof stand to protect the floor.