

The Solid Wood Flooring checklist for the Installation of Engineered Wood Flooring

Employ a professional fitter:

Making a wood floor is a job for a professional – to obtain a successful result always employ a professional wood floor fitter, because they have the skills and experience to create a finished floor and they are the ones **creating the floor – not the materials supplier's**.

Fitting Code of Practice

Always ensure that the floor is fitted to BS8201:2011 which is the "Code of practice for flooring of timber, timber products and wood based panel products". This document contains all the parameters for successfully making a wood floor.

Get samples of the wood:

Wood is a natural product and any samples provided should be used as **A GUIDE ONLY and NOT EVERY BOARD WILL BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE SAMPLE**.

Fitting method's

There is no one fitting method suitable for all projects so by employing a professional fitter you will get the best advice for making your floor. Fitting options are:

- **Fully Bonded:** Adhering the wood boards direct to a substrate.
- **Unbonded:** Laying the boards on a separating layer such as underlay
- **Secret fixed:** Nailing or gluing the boards through the T & G joints
- **Click System:** Profiled boards that click together – a popular D.I.Y. product

Different Substrates

There are a number of substrates that wood can be installed to:

- **Screed:** There are two main types Cement and Sand and Calcium Sulphate:
 - Cement and Sand** – A traditional screed – a maximum of 2% moisture content is required before fitting
 - Calcium Sulphate** – Pourable screeds - it is critical that the surface is prepared with all laitance removed to achieve a maximum of 0.5% moisture content before fitting
- **Timber Joists or batten's** – Secret nailed or screwed through the T & G joints

Screed		Timber						Bitumen	Asphalt
Cement & Sand	Calcium Sulphate	Joists	Battens	Existing Boards	Plywood	Chipboard Plain	Chipboard Moisture Resistant		

Fully Bonded	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	?	X
Unbonded	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Secret Naied	X	X	✓	✓	?	✓	X	✓	X	X
Click System	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Prime	✓	?	X	X	X	?	X	?	X	X
D P M	✓	X	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	X

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X

Safe to use this method of instalation

Proceed with caution - seek advice

Not suitable for installing wood boards