

The Solid Wood Flooring Company

Defining & Setting a Crown Line

The image shows what a crown line is in graphical terms, but in essence it is where two pieces of chevron or herringbone flooring are fixed to the subfloor in perfect symmetry. The crown line installation must be only two pieces wide as shown in the image below and allowed to set and cure which is normally 24 houses before installing their rest of the floor. If the crown line is not installed perfectly then there will be ever increasing gaps as the rest of the floor is laid. The image shows the setting of the crown line. The crown line is only the first part of "Setting Out" as the width of the two rows of parquet must also be perfectly in line. Alignment is the most crucial part of installing herringbone and chevron parquet flooring. Once the crown line has cured after at least 24 hours the rest of the floor can be installed quickly and easily. If you try and fit two rows of herringbone rather than just one row as a crown line, the parquet will "slip" and then gaps will appear. When fitting parquet block flooring please be patient, use and experienced parquet flooring professional (not "a builder") and you will get the perfect floor.

All wood flooring needs to be fitted in accordance with BS 8201:2011. In relation to the crown line see sections 12.9.4, 19.4 & 23.4 of the standard.

If you have any questions or would like to source your new herringbone parquet floor please call us on 01666 504 015 or email info@thesolidwoodflooringcompany.com