



Installation Addendum for Engineered Hardwood Floors 5" Wide and Greater

All wide plank engineered floors 5" wide and greater are required to be installed with either a full spread adhesive, rated for the proper width of the material being installed, or if nailing or stapling, a glue assisted installation.

Full Spread Installation:

You must account for moisture in any installation. Consult the manufacturer or the NWFA for concrete installations. For installations over a sub floor, prime the floor with an approved adhesive primer with moisture vapor retarder. This will increase adhesion and provide the proper moisture transfer from the subfloor.

Use an approved hardwood flooring adhesive for the width to be installed with the proper trowel for the material to be installed. Follow adhesive manufacturers' installation procedures.

Glue Assisted Installation:

You must account for moisture in any installation. In the event the subfloor is not within acceptable moisture tolerance range. Two suggested ways to provide a moisture vapor retarder is to install an underlayment paper. Cut a ½" channel, in the paper perpendicular to the direction of the floor to be laid, every 12" on center. A second option is to roll on a coat of moisture barrier over the entire subfloor to create a moisture retarder.

During installation of the wood you can then run a minimum ¼" bead of approved adhesive (ie Bostik's Best in a caulking tube) every 12" on center perpendicular to the direction of the wood. Use a normal nailing pattern for the dimensions of the wood installed per NWFA installation procedures.

Following the installation guidelines listed out by the NWFA and the above addendum will lead to successful hardwood installations and in turn leads to more satisfied customers.