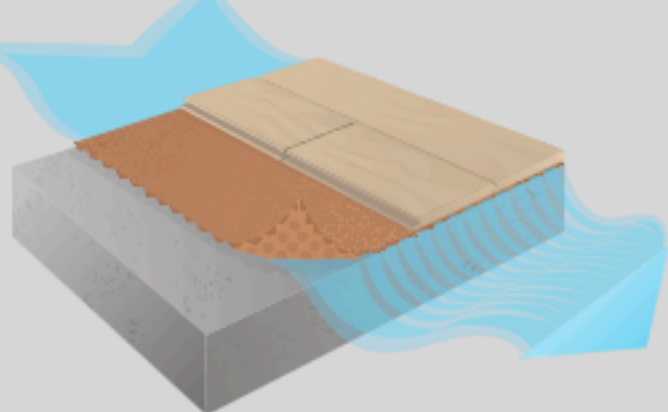


INSTRUCTIONS

General Installation Instructions

The following installation instructions are a recommendation, but are not intended as a definitive project specification. They are presented in an attempt to be used with recommended installation procedures as recognized by the various Hardwood and Laminate Flooring Manufacturers Associations



Room conditions

The area where the underlayment and the finished flooring is to be installed should be a Conditioned Space. As such, it should maintain a minimum temperature of 50°F. (10°C.) and a relative humidity of less than 75%. Prior to installation, both the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort underlayment and the finished flooring product should be removed from their packaging and acclimated to conditions in the space where they are to be installed for a minimum of 24 hours, consult the flooring manufacturer's instructions for their specific details.

Subfloor

All subfloor work should be in accordance with the recommended procedures, as published by the flooring manufacturer. Concrete subfloors should be level, properly sloped and structurally sound. Wood subfloors should be level and structurally sound, within the flooring manufacturers specifications. Remove any lumps or residue on the subfloor that may interfere with the proper installation of the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort underlayment or the finished flooring product.

Testing for moisture

Test any slab on grade concrete, new concrete subfloor or wood subfloor system over a basement or crawl space for excessive moisture vapor transmission prior to the installation of the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort underlayment. If excessive moisture is present (normally >3 lbs. per 1000 s/f in 24hrs) in the subfloor, a vapor-retarding barrier must be installed to correct the condition. Consult the flooring manufacturer's specifications for details.

Vapor retarding barrier

As indicated by the job conditions, the flooring manufacturer's requirements or moisture vapor transmission testing the use of a Vapor Retarding Barrier may be required. The Vapor Retarding Barrier is to be installed BEFORE the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort is installed. Typically, a 6 mil High Density Polyethylene Film is used. The film should cover the entire floor space and wrap up any walls or vertical partitions at least 2" above the floor. Any seams in the film should overlap a minimum of 4" and be sealed with an adequate tape. Any tears or other penetrations of the Vapor Retarding Barrier should be sealed with tape prior to the installation of the finished flooring material.

Acousticork quiet comfort underlayment for floating wood or laminate floors

Measure the length of the area to be covered and cut the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort underlayment to length and adding about 2" to that length for where the underlayment abuts with a wall or fixed vertical partition. Lay the material with the textured side down (flat side up) starting in one corner of the room. Wrap the material about 2" up any walls or vertical partitions. Proceed to cover the entire room in the same manner, making sure the sheets are tightly butted together, without gaps. Tape the joints with an adequate tape, to keep the underlayment in position during the installation of the finished flooring. For this type of installation it is not recommended that the underlayment be glued to the subfloor. After completion, the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort underlayment should cover the entire floor area without gaps and with the joints securely taped.

Floating wood floor installation

Follow manufacturers recommended instructions for the finished floor, including any vapor retarding barrier as required by the manufacturer. After the finished flooring is installed, the underlayment at the wall/floor intersection can be trimmed to allow for the installation of baseboard or other types of moldings and finishing trims.

For detailed installation instructions please contact us.