

VINYL FLOORING: PRE-INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

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To help ensure your installation goes according to plan, here are a few important tips to remember:

Installation Schedule

We strive to provide you with an efficient and worry free delivery experience but delays can happen during the transportation of your product. Since our delivery times are estimates subject to change, we recommend waiting until after the product arrives at your home to finalize your installation date.

General Guidelines

- ✓ Flooring should be one of the last items installed in any new construction or remodel project
- ✓ Inspect all materials carefully for color, finish, sheen and defects before installation. Ensure adequate lighting for proper inspection. **The warranty does not cover materials with visible defects once they are installed.** If there any doubts to the quality, dimensions or appearance of the vinyl flooring DO NOT INSTALL. Please contact BuildDirect as INSTALLATION IS ACCEPTANCE
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the installer/owner to determine if the jobsite conditions are environmentally and structurally acceptable for the product you have selected
- ✓ Please refer to the installation guidelines for complete installation instructions

Important Points to Note About Vinyl Flooring

- ✓ While vinyl flooring is water resistant (or waterproof in some cases), it is not a moisture barrier. It is good practice to test the installation surface for moisture and action accordingly. A moisture barrier is always recommended.
- ✓ Avoid direct sunlight exposure to minimize thermal degradation, color fading, and potential adverse effects on vinyl flooring.
- ✓ Do not use underlay products unless recommended by the product manufacturer. Please contact BuildDirect for questions about underlay and vinyl flooring installation.

Get Your Space Ready for Installation

As you get your space ready for installation, it's important to do the following:

- ✓ Ensure all "wet trades" have finished their work. If you're painting, this task should be completed and the paint should be allowed to dry before the flooring arrives.
- ✓ Condition the vinyl flooring by storing the vinyl flooring in the room or rooms where installation

will occur for 24-48 hours before installation at normal living temperature of 65–80°F and relative humidity of 40-55%. This product is not suitable for installation in areas above or below temperatures or relative humidity listed, or non-climate-controlled areas such as covered decks, porches or outdoors.

- ✓ Make sure the room you're install in is flat and the subfloor material is suitable for this material.

Check Your Flooring

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- ✓ Assemble one box by hand to check the milling quality; look for gaps, height variance, and any other signs of damage.

Moisture Monitoring & Temperature

It's important to measure and record the moisture content of your new hardwood and the sub floor that it will be installed on. Here's what you can do to achieve proper moisture levels:

- ✓ All flooring needs to be delivered to the job site and allowed to acclimate before installation can begin.
- ✓ At the time of installation, the recommended moisture content should be 10% or less in wood floors and 12% or less in subfloors. Don't install the product unless it's in this range, allow more time for conditioning to help ensure a high-quality installation.
- ✓ All installed areas must have a working heater & air conditioner to provide normal living conditions for minimum of one week prior to installation and for duration of the flooring use. Normal living conditions include: normal living temperature of 65–80°F and relative humidity of 40-55%. This product is not suitable for installation in areas above or below temperatures or relative humidity listed, or non-climate-controlled areas such as covered decks, porches or outdoors.
- ✓ Please take photos of all humidity and moisture level readings for documentation purposes.

Planning Your Layout

Always work from several open boxes of flooring and “dry lay” the vinyl flooring before permanently installing the vinyl flooring. This will allow you to select varying grains & colors and to arrange them in a harmonious pattern. It is the installers' responsibility to determine the expectations of what the finished floor will look like with the end user expectations.

If you have any issues with the product, please stop your installation and report them **IMMEDIATELY** (ideally the same day the product arrives) to our customer service representatives. Please note that once your product is fully installed, it is deemed acceptable and no longer eligible for a refund.

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