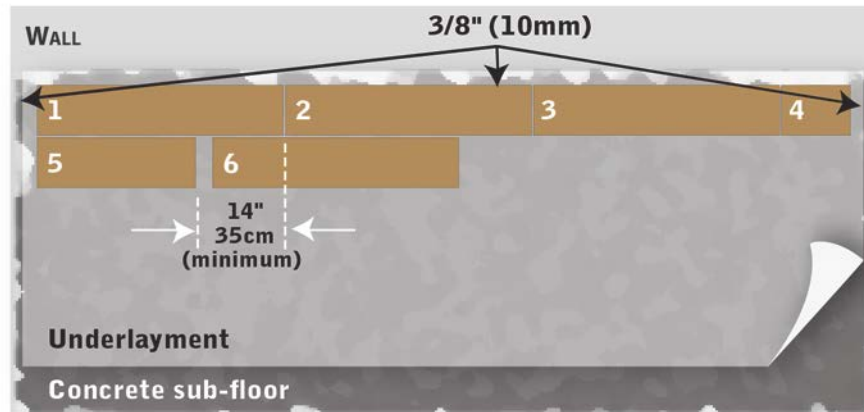




## LAMINATE FLOORING ~ INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



### **Important:**

Please carefully verify the panels for any possible damage or deviation from standard dimensions before installation. Make sure planks match with the decorative design that you have selected. No complaints can be accepted in the case where panels have already been installed! In the event you notice visual defects in the panels STOP the installation immediately & contact our customer care department at **1-800-387-8953**.

In order to carry out the installation work you will need:

- Underlayment
- Installation kit (spacers, pull-iron)
- Saw
- Pencil
- Straight edge

**For proper acclimation:** The boxes of flooring must be stored at the job site at least 72 hours prior to installation.

**Note:** Do not open boxes until ready to install.

Please use Quickstyle approved accessories. All flooring installation over a concrete slab requires a minimum of a 6 mil poly film vapour barrier. Under no circumstances may panels be glued, nailed, or otherwise fixed (e.g. door stopper) to the sub-floor. An expansion space of 3/8" (10mm) must be maintained around the perimeter of the room; as well as around all pipes, counters, cabinets, doorframes and any other fixed vertical objects in the room. Installation must be carried out at a room temperature between 18-22°C. Relative humidity must be between 35-55%. The subfloor must be level, dry, clean, and firm. "High-spots" or "Depressions" on subfloor of more than 3mm must be sanded down or filled in with an appropriate filling compound.

For installation on sub-floor radiant heating please comply with special instructions which you can obtain from your retailer.

### **Installation:**

- Connect the panels of the first row on the short side over the entire room length. Interlock each panel with the next by swiveling it downward to lock in place. Note: for added strength, apply glue to the short side of the first and last rows. For intense traffic areas, it is recommended to apply glue to all short sides.
- Create an expansion space of 3/8" (10mm) between the wall and flooring of the first row. Use spacers to maintain expansion gaps.
- Start each new row with the leftover pieces from the previous row, provided the plank is 14" (35cm) or longer.
- Stagger the joints by a minimum of 14" (35cm).
- Please take particular care to ensure the first three rows are perfectly straight.

**Note:** While installing a floating floor it is required to place a transition moulding to allow for expansion every 750sqft/68m<sup>2</sup>.

- Repeat all steps until rows are completed.

### **If the wall is not straight:**

Place the first row against the wall, using a spacer and pencil; transfer (mark) the contour of the wall onto the panels. Saw along the markings. Note: the first row of panels must be cut longitudinally if the final row of panels is going to be narrower than 2" (5cm). Please take particular care to ensure that the first three rows are perfectly straight.

### **To finish:**

On the last row you may have to cut along the length of the planks to make them fit in the remaining space. Swivel the plank downwards to lock into place. Remember the wall expansion spacing. **Finished!**

### **Cleaning:**

Simply clean your Quickstyle Floating floor with a soft broom or a vacuum cleaner. Wipe off footmarks and dirt with a wrung-out (slightly dampened), cloth. Do not attempt to clean your Quickstyle Floating floor with wax, polish, or scouring materials. Stubborn stains can be removed with special stain removers.

### **Care:**

Lay dirt-absorbing mats in high traffic areas, (such as entrance halls and hallways). Apply felt pads underneath furniture. For office chairs, use a chair mat to protect the floor. The ideal indoor climate is 18-22°C, 35-55% relative humidity. Extreme climate fluctuations indoors may cause slight deformation within the panels and minor separations between the joints of the floor.

Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time as this may damage your floor (thermal degradation). Use blinds, curtains or shades to assure that the flooring is protected from sun and is not over heated due to this exposure.

# REQUIRED INSTALLATION CONDITIONS

## Do Not Install If The Following Conditions Are Not Met!

- All work involving water or moisture (plumbing, dry wall taping, painting etc.) must be completed prior to the flooring product being installed. Concrete and plaster must be cured between 60 and 90 days.
- The flooring product must be at the job site at least 72 hours prior to installation. Do not open boxes until ready to install. **WARNING:** not properly acclimating the flooring product may cause excessive expansion, shrinkage, dimensional distortion or structural damage.
- Flooring product moisture content must be between 6%-9%.
- The difference in moisture content between the subfloor and the flooring product must not exceed 4%. A 6 mil vapour barrier is required when installing over concrete.
- Ambient relative humidity must be between 35-55% at 15-26°C.
- The subfloor must be smooth and flat; any hump or depression greater than 1/8" over 10ft must be either sanded down or filled-in with an appropriate compound.
- Installation implies acceptance.

Please follow the installation instructions supplied with your specific flooring product.

