

Style SELECT™ INSTALLATION

The Green Alternative to Hardwood



StyleSELECT™ flooring is a revolutionary product made from 100% sustainable bamboo which is transformed into an extremely dense and long lasting natural material using Style Green Technology™. StyleSELECT™ flooring is not a hardwood, engineered or laminate product and therefore has specific requirements to ensure a successful installation. Provided you follow the guidelines below, you will enjoy a beautiful and long lasting floor.



Read the following instructions in their entirety before opening any packaging or starting the installation.

Important

- It is considered the sole responsibility of the installer/owner to determine if the job site's sub floor and environmental conditions are suitable for the installation of StyleSELECT™ flooring and accessories.
- Check all boards fully before installation for visual or structural defects. Any defects in the product should be notified in writing to the point of purchase retailer of the flooring before installation.

PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Ambient Environment

StyleSELECT™ flooring must be acclimated and installed in controlled environments with a stable temperature of 15-24°C (65-75°F), with an internal ambient relative humidity level between 35-55%.

Site Conditions

- Flooring should be the last item installed for all commercial or domestic applications. All other trades must be completed before the flooring can be installed.
- Ensure site is thoroughly clean and all debris are removed
- The subfloor must be flat and structurally sound.

For Concrete Subfloors

- Ensure concrete slab is a minimum of 60 days old
- Concrete density must be at a minimum of 3000psi/25mpa
- All uneven areas in the subfloor must be filled with cementitious leveling compound (refer to manufacturers instructions), and grinded to conform to minimum requirements of 4mm (3/16") deflection over a 3m (10') radius.
- Check moisture content of concrete using a Tramex concrete moisture encounter meter 2004, Tramex CRH or Tramex CRM Expert. If reading is above 5.99, the manufacturer recommends StyleSELECT™ should not be installed.
- If using a calcium chloride test, concrete must not exceed 3 lbs/1,000 sq ft/24 hrs

For Wooden Subfloors

- Check moisture content of the wood subfloor using an invasive wood moisture meter. If moisture content is over 12%, the manufacturer recommends StyleSELECT™ should not be installed.
- Wooden subfloor must be flat, structurally sound and stable with a minimum variation of 4mm (3/16") over a 3m (10') radius.
- The manufacturer recommends 19mm (3/4") CDX plywood for 60cm (24") on center floors as a cleating substrate or a glue application, or 15mm (5/8") for 30cm (12") on center and 40cm (16") on center floors.
- Check subfloor has no mould, contaminants or squeaking areas. Rectify if required.

Radiant Heating (if applicable)

- StyleSELECT™ can only be installed over hydronic radiant heating systems.
- The temperature of the floor must be controlled to a maximum of 29°C (84°F)
- The radiant heating system shall be in operation at recommended temperature for at least 7 days prior to installation, shut off 4 hours prior to installation and then returned to operation once installation is complete
- As radiant heating systems create dry heat, it is essential that the ambient relative humidity in the installation environment be maintained between a range of 35-55% (a humidifier/dehumidifier may assist in maintaining humidity levels).

Product Acclimation

StyleSELECT™ requires the acclimation of product for a minimum of 72 hours prior to installation, according to internal relative humidity levels (see below table);

Relative Humidity (RH)	Acclimation Time
35%	96 hrs
40%	72 hrs
45%	72 hrs
50%	72 hrs
55%	96 hrs

- Place boxes in the middle of the room, away from walls in the area to be installed.
- Open the lids of all boxes and cut plastic wrap, to allow product to acclimate to current ambient relative humidity

Moisture Barrier Preparation

For Glue Down (Concrete Subfloor)

- Sika MB required or an approved equivalent epoxy moisture barrier, plus Sika T55J Adhesive (or an approved equivalent)

For Cleat Down (Wood Subfloor)

- Cleat product directly to subfloor; 6mil polyethylene recommended
- If using 6mil polyethylene, ensure joints overlap by at least 200mm (8"), are taped securely with Tuct tape and folded up all walls 50mm (2").



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The manufacturer recommends the Primatch Q – 550 pneumatic tongue and groove gun combined with the 18 gauge, 1 1/4 inch cleat. The correct pressure may vary, but will work best at about 90 PSI. Bamboo is a natural material subject to various factors, installers should always conduct a pre-installation test to ensure the correct pressure and visual appearance before proceeding with the actual flooring work.

Flooring should be square with the space and perpendicular to the joists. Leave a 10 to 12mm (1/2" to 5/8") expansion space from base plate or wall. Starter rows shall be held firmly in place by gluing or blind nailing. Once starter rows are secure, additional rows shall be cleated directly above the tongue at a 45-50 degree angle to the face. Ensure cleat head rests cleanly in the "nail" pocket. Cleats shall be placed no closer than 3 inches from the ends of each plank and placed at 6-8 inch intervals.

For best results it is recommended by the manufacturer that the Designer Collection (with the exception of Antique) be glued instead of cleating, as per instructions below.

Glue Down Installation

The manufacturer requires a premium moisture cured urethane adhesive such as Sika T55 (or an approved equivalent) to adhere the material to the substrate.

(Note: SikaBond Adhesives should be applied to Primer MB within a period of 12 to 36 hours. Any application of SikaBond after 36 hours requires that the primer be abraded and solvent wiped.)

Flooring shall be square with the space and run perpendicular to the joists. Leave a 10 to 12mm (1/2" to 5/8") expansion space from base plate or wall. Starter rows shall be held firmly in place by wedging or blind nailing. Once starter rows are secure, install StyleSELECT™ flooring per the adhesive manufacturer's instructions.

Allow the completed floor to rest undisturbed. Do not allow foot traffic or heavy furniture on floor for minimum of 24 hours before removing the wedges.

For commercial applications, Tongue & Groove (Natural Collection & Antique in Designer Collection only) must be glued to the substrate. Any other installation methods must be approved by the manufacturer to ensure warranty applies.

Installation Tips

- Open a minimum of 3 boxes and blend different shades together for a natural finish.
- Ensure starting line is straight and fixed.
- Allow for extra clearance underneath doorways and cupboards. Check that doors can open after installing the floor with a clearance of 8mm (3/16").
- Stagger end joints of boards from row to row at a minimum of 250mm (10"), to strengthen the entire floor and create a random pattern finish.
- Do not fix, install cabinets or walls on top of the floor
- Do not float StyleSELECT™ . If a floating floor is preferred, you should choose the StyleLOCK™ floating floor system.
- Fix baseboards over the moisture barrier. Never fix baseboards to the floor itself, but allow the floor to expand and contract underneath the baseboard.
- Because the humidity of a room can vary due to differences between seasons, the floor must be able to expand and contract in all directions. To facilitate this, an expansion space and contraction allowance of 12 to 15mm (1/2" to 5/8") should be provided at all walls of fixed vertical obstructions. i.e. Kitchen islands etc. It may be necessary to add a quarter round to conceal possible gapping.

Floors wider than 20ft

On floors wider than 20 ft (6m), to minimize expansion, more or less spacing may be required depending on geographical area, interior climate control and the time of year. In some areas, additional spacing may not be necessary. For more information, contact your local StyleSELECT™ agent or representative.

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