



Installation of Click cork flooring:

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS:

Calistoga Click Flooring must be laid indoors on a clean, stable, flat, smooth and dry subfloor surface. Handle the packages carefully during transport to avoid damaging the tongues and grooves.

Cork is a natural product. Differences in the structure and shades of the planks occur naturally and can not be accepted as valid grounds for complains.

The cork planks should be acclimatized by opening the boxes and leaving in the middle of the room in which they are to be laid for 48 hours.

Upon opening the boxes, check that all planks are in the proper condition for installation.

Do not install cork floors in humid room spaces such as bathrooms, saunas and laundry rooms.

Always leave a gap of approximately 3/8" between the edges of the flooring and masonry perimeter walls to allow for possible expansion and movement.

If the room in which the panels are to be installed has under floor heating, the surface must not exceed a temperature of 82 degrees. Under floor heating can lead to the formation of cracks in the cork during long heating periods.

SURFACE PREPARATION:

Should the floor surface require leveling, use a quick drying leveling plaster.

Cement or cement-derivative floors should be made impermeable with 0.2mm thick polyethylene film in order to protect the panels from sub-floor moisture.

Cork panels may be laid directly on top of PVC, linoleum, agglomerates or carpets.

After laying on the polyethylene film, we recommend the use of a cork underlay, available in rolls and with a minimum thickness of 2mm in order to improve the sound isolation. When fitting the underlay, take care that the joins do not coincide with the joins of the polyethylene film.

The laying of the prefabricated cork panels is so easy that one almost regrets when the job is finished!

You will also need a hammer, set square, saw, carpenter's gauge, wooden wedges and a wooden batten, plus a chisel.

INSTALLATION

Plan the installation before beginning to lay the panels; measure the room/space in which the panels are to be installed. Normally the last row of panels has to be cut longitudinally to adjust the panels to remaining space. If the last row turns out to be very narrow, the first row should also be cut to match the dimensions of the panels in the last row.

Leave a space of approximately 3/8" (expansion space) between the panels and masonry or around obstacles (columns and pillars) use wooden wedges.

If a wall is not straight use a ruler. The first three rows should be laid using a ruler.

Begin fitting the panels from left to right, so that the "male" ridges of the first panel faces the wall. Do not forget to place wedges between the wall and the panels.

Now insert the "male" ridge of the next panels into the "female" groove in the first panel at a slight angle and press lightly on the "females" side. Now close the joint between the transversal edges and grooves using a suitable piece of wood and mallet

To make the joint for the last panel in the row use a push bar. Do not forget to insert the wedge between the panel and the wall on the left-side

Begin the ensuing rows with the rest of the last panel of the previous row?length of at least 11.8"?. First fit the panel lengthwise and then make the joint by hammering gently with a mallet and wood on the female side. Then make the joint on the transversal sides, once again using the mallet.

The last row is attached to the preceding row with the aid of the pull bar. Do not forget to leave an expansion space of approximately 3/8".

If you use a ruler, remove it after laying 3 or 4 rows and pull the panels together in the direction of the wall.

Remove the wooden wedges and attach quarter round, which should completely cover the space left for the expansion of the panels.

Once the panels have been installed, it is possible to walk on the floor covering immediately. This is one of the advantages of the speedy system.

MAITENANCE AND CLEANING:

Clean regularly with a vacuum cleaner or with a mop or a slightly moistened cloth. If necessary, use mild detergent.

Never use water directly on the cork floor covering.

Protect floor covering from chairs and other pieces of furniture by using felt on the feet

Regardless of what type of finish is on the floor – sweep or vacuum at least once a week. Spills and excess water should be wiped up immediately. Dust or damp mop in between weekly cleaning to help eliminate the fine particles of dirt or grit that act like sandpaper and will scratch any floor. Wring the mop out well before cleaning.

Use a mild detergent or neutral floor cleaner.. any liquid cleaner for wood flooring is acceptable to use.

- Avoid abrasive, alkaline or cheap cleaners
- Keep surface free of grit, sand and cinders
- Avoid flooding the floor with water
- Protect against indentations from furniture

