

ATTENTION:

Homeowner - Builder - Kitchen Installer - Project Manager

If installing bamboo flooring as a floating floor please note the following important points (in addition to the installation instructions):

Kitchens

- Please ensure that all toe-kicks, side, rear, and end panels are fitted to allow the floor to naturally expand and contract. The floor should not be pinned at any point.
- Sealant – If there is a requirement to seal toe kicks or kitchen panels, please ensure appropriate sealant is used and the floor is not glued/fixed to any one point.
- Plumbing fixtures – If plumbing fixtures are fitted through the floor, ensure a minimum 10mm expansion gap is allowed for around the fitting.

Doorstops

- When fitting doorstops ensure they don't fix the floor at any point. A minimum 10mm expansion must be allowed for if fitting is fixed through the floor and care should be taken to ensure floor is not clamped. Wall or door frame mounted stops are preferable.

Skirting

- Skirting boards should be 15mm or thicker, to allow for 10mm expansion/contraction required (alternatively undercut the gib to allow for additional room, if needed). Ensure that skirting is fitted in a way that does not pin or prevent the floor from expanding and contracting.
- Care should also be taken not to nail into expansion gap.
- Also ensure that painted skirtings are not stuck to the floor restricting movement.

Fireplaces and log burners

- When fitting fireplaces, they should not be fixed on, to or through flooring. Care must be taken to ensure floor is not pinned and a minimum 10mm expansion/contraction is allowed for.

Cupboards, Wardrobes and Sliding door tracks or guides

- Care should be taken to ensure door track or guide is not fixed through the floor.

Screens and Shutters

- Screens and shutters should not be fixed to or through the floor.

Sealant near water source

- Sealant – If there is a requirement to use sealant to meet any building code requirements (within 1.5m of water source), please ensure the appropriate sealant or system is used (eg. Unica ClicSeal moisture protection sealant). Sealant should be used sparingly in the joins and not fix boards to the sub-floor.

Humidity

- Relative humidity (RH) inside the home environment should be maintained within the 40-65% range. The use of a hygrometer is helpful to manage this (available for less than \$10 online).

RH will need to be carefully monitored with the use of log burners, underfloor heating or areas such as Central Otago etc., where humidity may be lower (this may include using a humidifier to raise RH levels as required).

Care and Maintenance

Please refer to "Care and Maintenance Instructions" for further instructions.

Surface preparation

- A sound, level floor surface is required for installation - with no variations in the floor heights greater than 3mm over a 3m radius.

Concrete Slab Moisture Content

- It is a requirement that any concrete substrate with a RH (relative humidity) reading over 75% for standard installs, or 60% for underfloor heating, will require an application of a moisture barrier/sealer.

Contact your installer to provide an appropriate moisture meter test prior to installation (these are usually at a nominal fee).