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FITTING ENGINEERED HARDWOOD FLOORS AND HOW TO DO IT

BEFORE INSTALLATION

- Engineered boards do not need to acclimatise (except when you have under-floor heating UFH) and should be installed immediately after delivery.
- Do not store them in a humid or damp environment where there may still be wet screed or plaster.
- By installing soon after delivery you will ensure that an engineered board will maintain its stability and give you a trouble free installation.
- If you cannot lay the floor immediately then leave the cartons stacked with the shrink wrap film in place.
- You must test the relative humidity of the environment the floor is to be laid in and also the moisture content of any sub floor or screed must be less than 4% this is our latest level after extensive research on floors that have been fitted over a long period.

The following is very important:

- All wet trades such as plastering and wallpapering must be finished
- All the plaster must be totally dry
- Floor and wall tiles have been installed for at least 2 weeks
- The concrete sub floor has a moisture content of less than 4%
- All windows and doors are fully fixed
- All painting is completed
- All other trades have finished
- In most homes we now have concrete floors and they should be checked for damp proof courses and humidity.

SUB FLOORS

- The surface should be firm, clean, level and grease free. If the concrete floor is uneven by more than 4mm then you can use a self leveling compound but in this case you will not be able to glue the floor down as the glue may cause the leveling compound to break away.
- In older houses there is normally an air gap below the joists, in this case lay a damp proof membrane below before installing your engineered floor to ensure that the floor stays warm and will not absorb the moisture below.



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