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HOME DECORATORS COLLECTION



Limited
Lifetime

Residential
Warranty

Garantía residencial
limitada de por vida

7 Year

Commercial
Warranty

7 años de
garantía comercial

12 mm

Thickness

12mm de grosor

Underlayment
Attached

Base para
piso incorporada

12mm Oceanside Beechwood Laminate Flooring with Foam Pad

- Made in Austria
- 7.6in wide planks
- Natural texture
- 2mm polyethylene foam padding attached
- Angle/angle glueless locking system
- 4 sided beveled edges
- Limited Lifetime residential warranty
- 7-year light commercial warranty
- Covers 18.76 square feet
- 14mm thick x 7.6in w x 50.79in l

Oceanside Beechwood de 12mm
Piso laminado con almohadilla de espuma

- Hecho en Austria
- Tablón de 19,3cm de ancho
- Textura natural
- Acolchado de espuma de polietileno de 2mm incorporado
- Sistema ángulo/ángulo para acoplar sin adhesivo
- Bordes con bisel en 4 lados
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- 7 años de garantía en uso comercial ligero
- Cubre 1,74m²
- 14mm de grosor x 19,3cm an x 1,29m la

⚠ WARNING: CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS: This product can create wood dust and emit formaldehyde which are known to the State of California to cause cancer.

CAUTION: ASBESTOS IN EXISTING FLOOR: Home Decorators Collection's product does not contain asbestos. Existing installed resilient flooring and asphaltic adhesive may contain asbestos fibers or crystalline silica. Do not saw, dry sweep, dry scrape, drill, saw, beat-blade, or mechanically chip or pulverize existing resilient flooring, backing, lining felt, asphaltic "cutback" adhesive or other adhesive. See "Recommended Work Practices for Removal of Resilient Floor Coverings" (rfci.com) for detailed information and instructions on removing all resilient covering structures.

Safety and Health Precautions

Power tools can be dangerous. Operate in strict accordance to manufacturer's operating instructions and safety precautions. Unsafe and improper use can cause serious injuries. Avoid inhalation and exposure to wood dust by mechanical means and by wearing personal protective equipment. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) which includes NIOSH or OSHA-approved dust masks, safety goggles and work gloves.

Warranty

This flooring product comes with a manufacturer Limited Wear Warranty. The warranty applies to the original purchaser of the flooring for the duration of the stated warranty from the date of purchase.

Manufacturer guarantees that:

- The decorative laminate surface will not wear through.
- The surface of the plank will resist staining.
- The surface of the plank will not fade or discolor, due to natural or artificial lighting.

Pre-Installation

OWNER/INSTALLER RESPONSIBILITY

The owner is advised to be at home during the installation for consultation/direction. The owner and installer should discuss installation and layout to maximize satisfaction. If this is not possible, consultation should be done prior to installation. Installers should be familiar with installation guidelines. The owner/installer assumes all responsibility for product quality of completed installation.

Please inspect the flooring panels carefully for any possible damage or defects before installation. During installation, inspect the planks continuously. Defects that can be seen from a standing position should be cut off or held out. Installing defective planks implies acceptance. No complaints regarding visual defects will be accepted after the flooring is installed. If you discover apparent defects in the flooring panels you should stop installation immediately and call us at 1-800-986-3460.

It is recommended that kitchen cabinets be installed prior to installing laminate flooring. Install the plank up to the kick plate of the cabinets, leaving a minimum 1/2 in. expansion space. Cover the expansion space with a quarter round molding.

Purchase flooring to be installed in one large area at the same time. Product purchased at a later time may vary beyond your expectations.

This product is manufactured according to strict quality standards. An additional 10% should be factored in for cutting wastage and grading allowances.

Squeaking and clicking noises are the result of interactions among flooring, joists and subfloors when they move. Limiting the movements of the flooring system usually eliminates most of these noises. Sometimes, it is impossible to eliminate them completely and minor squeaking or clicking noises are to be accepted as normal flooring phenomenon.

Minor scratches are generally repaired with the use of putty, stain or filler. It is an industry standard practice of flooring installation and it should be accepted as normal by the home owner.

To assure the warranty is not inadvertently voided, before proceeding with any activity that is not covered in this manual, please contact our Customer Support Team at 1-800-986-3460.

ACCLIMATION AND IN-SERVICE CONDITIONS

NOTE: To obtain accurate moisture content readings, one must use a moisture meter designed for use with flooring.

Acclimation is the process of adjusting (conditioning) the moisture content of flooring to the environment in which it is expected to perform. The flooring is fully acclimated when its moisture content and dimensions (width and length) are stable. For example, the averaged dimensions and moisture content remain constant for 2 consecutive days. Flooring must acclimate for as long as necessary to reach fully acclimated stage. Acclimation time varies depending on geographical area, interior climate control and time of the year. Store unopened boxes flat in the room where the flooring is to be installed. Minimum acclimation time is 48 hours.

SUBFLOOR REQUIREMENTS

Subfloors:

- Remove any existing damp/porous floor covering first (carpet, needle felt, etc.).
- Variance of the subfloor must not exceed 3 mm per 1 m (1/8 in. in a 3 ft. span). High spots can be removed by grinding; depressions can be filled with patching compound formulated for use in floor construction.
- Be clean; no construction debris, soil, mud and any other objects on or adhering to the subfloor; if necessary, scrape and sweep away before the installation; no protrusions of nails, debris, or metal; should remain.
- Be free from moisture related conditions which can damage the installed flooring.
- Wood subfloors must be structurally sound and screwed or nailed to supporting beams. No deflection of the subfloor is allowed. Subfloor must be in compliance with the local building code.
- Crawl space should be dry and vented as per local building code.

Concrete Subfloors:

- New concrete slab must cure for at least 60 days. It must have a minimum 10 mil polyethylene sheet between the ground and the concrete.
- Have minimum rated strength of 3000 psi.
- A new concrete floor must dry at least 1 week per 1 cm (3/8 in.) thickness up to 4 cm (1.5 in.). Thicknesses over 4 cm (1.5 in.) require twice as much drying time. For example, a 6 cm (2.5 in.) concrete subfloor must dry for at least 3 weeks.
- It must have a minimum 10 mil polyethylene sheet between the ground and the concrete.
- Be free from moisture related conditions which can damage the installed flooring.

CONCRETE MOISTURE

NOTE: Concrete moisture content may be acceptable at the time of the test. These tests do not guarantee a perpetual "dry" concrete slab. The concrete slab moisture content can vary at other times of the year. We are not responsible for moisture-related damage to installed flooring.

Test all concrete subfloors for moisture content and document the results. Visual checks are not reliable.

Perform tests at locations around exterior doorways, near walls containing plumbing, near foundation walls and in the center of the room. Minimum sample size is 3 samples per 1000 sq. ft. of area and one test for every additional 1000 sq. ft. thereafter.

Moisture content should meet one of the following criteria:

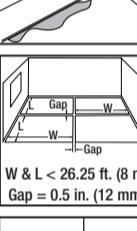
- Less than 3 pounds per 1000 sq. ft. per 24 hours when using Calcium Chloride test (ASTM F 1869).
- The moisture content must be less than 2.5% (CM method) or less than 5 lbs./24 hour per 1000 sq. ft.

Helpful Pointers

GENERAL TIPS

- Make sure your work area is well lit. Good visibility ensures that color is consistent and that visually defective planks are detected and removed.
- The minimum length of the first and last plank is 12 in. If the last plank will be less than 12 in., adjust the length of the first plank. The remainder of the last plank can be used as a starter board on the following rows.
- Using a shorter piece at undercut door jams will help when fitting flooring in place.

Preparing for Installation



NEVER USE A TAPPING BLOCK OR INSTALLATION KIT DESIGNED FOR OTHER LAMINATE FLOORS. USING THESE TOOLS WILL DAMAGE YOUR FLOOR AND VOID YOUR WARRANTY.

HDC Laminate flooring is designed to be installed floating. Under no circumstances should flooring panels be glued, nailed, screwed or otherwise adhered (e.g. door stopper, closet track) to the subfloor in any way.

HDC Laminate flooring needs room to expand. An expansion gap of 10-15 mm (3/8 in. to 5/8 in.) should always be left around the perimeter of the room (e.g. between the flooring panels and the walls or any other fixed elements, such as heating pipes or door jambs). This expansion gap can be covered up with baseboards, quarter rounds or the appropriate floor trim. T-Mouldings (at least 2 cm (1 in.) in width) must be used between adjoining rooms, hallways and doorways. T-Mouldings must be used in rooms measuring more than 10 m (33 ft.) in the direction of the panel length and more than 8 m (26 ft.) in the direction of the panel width.

Installation should be carried out at a room temperature of at least 18°C (65°F) and a floor temperature of at least 15°C (59°F). The relative humidity in the room should be 50-60 %. The temperature difference between the flooring panels and the subfloor should not exceed ±3 degrees.

The subfloor must be absolutely level, flat, dry, clean and firm. Differences in floor level of more than 3 mm per 1 m span (1/8 in. in a 3 ft. span) must either be sanded down or filled in with suitable floor filling compound.

For installation below grade, or on a concrete subfloor, an underlayment with vapour barrier must be used. The seams of underlayment should overlap by at least 20 cm (8 in.) and must be taped with moisture resistant tape along the length of this overlap. For more information regarding vapour emission from concrete, please call us at 1-800-986-3460.

For acoustic insulation, an appropriate underlayment should be used. Underlayment maximum thickness under HDC Flooring is 4 mm and a minimum density of 53 kg/m³ (3.5 lbs/ft³).

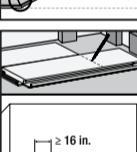
Flooring panels should preferably be installed longitudinally (lengthwise) to the main light source.

Avoid narrow pieces at the finish wall. Measure the distance between the starting wall and the finish wall. Divide this number by the width of the laminate flooring plank. The remainder must be greater than 6.35 cm (2.5 in.).

Before installing under the floor heating, please call 1-800-986-3460 for further information. Radiant heated subfloors should never exceed 26°C (79°F).

Your HDC Laminate flooring can be walked on immediately following installation. As soon as part of the underflooring has been installed, the furniture can be moved onto the finished installation.

Installation



ASSEMBLING FLOORING PANELS:

1. Install appropriate underlayment as per the underlayment manufacturer's guidelines.

2. For the first row of panels, cut off the tongue of the plank. Lay the first plank with the trimmed tongue edge on the long side of the plank facing the wall while taking special care to maintain proper expansion as explained above.

3. Assemble the end joints by lowering the tongue on the short side of the panel at an angle of approx. 25°, and lower it into place. Continue in this manner until the first row is complete.

4. To start the second row, use the remainder of the last plank of the first row if it is longer than 30 cm (12 in.) long, otherwise, cut a new plank in half and proceed. To ensure structural integrity of your floor, it is mandatory to **ALWAYS STAGGER THE END JOINTS FROM ROW TO ROW BY AT LEAST 40 cm (16 in.)**.

5. Assemble the end joints completely from left to right. Then, angle the tongue on the entire length of the second row into the groove on the long side of the planks of the first row.

6. In the case where you are unable to angle panels (e.g. under a doorframe or radiator), you must cut away the locking edge of the lip of the bottom groove by using a wood chisel. Run a bead of glue on the now modified tongue and groove. Tighten the panels gently with the use of a pull bar and a hammer.

7. If a doorframe must be undercut, lay a plank of flooring next to the doorframe with the patterned side facing down. Undercut the doorjamb with a saw, then slide the flooring plank under the doorjamb with the decorative pattern facing upwards. Please note that the floor must be allowed to expand under the doorjamb and HDC's recommended expansion gap must be respected.

8. Continue the installation in this manner until you get to the last row. For the last row, measure the exact width required. To do this, lay a plank of flooring on the second to last row. Then lay a second plank of flooring on top of this plank with the tongue side of the plank touching the wall. This will allow you to determine the width needed for the final row. Make a mark with a pencil and cut with a saw along this mark. Expansion gap and minimum plank width must be respected!

9. Clean the floor.

10. Use matching putty where necessary.

11. Insert or reinstall door trim pieces. Nail them through the wall, but not to the subfloor to avoid restricting the expansion gap.

12. Install transition trim pieces. Nail them to the subfloor, not the flooring.

13. At doorways, transitions should be used to protect the edges of the floor and to provide a decorative transition from one floor type to another.

14. If the floor is to be covered, make sure to use a breathable material such as cardboard. Do not cover with plastic.

15. Protect your floor during cleaning, moving furniture and other activities. Protective sheets and/or plywood may be needed. Never slide or roll heavy furniture or appliances across the floor.

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