

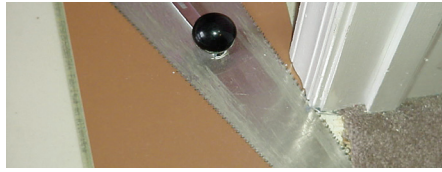


Tarkett Laminate Installation Tips

Read complete detailed instructions inside each carton before starting installation.



1. Store flat, unopened cartons in room for 48 hours prior to installation.



2. Undercut door moldings and casings using the product you intend to install as a guide.



3. Install foam underlayment. When installing over concrete, install an approved vapor barrier prior to installing foam underlayment. **When installing laminate with an attached pad, do not use a padded underlayment or padded vapor barrier.**



4. Begin laying planks left to right with tongue side against starting wall.



5. Place 3/8" spacers between wall and flooring. Align remaining planks in first row.



6. Using hammer and tapping block, gently tap along the groove side to engage each plank in first row. Tap in center of block. Continue in this manner to complete first row.



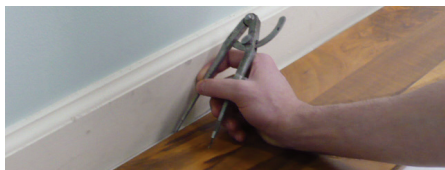
7. Measure and cut last plank in the first row. Allow for 3/8" spacer. Use a pull bar to engage last plank.



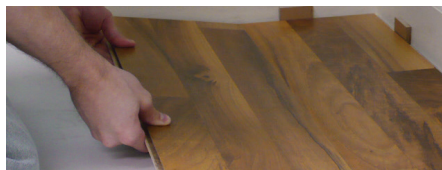
8. First and last plank in each row must be at least 12" long.



9. Use a carbide-tipped blade. Teeth of blade must cut into the decorative surface.



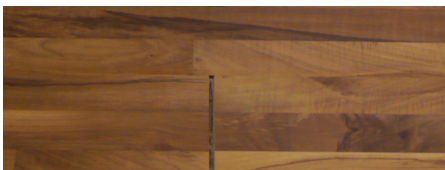
10. Scribe and cut first row, if starting wall is irregular.



11. Install first plank of second row by inserting tongue side of plank at a low angle into groove side of previous row. Rotate plank downward until flat.



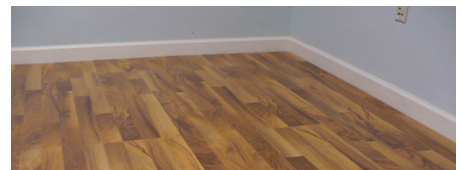
12. Install second plank by inserting the long side tongue at a low angle into groove side of previous row. Always stagger end joints from row to row a minimum of 12" (30.4 cm). Once the plank is flat, place the tapping block no closer than 8" from either end, tap lightly along the long side to ensure the joint is fully engaged. (Note: Uneven tapping or use of excessive force may damage the joint.)



13. Slide plank toward previous plank. Position approximately 1/4" away from previous plank.



14. Using a hammer and tapping block, gently tap along the groove side to engage planks. Tap center of block.



15. Continue until entire room is complete. Use of T-molding is required for rooms over 40-feet. Remove spacers and install matching quarter round and moldings. When installing water resistant or waterproof laminates, fill the expansion perimeter, t-molding spaces and other open areas with 3/8" compressible PE foam backer rod. Cover the backer rod and any remaining gaps with 100% silicone sealant.

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