

Premium Vapor Barrier Underlayment for Floating Wood & Laminate Flooring

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The following installation instructions are a recommendation, but are not intended as a definitive project specification. They are presented in an attempt to be used with recommended installation procedures as recognized by the various Hardwood and Laminate Flooring Manufacturers Associations

ROOM CONDITIONS

The area where the underlayment and the finished flooring are to be installed should be a Conditioned Space. As such, it should maintain a minimum temperature of 50° F. (10° C.) and a relative Humidity of less than 75%. Prior to installation, both the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort Plus underlayment and the finished flooring product should be removed from their packaging and acclimated to conditions in the space where they are to be installed for a minimum of 24 hours. Consult the flooring manufacturer's instructions for their specific details.

SUBFLOOR

All subfloor work should be in accordance with the recommended procedures, as published by the flooring manufacturer. Concrete subfloors should be level, properly sloped and structurally sound. Wood subfloors should be level and structurally sound, within the flooring manufacturers specifications. Remove any lumps or residue on the subfloor that may interfere with the proper installation of the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort Plus underlayment or the finished flooring product.

TESTING FOR MOISTURE

Test any slab on grade concrete, new concrete subfloor or wood subfloor system over a basement or crawl space for excessive moisture vapor transmission, prior to the installation of the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort Plus underlayment. If excessive moisture is present (>10 lbs. per 1000 s/f in 24hrs) in the subfloor, a more serious moisture problem may exist which may require additional remediation. Consult the flooring manufacturer's specifications for details.

VAPOR RETARDING BARRIER

AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort Plus contains an integrated layer of film, which serves as a vapor retarding barrier. In normal conditions, an addition vapor retarding barrier film product is not required.

AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort Plus UNDERLAYMENT for FLOATING WOOD or LAMINATE FLOORS

Measure the length of the area to be covered and cut the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort underlayment to length. Lay the material with the plastic film side up (wave textured side down) starting in one corner of the room. Position the material so that the side with the folded layer of overlapping plastic film is against the wall. Butt the cork section of the product against the wall and wrap the folded overlapping plastic fill any walls or vertical partitions. Lay the next sheet with the overlapping folded plastic film side facing the sheet previously installed. Butt the sheets tightly together and when they are in place, unfold the overlapping film layer over the seam between the first and second sheets installed. Proceed to cover the entire room in the same manner, making sure the sheets are tightly butted together, without gaps. Tape the joints in the overlapping film with 2" clear plastic packaging tape, to seal the seams and to keep the underlayment in position during the installation of the finished flooring. If there are any tears in the film that occur during the installation process, they should be repaired using the 2" tape. For this type of installation it is not recommended that the underlayment be glued to the subfloor. After completion, the AcoustiCORK Quiet Comfort Plus underlayment should cover the entire floor area without gaps and with the seams in the film completely sealed with the tape.

FLOATING WOOD FLOOR INSTALLATION

Follow manufacturers recommended instructions for the finished floor. After the finished flooring is installed, the underlayment and or vapor retarding film at the wall/floor intersection can be trimmed to allow for the installation of baseboard or other types of moldings and finishing trims.

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