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Engineered Flooring Staple Down Installation

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STAPLE DOWN INSTRUCTIONS

ATTENTION

Inspect **ALL** materials carefully **BEFORE** installation. Warranties **DO NOT** cover materials with visible defects once they are installed.

It is the responsibility of the installer/owner to determine if the job site subfloor and job site conditions are environmentally and structurally acceptable for wood floor installation. Mullican Flooring declines any responsibility for wood floor failure resulting from or connected with subfloor, subsurface, job site damage or deficiencies after hardwood flooring has been installed.

STAPLE DOWN INSTALLATION

TOOLS: Staple down using 1 1/4" to 1 1/2" staples depending on product. 15 to 18 gauge, 3/16" Crown staples. **Do not use staples or nails intended for 3/4" solid flooring.**

New wood type subfloors should also be checked for moisture using a moisture meter. In general wood or plywood subfloors should not exceed 14% moisture content, or 4% moisture content difference between hardwood flooring and subfloor. Check with your local distributor for your geographical variances.

SUBFLOOR:

- **5/8" minimum thickness, preferred 3/4" or thicker plywood** installed with long edges at a right angle to the 16" on center floor joists and staggered so that the end joints in adjacent panels break over different joists. Nail at each bearing with 6d threaded or 8d common nails spaced 10" on center along intermediate joists.
- **1" x 4" to 6" wide, square edge, kiln dried coniferous lumber**, laid diagonally over 16" on center wooden joists. The ends of all boards are to be cut parallel to the center of the joists for solid bearing. Face nail each board solidly at every bearing on the joists with two nails (7d threaded or 8d common).
- **23/32" minimum O.S.B. on 19.2-inch minimum center floor joists** with system properly nailed or minimum 7/8" subfloor with 24" on center floor joists or trusses.
- Baseboards should be installed so that their lower edge is slightly above the level of the finished floor, but not nailed into the finished floor.
- Basement and crawl spaces must be dry and ventilated when plank or strip flooring is to be installed over them. In crawl spaces a vapor barrier should be provided. Black vapor barrier must be provided below subfloor on the ground. (6 mil. black)
- Plank or Strip flooring is not to be installed below grade.
- All subfloors, new construction or existing should be checked for moisture using a moisture meter. In general wood or plywood subfloors should not exceed 14% moisture content, or **4% moisture content difference between 2 1/4" wood flooring and subfloor, or 2% moisture content difference with plank floor.** Check with your local distributor for your geographical variances.
- Subfloor should be flat or made to be flat to 3/16" in a 8' ft. radius.
- Particle board of any thickness is **NOT ALLOWED!**
- Adequate and proper nailing as well as soundness of the subfloor should be ascertained. Foreign material shall be removed from the subfloor surface and swept clean.
- The clean subfloor shall be covered wall to wall with 15lb. asphalt saturated felt, Aquabar® B, or Mullican Moisture Mat. Lap the edges of this felt 4" when positioning it. Double the felt around heat ducts that may be in the floor.

General Staple Down Installation Instruction:

- Time at which to install hardwood flooring: Lay only after sheetrock and tile work are thoroughly dried and all but the final woodwork and trim have been completed. The building interior should have been dried and seasoned and a comfortable working temperature (at least 60° F) should exist during installation.

- **DO NOT** open until ready to install.

Preparation of subfloor: Subfloor irregularities and undulation may cause any wood flooring installation to develop hollow spots between the flooring and subfloor. These hollow spots are NOT the result of any wood floor manufacturing defect and are NOT covered by the Mullican Flooring warranty.

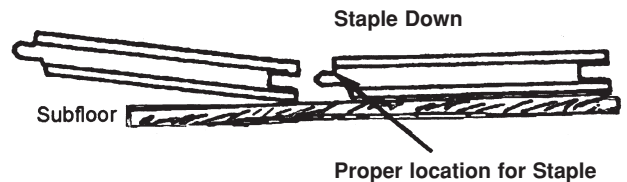
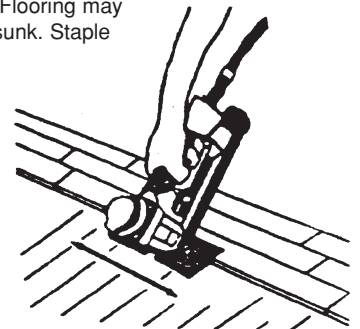
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- The clean subfloor surface shall be covered, wall to wall, with 15 lb asphalt saturated felt or Aquabar® B (no rosin paper). Butt the edges of this felt when positioning it.
- Laying direction for plank flooring: Flooring should be laid at right angles to the floor joists and, if possible, in the direction of the longest dimension of the room.

Note: Normally, expansion space around the room should be the same distance as the thickness of the hardwood flooring.

- End joints should never be closer than 4" from each other.
- Staple Engineered Plank Hardwood Flooring: The first row of products should be faced nailed and stapled. Flooring may need to be face nailed and counter sunk. Staple along tongue every 4 to 6 inches and within 2 inches of each end joint.

Notes:

- To avoid movement in hardwood floor relative humidity should be maintained year round at 35-55%.
- The use of Mullican Flooring putty to cover small cracks or face nail holes should be considered normal in hardwood flooring installation.



FLOATING INSTALLATION

- 9/16" and 1/2" product **5" width** can be floated in some, not all, installations. If necessary call your supplier for details.

Trim pieces available from your
Mullican Flooring Distributor.



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GLUE DOWN INSTALLATION -----

ADHESIVE: High quality urethane adhesive is normally recommended.

TOOLS: The required tools for installation of these products include a hammer, hand or powered saw, chalk line, wood floor adhesive and recommended trowel.

Recommended Trowel: General 1/2" and 9/16" thick wood floor should use a 3/16" wide x 5/32" deep v-notch trowel to yield approximately 45 to 50 sq. ft. per gallon or 1/4" x 1/4" x 3/16" square notch. 5/16" thick wood flooring should use 3/16" x 1/4" x 1/2" contour v-notch to yield 60 sq. ft. per gallon. **Follow adhesive manufacturer's guidelines.**

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Preparation of subfloor: Subfloor irregularities and undulation may cause any wood flooring installation to develop hollow spots between the flooring and subfloor. These hollow spots are NOT the result of any wood floor manufacturing defect and are NOT covered by the Mullican Flooring warranty.

Thoroughly clean subfloor: Remove paint, wax, oil, plaster, "sheetrock mud" and other foreign materials, as well as obvious surface irregularities. #3-1/2 grit open coat paper may need to be used to grind a concrete subfloor. This will loosen any dirt, loose concrete or contaminants. Sweep or vacuum thoroughly.

All previous or existing glues or adhesives must be removed before installing new hardwood flooring.

Make certain building interior and subfloor are dry. Interior walls should be dry enough to be painted and a room temperature of 60°F min. and a relative humidity of 35-55% should be provided before any installation is begun. If subfloor is concrete, check for dryness, use the standard rubber mat or taped plastic test. Remove after 24 hours, then visually inspect for moisture. If moisture is present, do not lay. All concrete subfloors on or below grade can also be tested using a Delmhorst moisture meter, Tramex Concrete Encounter or Wagner Concrete Meter. (Check floor in several locations). Consult with your local Mullican Flooring distributor for geographic variances.

Concrete subfloors must be clean, level, sound and of sufficient compression strength (3000 lbs. P.S.I.) being sure that the surface is NOT slick. Concrete Subfloor Moisture Content: Using a calcium chloride test, the concrete slab must be 5 lbs. or below or be reduced to 5 lbs. or below. Sections not flat due to waviness, trowel marks, etc. are to be flattened by grinding or the use of a leveling compound. Especially along the walls, the subfloor levelness must be checked and if necessary improved. Level to 3/16" in 10' radius. In addition to cement subfloors, these products can be installed over dry, level wood subfloors such as plywood.

New wood type subfloors should also be checked for moisture using a moisture meter. In general, wood or plywood subfloors should not exceed 14% moisture content or 4% moisture content difference between wood flooring and subfloor. Check with your local distributor for your geographical variances. If the plywood is used as an overlay over an existing subfloor, the thickness of the overlay material must be such as to yield a total 3/4" subfloor thickness.

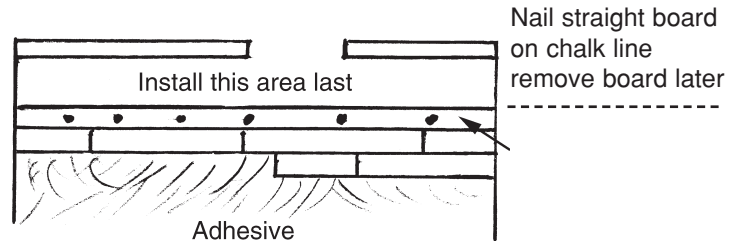
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As part of your subfloor preparation remove any existing base, shoe mold or doorway thresholds. These items can be replaced after installation, but should be replaced in such a way as to allow at least 1/4" room for expansion around the perimeter of the room. All door casings should be notched out or undercut to allow

1/4" room for expansion and to avoid difficult scribe cuts. This is easily done by placing a piece of the engineered product on the subfloor as a height guide for your handsaw or jamb saw.

Note: Normally, expansion space around room should be the same distance as the thickness of the hardwood flooring.

Suggested Layout Working Line: For 3" material, snap a chalk line 30 1/4" from the wall on the door side of the room. This small area will be your working space and the last to be installed. Temporarily nail straight board on chalk line.



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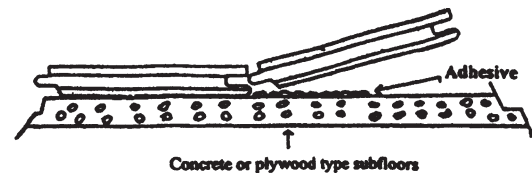
Caution: Proper humidity must be controlled between 35-55% for successful performance before, during and after installation.

Installing the floor:

- The floor should be installed from several cartons at the same time to ensure color and shade mix.
- End joints should never be closer than 4 inches from each other.
- Install tongue into groove.
- Tongue and groove should be engaged by hand.
- Lift a plank periodically to check adhesive transfer.
- Remove nailed board and install remainder of flooring.
- Install base and molding after floor installation.
- Clean adhesive off surface of wood with cleaner and soft cloth. (See adhesive manufacturer's recommendations.)

For Unfinished Products:

- Do not start sanding product until adhesive has cured.



- Radiant heat Subfloors—See below.

Concrete or Plywood: Radiant Heat (Oak Only)

- Radiant Heat Subfloors on or above grade.
- The maximum temperature of subfloor under normal use should not exceed 80°F. (Check with heat system manufacturer.)
- For correct water temperature inside heating pipes, check with manufacturer's suggested guidelines.
- Heating pipes must be covered with 1 1/4" of concrete or minimum of 1/8" below bottom side of plywood subfloor.
- Before installation of hardwood flooring, heat system must be operated at normal living temperature for a minimum of 14 days. One to two days before the flooring is laid, switch off heating unit. (At time of installation, subfloor should be 64° to 68°F.)
- Room temperature should not vary more than 15°F season to season. Mullican Flooring approved systems must not exceed 8 watts per square foot heating capacity.

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- The use of Mullican Flooring putty to cover small cracks or face nail holes should be considered normal in hardwood flooring installation.