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Bamboo floors

Installation Instructions

For

Tuscan Bamboo Flooring

Installation Instructions for your new Tuscan Bamboo Flooring

The key to long term performance of any floor is the quality of the installation and the immediate and ongoing care and maintenance procedures used on the floor.

To help ensure correct installation, care and maintenance for this floor please ensure this guide is fully read and adhered to by your floor installer.

Section 1 – Preparation

Important points for the correct installation of your Tuscan Solid Wood Floor

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Section 1 - Preparation

INSTALLER/OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

Bamboo floors are a product of nature and therefore not perfect. Tuscan Bamboo floors are manufactured in accordance with accepted industry standards and to a high specification but it must be accepted that Bamboo is a natural material and therefore it has characteristics and occasional natural defects that are innate features of it.

This product is **intended for use in residential property rooms only (excluding wet rooms, bathrooms, areas of high humidity and conservatories)**, and must be installed above wall DPC and ground level. The product is intended for residential use only and is not suitable for use in any type of commercial environment.

It is the installers responsibility to carry out the final inspection of the floor to ensure the colour, grade, quality, manufacture and factory finish of the product is acceptable.

Additionally, the inspection of all flooring must be done before installation. Carefully examine the flooring for colour, finish and quality before installing it. The installer must use reasonable selectivity and hold out or cut off pieces with deficiencies, whatever the cause. **If the product is deemed not acceptable for any reason, do not install it and contact your supplier immediately.**

Prior to installation of this flooring product, the installer must determine that the job site environment and the sub surfaces involved meet or exceed all applicable industry and British standards. Recommendations regarding the construction of the materials used as well as local codes must be followed. These instructions recommend that the construction and sub floor be suitably dry, stiff, of suitable load bearing strength and flat. The manufacturer and distributor (being IDS), declines any responsibility for job failure resulting from or associated with sub-surface, sub flooring or job-site environmental deficiencies or lack of or incorrect sub floor preparations.

The use of stain, filler or putty stick for touching up and minor gap filling during installation should be accepted as a normal finishing procedure with real wood floors. **A minimum 15mm expansion gap must be left around all perimeter edges of the flooring and any fixed objects within the floor area.**

Should any individual piece be doubtful as to grade, manufacture or factory finish, the installer should not use this piece. Use of appropriate products for correcting sub floor depressions or unevenness must be accepted as a normal industry practice.

Bamboo flooring must be installed on or above DPM level. Do not install in bathrooms or any form of "wet" room, conservatory, or high humidity environment room.

Install a bitumen building paper moisture barrier that complies with BS1521, when installing a bamboo floor over suspended wooden floors at ground floor level prior to installation of the flooring. This is to avoid the risk of moisture transfer or increased humidity affecting the sub floor or flooring from the air void beneath the floor. Ideally the joints of the barrier paper should be overlapped 150mm and taped. The void space should have perimeter venting equal to a minimum of 1.5% of the void space square of footage. These vents should be properly located to foster cross ventilation. Where necessary local regulations

prevail. Also allow for conformity to part L of building regulations relating to the insulation of new and replacement floors.

The sub floor must be checked for moisture content using the appropriate testing method and moisture meter and the appropriate moisture levels must be achieved before installation of the flooring (see sub floor requirements paragraph). **If any doubts exist in relation to the sub floor moisture levels and ongoing dryness of the sub floor then a suitable damp proof membrane should be installed prior to installing the flooring.** Permanent air conditioning and heating systems should be in place and operational before installation.

Check for central heating pipes within the sub floor and insulate any that likely to heat the underside of the installed flooring to avoid individual board movement when pipes get hot.

STORAGE AND HANDLING PROCEDURES

The flooring should not be delivered until the building has been closed in with windows and doors in place and until sub floor bases, cement work, plastering and all other "wet" work is completed and dry. Bamboo flooring should be stored in the end use environment in which it is expected to perform and this should be an environmentally controlled room.

Handle and unload with care as claims for damages can not be accepted unless the distributor is notified within 72 hours of delivery of the goods.

Stack the packs in such a manner to provide at least a 100mm air space under the cartons. The packs should also be stacked on dry battens rather than directly onto the sub floor.

PRODUCT CHECKING AND ACCLIMATISATION PROCESS

Flooring acceptance checks

Within 72 hours of receiving the product, it must be checked to ensure it is correct and as ordered. Open several boxes fully and check to ensure it is the correct product, acceptable colour shade, and correct length specification. **If there are any product queries or concerns at this stage DO NOT open any further boxes and contact your supplier within the specified time period above.**

If you are satisfied that the product is correct and suitable for the intended end use environment then **remove the protective plastic wrapping only** from the boxes and open the edges and ends of the boxes to aid the acclimatisation of the product in situ.

ACCLIMATISATION CONFORMITY PROCESS

The flooring should be situated within the end use room / area it is to be installed in (subject to the room having normal atmospheric conditions i.e no "wet" trades in operation or drying substrates of any kind) and should have been unpacked correctly as per above details since receipt / delivery of the product.

Permanent air conditioning and heating systems should be in place and operational. The installation site should have a consistent room temperature of between 16 - 24 degrees celsius and a relative humidity environment of 35-55% R/H for 14 days prior, during and until occupied, to allow for proper acclimatisation.

If installing over a wooden sub floor the moisture content of the sub floor must be checked prior to installation with an appropriate moisture meter and the moisture

content of the wooden sub floor must not exceed 14% moisture content. If it does then a further period of acclimatisation must take place until the sub floor moisture content has reduced to below this figure. If the sub floor moisture content remains in excess of this figure then have the sub floor inspected by a suitable trained professional to advise if any ongoing moisture problems exist within or beneath the sub floor.

The flooring itself must also be moisture content checked from a various selection of boxes and should have a moisture content reading of between 6 – 10%. If this is not the case then a further period of acclimatisation must take place until an appropriate moisture content level has been achieved.

The flooring and wooden sub floor are only suitably acclimatised when the moisture readings of both are within their own parameters stated above and when their moisture content levels are within 4% of each other. If this is not the case then a further acclimatisation period is required and the same tests must be carried out after the extra time period to check that conformity of the levels has been achieved. **Only when this is the case should the flooring be installed.**

Guidelines for fastening machines – i.e. – Pneumatic nailers / Staplers.

Note: Minor occasional noises in mechanically fastened floors are not abnormal due to the structural movement caused by changes in the environmental conditions. Following these instructions can minimise these factors but offer no guarantee that the floor will not create minor occasional noises.

General information for fastening machines:

It is the installers responsibility to ensure an appropriate automatic nailer is used for installation. Avoid striking the edge of factory-finished products with the fastener's mallet. Edge crushing can occur, causing unsightly cracks and splinters. Use a block to hammer against if necessary.

Faceplates should be covered with protective materials to prevent damage to the surface of the flooring. Any water damaged, swollen or delaminated sub flooring materials will not hold staples properly and must be repaired or replaced.

General information for **manual** fastening machines:

Improper adapter plate selection can cause severe edge damage. Ascertain that the proper adapter has been selected and properly installed for the thickness of the flooring being used.

General information for **pneumatic** fastening machines:

Improper pressure settings and failure to use proper adapters can cause severe damage to the flooring. The correct adapter and air pressure setting will properly set the fastener in the nail pocket. Low air pressures may fail to properly set the staple and damage adjoining boards. Air pressures set too high may cause damage to the tongue, preventing installation of adjoining boards and cause blisters on the face of the flooring. Make certain that the compressor has a regulator in-line with the air hose for proper adjustment. Set pressure at 70 PSI to begin with and adjust until proper staple setting occurs.

The minimum length nail or staple to be used when fixing the product is 30mm.

SUB FLOOR REQUIREMENTS

CLEAN

Scrape, hoovered, broom clean, and smooth. Free of wax, paint, oil, sealers, adhesives, curing agents and other debris.

Check any sub floor surface coating that cannot be removed for adhesive compatibility when installing the floor in a stick down manner. Consult the adhesive manufacturer for advice and recommendations before installing the flooring.

Note: Unclean or contaminated sub floors can result in adhesive bonding failure.

LEVEL/FLAT

Within +/- 3mm of 3 lin metres. Sand high areas or joints. Flatten low spots with layers of plywood for wooded sub floors and use the recommended Sika levelling compound for concrete sub floors.

Note: Uneven sub floors can result in popping, squeaking, hollow spots and premature failure of the floor.

Note: Failure to protect the floor from excess moisture from below can result in the floor expanding, cupping and bridging. Shrinking due to an excessively dry sub floor can result in gapping of the boards.

If in doubt as to the dryness or moisture content stability of the sub floor always install an appropriate precautionary damp proof membrane to eradicate the risk of moisture affecting the flooring.

STRUCTURALLY SOUND

Nail or screw any loose areas that squeak. Replace any water damaged, swollen or delaminated sub flooring or underlayments. Avoid or repair sub floors with excessive vertical movement prior to installing the flooring as deflection in the sub floor will cause deflection in the flooring itself which may lead to failure of the joints of the flooring.

Note: Unsound sub floors could result in the flooring deflecting leading to squeaking, gapping and premature failure of the flooring.

DRY

Check the moisture content of the sub floor with the appropriate moisture meter and carry out any remedial works to resolve damp or moisture issues before installation of the flooring. **If installing over a concrete sub floor then a specific equilibrium relative humidity test to conform to B.S 8201:1987** should be carried out on the concrete sub floor to ensure that the concrete is suitably dry throughout its thickness to ensure that the sub floor is suitable to lay natural Bamboo flooring over and that no risk of moisture vapour release from within the sub floor is present.

If any doubt exists with regard to the suitability of sub floor moisture content then an appropriate damp proof membrane should be installed over the sub floor before installing the flooring.

SUB FLOOR TYPES

Wooden sub floors

Recommended wood sub floor types – for nail/staple down installation

- 18mm CDX grade minimum plywood
- 18mm OSB PS2 rated underlayment
- Existing 18mm solid wood flooring that has been checked for stability, dryness and soundness.
- **Note ! This Bamboo product must not be installed directly onto floor joists and must be installed over a solid sub floor.**

- It is also **not** recommended that this flooring be installed as a “floating floor” and it must be installed by fixing it to the sub floor beneath by either the recommended nails or adhesive.

Recommended wood sub floor types – for stick down installation

- Plywood, chipboard, O.S.B

As flooring manufacturers / distributors we are unable to evaluate each sub floor system and therefore the responsibility for the appropriateness of the sub floor lies with the installer of the flooring.

Concrete sub floors

Bamboo flooring can be installed over concrete sub floors by using 2 methods:

- Nail down installation - once the appropriate nailing/sub floor surface has been installed (see “recommended wood sub floor types” – above)

Stick down installation – using only the appropriate recommended **SIKA ADHESIVES installed as per the Sika information pages below**. Further information on the recommended Sika adhesives can be downloaded from Sika`s website – www.sika.co.uk via their downloads option.

All concrete or mineral based sub floors should be tested for moisture content with an appropriate moisture or relative humidity meter which measures the moisture content throughout the slab and not just the surface of the mineral slab. Concrete and other mineral slabs can hold moisture within them well below the surface until thoroughly dry.

Furthermore all mineral based sub floors should have their relative humidity checked and recorded prior to installation by testing with an appropriate mineral based humidity reader and humidity box and readings taken should conform to BS8201:1987 of below 75% relative humidity.

The testing procedure for full compliance with British Standard BS8201:1978 can be found in BS5325: 2001 and BS8203: 2001.

Section 2 - Installation

General installation tips

Individual boards should be selected and installed from several different cartons at the same time to ensure good colour and shade mixture. Be attentive to staggering the ends of boards at least 150mm in adjacent rows. This will help ensure a more favourable overall appearance of the floor. A minimum **15mm expansion gap around all perimeter edges of the flooring and fixed objects must be left during installation.** Further in floor field expansion should be installed where a continual run of flooring exceeds 8 linear meters in length or width.

Lack of adequate expansion may cause buckling and lifting of the flooring during normal seasonal movement of the product.

Large spans (i.e 8 lin m+) or flooring laid in areas of high humidity, require the addition of internal or field expansion. This can be accomplished by **inserting a “T” expansion bar which allows for a minimum of 15mm expansion either side.** It is further recommended that an expansion “T” bar is installed between all

doorways to allow for potential varying movement of the floors within separate adjoining rooms.

STEP 1 - DOORWAY AND WALL PREPARATION

Undercut door casings allowing for the minimum 15mm expansion gap. Remove any existing base or doorway thresholds. These items can be replaced after installation. All door casings should be notched out or undercut to avoid difficult scribe cuts.

Insert an expansion facility at all doorways by use of a complement "T" moulding strip.

STEP 2 - ESTABLISH A STARTING POINT. WALL TO WALL INSTALLATION

An 15mm minimum expansion gap must be left at all walls and any fixed item within the floor area. Using this 10mm measurement, in at least two places, measure out and snap a chalk line along the chosen starting wall.

STEP 3 - INSTALLING FIRST ROWS. WALL TO WALL INSTALLATION.

NAIL DOWN METHOD

(refer to the Sika recommended instructions supplied below for the stick down method).

Align the groove of the first board against the chalk line. The groove should be facing the starting wall.

Pre-drill the nail holes 25mm from back (groove) edge, 100mm from each end, and at 200mm intervals at a 45° angle down through the nailing "pocket" on top of the tongue.

Face nail the groove side where pre-drilled. When complete, blind nail at a 45° angle through the tongue of the first row. Manually fasten using minimum **30mm barbed cleat nails or staples**. Countersink the nails to ensure flush engagement of groove of the next board. Avoid bruising the wood by using a nail set to drive the nails the last 12mm into the tongue. Continue blind nailing using this method with following rows until the manual or pneumatic nailer can be used. End joints of adjacent rows should be staggered appropriately and at least a minimum of 150mm to ensure a more favourable overall appearance and avoid creating weak spots within the floor.

STEP 4 - RACKING THE FLOOR

"Dry" lay (rack) at least 3 rows of the flooring at a time prior to installing the boards. This is to give a visual check of the flooring for suitability and to ensure correct header joint spacings are achieved and to avoid installing unacceptable or inappropriate boards.

Visually inspect the flooring, setting aside boards that need to have natural character or manufacturing flaws cut out. Claims for defects within boards of any kind will not be accepted where the defect is visually obvious within the installed boards/s.

Use set aside boards for starting and finishing rows after objectionable characteristics have been cut out / removed.

STEP 5 - INSTALLING THE FLOOR. NAIL DOWN METHOD.

Fasten a sacrificial board to the floor.

Check for surface damage, air pressure setting, tongue damage etc. before proceeding. Make all adjustments and corrections before installation begins. Once proper adjustments have been made remove and destroy the board.

Begin installation of the dry racked rows, in the order that the boards were checked and dry laid, **using a nailer and minimum 30mm barbed cleat nail or staple** spaced 200mm apart and at least 100mm from the ends (to avoid splitting). **Tighten or cut the boards as necessary to reduce gaps before fastening.**

The last 1-2 rows will need to be face nailed where clearance does not permit blind nailing with the nailer. Pre drill and face nail on the tongue side following the nailing pattern used for the first row. Rip final row to fit and face nail. If the final row is less than 25mm in width, it should first be glued to the previous **uninstalled** row and the two joined boards should be face nailed as one.

STEP 6 – COMPLETE THE JOB

Clean the floor with the recommended wood flooring cleaner.

Lacquered Bamboo floors – use Tuscan “no-wax urethane cleaner” which should be available via your flooring supplier.

Re-install / install any transition pieces that may be needed, such as reducer strips, T-mouldings, or thresholds. These products are available pre-finished to blend with your flooring.

TUSCAN ACCESSORIES

Combistar 3 in 1 profile

Colour matched 3 in 1 multi purpose profile that allows for expansion gaps and a smooth transition between different floor coverings within your home.

Veneer wrap scotia

Conceals the expansion gap between the edge of the floor and the skirting board. Available in all Tuscan design finishes.

Sika adhesives

T55 and T53 are European manufactured adhesives specifically designed for gluing down hardwood & Bamboo flooring and these are available through you Tuscan Bamboo supplier.

Section 3 – Care and Maintenance

Tuscan Bamboo Flooring – care and maintenance instructions

Please leave these instructions with the owner of the floor.

Correct care and maintenance of you Tuscan Bamboo floor will help ensure your floor always looks its best and will aid its long term reliability and performance.

For routine care and maintenance please follow these simple instructions:

Initial Care immediately following installation

Lacquered finish flooring

Remove any installation debris and brush / dust the floor.

Clean the floor with Tuscan "no wax" cleaner taking care to use the correct type of mop and to follow the instructions on the container. This cleaner is available through your supplier of Tuscan solid wood floor.

Ongoing care and maintenance

Vacuum or sweep the floor weekly, or more if needed. The vacuum head must be brush or soft felt. Do not use a vacuum that has beater bars or a hard metal head. A floor swivel head flat mop with replaceable cloth cover is highly recommended to eliminate finer particles of dirt and grit that may build up on the floor.

Spillages and tracked in dirt should be wiped off the floor immediately.

Periodically, or as is deemed necessary based on dirt build up etc thoroughly clean your floor by using:

- Lacquered floors – Use Tuscan "no wax" cleaner. Manufacturers recommended instructions must be followed

The above maintenance item should be available from your local Tuscan flooring supplier.

IMPORTANT DO`S & DONT`S !

Things to "do" and be aware of:

Do - Make use of door mats at all external entrances and over high traffic areas of the floor as this will significantly help to avoid dirt and grit being walked on to the floor.

Do - Use furniture protection pads under all furniture legs and feet as this will avoid damage being caused by the movement of furniture across the floor. Use workstation mats at desks and under desk chairs to avoid damage and excessive wear from castors and continual footfall in these areas.

Do – Try to keep the relative humidity within the room between 35 – 55% as this will minimise the floor's natural tendency to move during the seasons on the year. Small humidity meters can be purchased via many online companies and should be relatively inexpensive.

Do - Protect your floor from constant direct sunlight where possible as areas subjected to constant sunlight will age and discolour at an accelerated rate compared to shaded areas of the floor.

Be aware - If mats or rugs are laid on the floor occasionally reposition them to avoid discolouration forming beneath them and at their edges as the flooring ages.

Be aware – That your floor is a natural product and as such will show signs of movement i.e minor gapping, occasional creaking etc, during the various seasons of the year as it reacts normally to its environmental conditions.

Be aware – That shade and colour variance is also a normal feature of Bamboo flooring and that "blending" of the boards is a normal part of the wood floor installation process to ensure an overall blended acceptable appearance is achieved when fitted.

Very Important “dont`s” and things to avoid:

Don't - “Wet mop” the flooring as this will cause excessive expansion of the floor and possible damage to the lacquered surface finish.

Don't - Walk on the floor in narrow hard, or stiletto type, heels as this may damage the surface of the flooring.

Don't – Slide heavy furniture or objects across the floor as this may also damage the surface.

Don't – Use ammonia based cleaners, acrylic finishes, wax based products, detergents, bleaches, polishes, abrasive soaps or cleaners, or any acidic based cleaners. These types of cleaners can etch or pit the surface of your flooring.

Avoid - Letting pets with claws run across the flooring and always keep pets claws trimmed as animal claws may scratch the surface of the floor.

Avoid – Letting sunlight shine on the floor for long periods of time as this will accelerate ageing of the floor particularly if your room has large windows or patio doors. The use of curtains & blinds is recommended to reduce the effect of U.V. light ageing the floor.

Section 4 – Warranty Information

This Tuscan product comes with a limited 10 year residential warranty against manufacturing defect and is solely applicable to the original purchaser of the goods from I.D.S Ltd.

This product **does not** carry any warranty applicable to commercial installation use of any kind.

To maintain the validity of your Tuscan warranty your Tuscan Bamboo floor must be installed, cleaned and maintained in accordance with the published installation, care and maintenance details.

Should any defect, manufacturing or natural, be visible on any boards that have been installed then the installer is accepting responsibility for the installation of them and any subsequent complaint or claim made in reference to these visual defects. Any board with such visual defects should be set aside and not installed or have the objectionable defect cut out.

A copy of the Tuscan warranty is available on request via you flooring supplier.

Please note that any longer term renovation of your floor involving sanding and sealing will render the original warranty invalid.

What to do if you have any problems.

Should any problems be apparent with your Tuscan Bamboo floor upon checking the floor prior to installation, you should immediately contact your supplier and advise them of the problem. If you have concerns of any kind do not start installation of the floor until your concerns have been clarified satisfactorily.

If any problems with your floor arise after installation then firstly contact your installer to discuss. Your installer should be able to remedy the problem if it is installation related, or alternatively report the matter to his / your supplier of the flooring for further assistance.

Plank Width	90mm		90mm		120mm		150mm		180mm	
	Species	Installation Method	Species	Installation Method	Species	Installation Method	Species	Installation Method	Species	Installation Method
Species	Rustic Oak		Bamboo Natural Bamboo Carbonised		Rustic Oak Golden Hand Distressed Oak Big Earth Hand Distressed Oak Walnut Stained Hand Distressed Oak Maple		Brushed & U.V. Clear Oak Golden Hand Distressed Oak Big Earth Hand Distressed Oak		Brushed & U.V. Clear Oak	
Installation Method	Nail Down	Stick Down	Nail Down	Stick Down	Nail Down	Stick Down	Nail Down	Stick Down	Nail Down	Stick Down
Sub Floor Type										
Floor Joints (to B.S. 8201)										
Existing wooden T&G floorboarding (securely fixed, dry, and sound)	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Particle board (Chipboard floor fixed to joists)		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Concrete floor (Moisture content less than 4%)		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Concrete floor (with 18mm plywood fixed to the surface.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Concrete floor (with 18 x 50mm battens fixed at 400mm centres.)					✓		✓		✓	

NOTE 1
It is the responsibility of the installer to correctly check the suitability of the sub floor in all respects - i.e. - moisture content, soundness, flatness, etc. If any doubt exists regarding the suitable moisture content of the sub floor then an appropriate Damp Proof Membrane should be installed before installation of the flooring product.



A Guide to Fitting Tuscan Solid Wood Floors using SikaBond® Adhesive Systems

tuscan Installation of Tuscan Solid Wood Floors

POINTS TO CONSIDER

Is your floor dry less than 2% water by weight

Does it need a damp-proof membrane?



Sika® Primer MB is a roller applied damp-proof membrane

POINTS TO CONSIDER

Is your floor level and flat (+/- 3mm over 3m straight edge)

Does it need levelling?



POINTS TO CONSIDER

Is your floor clean and free of surface contaminants such as floor polish, paint etc.

Is it dusty?



For in depth installation instructions please consult

Floors using SikaBond® Elastic Adhesives tuscan

Bead Application Liquid Esters



Preparation
1 Vacuum substrate properly
2 Pierce inner seal on cartridge
Pre-cut nozzle as shown to give a V shaped profile approximately 10 mm high x 8 mm wide



Trowelling out
1 Holding nozzle at right angle to the substrate, extrude a triangular shaped bead of adhesive approx. 10 mm high x 8 mm wide at 200 mm centres.



Placing Wood
1 Allow 15 hours prior to the wood into the SikaBond® adhesive. Firm to line and level using a mallet and block if required.

Full Surface Bonding Application



Preparation
1 Vacuum substrate properly
2 Use sufficient SikaBond® adhesive ensuring that wood is placed before surface skin has formed



Trowelling out
1 Using a notched trowel spread the adhesive evenly at a minimum consumption of 0.7 kg/m²



Placing Wood
1 Place the wood without delay to required line and level, adjusting with a mallet and block if required.

Sika®AcouBond-System Application Silent Floor - SikaBond® T53 and Silent Layer Mat



Preparation
1 Vacuum substrate properly
2 Pierce inner seal on cartridge
Pre-cut nozzle as shown to give a V shaped profile approximately 10 mm high x 8 mm wide



Laying Mat and Trowelling out
1 Roll out Sika® Layer mat so slits are at right angles to the proposed direction of the wood.
2 Extrude triangular shaped beads of SikaBond® T53 adhesive approx. 10 mm high x 8 mm wide into all of the cut-out slots.



Placing Wood
1 Place wood within 15 hours to required line and level, adjusting with a mallet and block if required. Ensure a gap of 12-15 mm is maintained around perimeter

please consult the latest technical data sheet.

Key Benefits of Sika Wood Floor Bonding Systems



Reduction of construction period

SikaBond® elastic adhesive systems save time as they are all 1-component products and do not require any priming. They do not contain water so do not cause the wood to swell



Lasting beauty of wood floors

SikaBond® elastic adhesive systems do not limit architects and house owners in their choice of different woods. SikaBond® bonds them all – as well as ceramic tiles, stone, metals etc. – to basically all different substrates



Maximum walking comfort

SikaBond® elastic adhesive systems dampen every step and thus take care of your joints and musculature



Sound radiation reduction (airborne)

Hard wood floor surfaces generate sound with every step. SikaBond® elastic adhesive systems reduce sound radiation and reflected airborne noise



Sound radiation reduction (impact)

SikaBond® elastic adhesive systems reduce impact sound travelling to properties below by up to 25 decibels

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Important points for a correct installation of your Tuscan Flooring.

Always read through the instruction leaflet contained within the boxes of the flooring.



- Make sure the sub floor is checked for appropriate moisture content using the correct moisture testing equipment. Where installing over a concrete or mineral based sub floor moisture content compliance to current British Standards should be ensured. Recommendations for wood based sub floors can be found within the fitting instructions supplied.
- Read the instructions relating to acclimatisation of the boards and ensure the correct checks are made to determine if acclimatisation has been achieved prior to installation.
- Check the product carefully following delivery of the flooring. Open at least one box and check for conformity to your order for correct product, acceptable colour shades, acceptable sizes, length spec, etc.
- If you have any concerns at the receipt of goods stage contact your supplier of the goods and clarify any concerns before opening any further boxes and installation of the boards. Claims for the product being unacceptable in any way that is apparent before or during installation will not be accepted.
- Use the correct tools – Having the appropriate tools makes the job easier and results in a better finish!
- Make sure the correct expansion gap facility is built into the floor as per the recommendations within the fitting instructions.
- Maintain the floor correctly! – Correct post installation and ongoing maintenance will greatly enhance the performance of your new floor. Leave the enclosed maintenance details with the owner of the floor.

Note 1 – Warranty claims will not be accepted if the cause of failure of the flooring relates to sub floor preparation, moisture or performance deficiencies, environmental moisture fluctuations, or incorrect acclimatisation, installation or maintenance methods.