



**INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS,  
CLEANING & MAINTENANCE**

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FOR

GREENWICH SERIES  
HABITAT COLLECTION  
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# 1 IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE INSTALLATION

## 1.1 BUILDING

- The building must be dry and free of construction humidity in accordance with Woodpecker Floorings recommended standards. The floor planks will not be delivered until the building is sealed, dry and warm, and the humidity levels are under control.
- The underfloor or sub floor must be thoroughly even, dry, clean and solid. Carpet staples or glue residue must be removed and the floor must be clean to ensure proper installation.
- To check for evenness, hammer a nail into the centre of the floor. Tie a string line to the nail and push the knot against the floor. Pull the string to the farthest corner of the room and examine the floor at eye level for any gaps between the string and the floor. Move the string around the perimeter of the room noting any gaps larger than 3mm. Any floor unevenness of more than 3mm per 1 metre must be sanded down or filled with an appropriate filler.
- Floors must be carefully checked for moisture problems. Any moisture problems need to be solved before installation. New concrete needs to cure for at least 60 days before installation.
- This product is not suitable for damp rooms such as bathrooms, saunas, rooms with damp concrete, rooms with floor drawings or rooms that could potentially flood.

## 1.2 INSTALLATION

- Carry the planks inside immediately after delivery; do not leave them outside under any circumstances.
- Your laminate flooring must be allowed to acclimate to the environment of the installation area. Leave the closed packages laid down in a horizontal position in the room for 48 hours prior to installation. Preferable temperature should be approximately 17-23oC with a relative humidity of 45-60%.
- Always check for defects such as chips and colour or sheen differences under good lighting conditions. Also check that the channel is clean and free of debris.
- If existing baseboard mouldings are difficult to remove, they may be left in place. Quarter round moulding is all that is needed to cover the expansion space between the flooring and the baseboard.

## 1.3 TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

- Vapour barrier foam underlay (applies only to laminate ranges with no pre-installed underlay).
- Pressure sensitive polypropylene adhesive tape such as vapour barrier tape or equivalent.
- Spacers
- Pull bar
- Saw
- Hammer
- Utility knife
- Pencil
- Tape measure
- Ruler
- Construction adhesive
- If installing over a crawl space or a concrete floor, make sure to use a 2 in 1 foam underlay that has a vapour barrier built in on both sides. Or use a 1-sided vapour barrier foam underlay with a 4mm polyethylene vapour barrier sheeting underneath the foam. When installing foam underlay, butt seams and then completely seal seams using vapour barrier tape (applies only to laminate ranges with no pre-installed underlay).
- For on grade or above grade installation single sided vapour barrier foam underlay is sufficient.

## 2 INSTALLATION METHODS

### 2.1 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start a corner by placing the first panel with its trimmed side facing the wall. Use spacers along each wall to maintain an expansion space of 8-12mm between the wall and the flooring. At no point should you secure the laminate to any surface.
2. To attach your second panel, insert the end tongue of the panel into the end groove of the first panel at a 45° angle. Lower the panel flat to the floor. Line up edges carefully.
3. Continue connecting the first row until you reach the last full panel. Fit the last panel by rotating the panel 180° with the pattern side upward, place beside row where the panel is to be installed, mark and then saw off excess.
4. When using a saw cut on the decorative surface. If you use a jig or circular saw cut with the decorative side down to avoid chipping.
5. Begin the next row with the off-cut piece from the previous row. This helps to stagger the pattern. Off cut pieces should be a minimum of 20cm long and end joint offset should be at least 40cm.

6. To start your second row, push the side tongue of the panel into the side groove of the very first panel at about 45°. When lowered, the plank will click into place.
7. Attach the second panel of the new row on the long side at a 45° and click into place leaving a small gap on the butt end next to the butt end of the previous panel.
8. Tap horizontally on the butt end of the second panel of the new row using a tapping block to close the gap between the panels being careful not to over tap. Tap until the butt ends of the panels just touch. Continue with the rest of the floor as described above.
9. To fit the last row, lay a panel upside down against the wall and using a ruler measure and mark the space that needs to be cut. Don't forget to allow room for the spacers when you measure your cut line. Cut the panel and attach into position.
10. Door frames and heating vents also require expansion room. First cut the panel to the correct length. Then place the cut panel next to its actual position and use a ruler to measure the areas to be cut and mark them. Cut out the marked points allowing the necessary expansion distance on each side.
11. Trim the bottom of the door frames by turning a panel upside down as a guide and use a handsaw to cut away the necessary height of the door frame. This will allow the panels to slide easily under the frames.

Remove spacers and you are ready to install finishing the moulding.

## 2.2 FINISHING AND MOULDING

**Reducer moulding** is used to finish flooring when the adjoining surface is lower or higher than the laminate flooring. Position the U track between each edge of the flooring leaving a small expansion space. Screw, nail or glue down the track directly to the subfloor and then insert the reducer strip into the track.

**T-moulding** is used to finish flooring when two level surfaces meet in doorways or for expansion joints. Install in the same way as the reducer above. If your room is more than 7m square you will need to allow for an expansion joint.

To finish the perimeter of the room, install quarter round moulding using finishing nails. Quarter round moulding is nailed directly into the baseboard.

**These instructions are in regards to Woodpecker laminate ranges. Please note that while all care is taken during manufacturing and packaging, occasionally there may be boards that exhibit minor defects. Boards should be inspected prior to installation to ensure no affected boards are installed. We will not accept any responsibility for replacement of boards that were installed with existing cracks or checking.**

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## 3 CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

### 3.1 GENERAL

- Preferable temperature should be approximately 17-23oC with a relative humidity of 45-60 percent.
- Use a laminate floor cleaner to clean up any dirt and footprints but avoid using excessive moisture. All spills should be cleaned up immediately. Never use wax, polish or scouring agents as they may dull or distort the finish. You can use a cleaner specially formulated for laminate to remove stubborn mark.
- To avoid scratches, apply felt pads to your furniture legs and use only soft rubber casters. Protect high traffics areas with runners and area rugs.
- It's a good idea to save a few boards in case of accidental damage. Boards can be replaced or repaired by a flooring professional.