

# Artisan Engineered Oak Flooring Installation Instructions

For our Artisan Oak Engineered Planks 189 x 15 mm, installed onto PB or Plywood, these basic points should be followed to ensure a quality install. For Concrete Slab installs **please refer ATFA Guidelines for adhesion to Concrete Slabs**. All slab installations require an appropriate Moisture Barrier (MB) prior to adhesion for warranty compliance. A system approach with compatible MB and elastomeric adhesive is required to support warranty provisions.

- Firstly PB /Plywood should be flat and soundly fixed.
- All edges and surfaces should be lightly sanded to ensure flatness particularly at the joins. Surface area should be sanded to remove any foreign containment such as waxes or paint etc. This will aid the adhesion process.
- Inspect planks carefully prior to install to detect any imperfections etc. **FAULTY PLANKS SHOULD NOT BE INSTALLED. Contact immediately if problems arise.**
- Where possible cover windows to avoid any excessive radiant heat to the flooring surface.
- Ensure humidity and temperature levels are comfortable; avoid installation during excessive weather conditions.
- Product requires full trowel adhesive, Bostik Ultraset or Sika T55 using a 4 mm notched trowel. ( Note; the adhesive provides acoustic benefits )
- Secret Nail at 200-300 mm intervals.
- Always leave a perimeter gap of approx. 12 mm.
- The finished floor should be protected from intense direct sunlight. Screens or Blinds should be used to inhibit direct sun. Items such as Rugs etc. should not be introduced until the floor has been able to equalise in its environment.

Note; other install options are possible such as the floating method. **However this method is not recommended for quality outcomes.** The floating method may be suitable for small areas < 25 m<sup>2</sup>, but acoustic performance and plank alignment becomes less reliable.

If this option is desired the install performance becomes a warranty matter between buyer and installer. If the floating method is adopted the install will require a moisture barrier and acoustic membrane on top of the substrate (PB, Plywood or Concrete Slab). All dry conditions as for other concrete slab installations remain valid.

The planks are installed with a cross linked PVA Adhesive applied to the top of the T&G profile on both long and short ends. Some installers apply the PVA to the underside of the Short End as well. The installer will need to establish a method for pulling the planks tightly together to ensure gapping or bowing does not eventuate during the install process.

Our Artisan Real Oak flooring can be re-furbished at a later date using a compatible Clear Hardened Oil & Wax compounds to the floor surface area, Loba, Osmo and Whittle Waxes have suitable products to freshen the floor during its service life. Please refer manufacturer's guidelines prior selection or application of an appropriate finish

**Note; as with all natural flooring products, No Wet Mopping or Steam Mops should be used to clean the floor. Static or towelling mops designed for natural surfaces should be used. Please consult with your retailer.**