

Cork Installation

Installation Guide for CFS Cork Flooring

Pre-Installation Warranty

It is the duty of the installer, whether professional or DIY (do-it-yourself), to inspect all flooring before installation. If the installer or buyer feels the flooring is the wrong color, improperly manufactured, has finish problems, is off grade or is the wrong gloss level, do NOT install the flooring. Please immediately contact the retailer from which the flooring was purchased. No claim will be accepted for flooring which is visibly defective if such flooring is installed. Installed flooring is deemed to be visibly acceptable. Since wood is a product of nature, not plastic, standard industry practice allows for up to 5% of the flooring shipped to have milling, handling, finish and/or grade defects. This warranty applies only to material that is in excess of this 5%. CFS Corporation will replace or refund the purchase price of material deemed to be defective in excess of this 5%. PLEASE NOTE: It is the duty of the installer/homeowner to judge the suitability of any piece for placement in an obvious area of the room. If you feel a piece is not suitable, either do not install it or install it in an inconspicuous place

Jobsite Requirements

All work involving water or moisture should be completed before installing hardwood flooring. For any new construction or remodeling project, installing flooring should be one of the last items installed. The jobsite should have properly functioning HVAC controlling temperature and relative humidity. Relative humidity should be regulated between 40% and 60%. Temperature should be in summer time should be regulated at 74°F or higher. Temperature below 74°F runs risk reaching a dew point. This can adversely affect your flooring system. Winter temperature should be kept between 64°F and 68°F. The concrete must be high compressive strength as defined by the adhesive manufacturer. All concrete sub-floors should be tested for moisture content. Visual checks are not reliable. An acceptable test method for concrete sub-floor moisture content is:

Calcium Chloride Test

The maximum moisture transfer must not exceed 3lbs. /1000 square feet within 72 hours after this test. Use 3 calcium chloride tests for every 1000 square foot of flooring installed.

A "DRY SLAB", AS DEFINED BY THIS TEST CAN BE WET AT OTHER TIMES OF THE YEAR. THIS ASTM F1869 TEST DOES NOT GUARANTEE A DRY SLAB. IT IS RECOMMENDED BOSTIK'S MVP4 ON ALL INSTALLATIONS. BOSTIK OFFERS A MOISTURE WARRANTY FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL BOSTIK AT TECHNICAL SERVICES AT 1-800-523-6530. NOTE CRESCENT HARDWOOD COLLECTION NIETHER OFFERS ANY EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES REGARDING MOISTURE CONDITIONS ARISING FROM THE SLAB. NOTE: BOSTIK DOES NOT WARRANTY AGAINST HYDROSTATIC HEAD PRESSURE.

Installation Instructions

The maximum tolerance is 3/16" per 10'. If necessary, level down any irregularities using #20 grit sandpaper and fill any uneven spots with Bostik's leveling compound. Remove all paint, wax, oil, plaster, "sheetrock mud", and previous or existing glues and adhesives. Grind concrete with #20 grit sandpaper if needed then sweep or vacuum thoroughly.

Before you start

- Make sure the sub-floor is level, clean, dry, smooth and firm.
- We recommend installation of plastic sheet as moisture barrier under cork tiles.
- Adjust doorframes and doors to provide clearance above the new floor.

1. Use 1/4" thick spacers against the wall. The spacer's can be removed after installation of the floor. Lay the first row of tiles with "top, short" tongue adjacent to the wall.
2. Hold your fingers under the tile, lift and push "butt" ends together. Use your tapping board to close gap (if necessary). Make sure that the tile edges are lining up accurately.
3. Joints to be staggered at least 300mm (approximately 1'-0").
4. Tiles in the second row and subsequent rows are to be fitted by first, placing the "butt" side against the previous tile. Then push together the long side with fingers under the tile.
5. After fitting the entire row, use your tapping block to knock and close any remaining gaps between tiles.
6. Tap together the end (last) tile with the aid of the "last board" puller. Remove all spacers. Install you baseboards.

Radiant Heat Floors

If radiant heating has been implemented in the sub-floor, the following basic instruction should apply:

- Turn off the heating 48 hours before installation starts.
- Turn on the heating in steps not earlier than 72 hours after installation.
- Do not exceed the temperature of 26°C measured at the surface of the cork tile.
- Always check with the adhesive manufacturer that the glue used is approved for radiant heat application.



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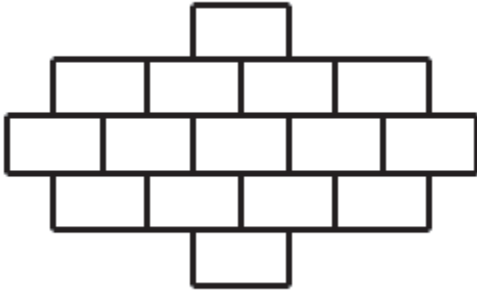
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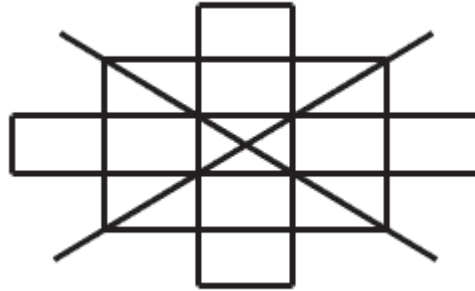
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Pattern

Start in the middle of the room by stretching an "adjusting string". Position a straight edge along your adjusting string and place your first tile against the straight edge. Start along this straight edge and determine the way and the pattern by laying some loose tiles. The most beautiful effect will be achieved by so-called "half-stone bond", leaping the tiles with the half all the time. Laying in square requires much more accuracy and not recommended. Make sure the starting row of tiles is perfectly straight and be careful with the alignment of all tiles as you proceed. Always install cut tiles with factory-finished edge facing installed tiles. Shuffle the tiles in order to obtain the most pleasing blend of shades.



Recommended



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Attention

In spite of all due care given when manufacturing the cork tiles, there is always a possibility of variations in structure and/or shade. Verify this by daylight before installation. Proceeding in this manner, you can distribute the tiles in such a way that variations in structure and/or shade are not striking. Remember, cork is a natural material and as such it is not possible to guarantee absolute uniformity.

Final Inspection

Responsibility for final inspection and approval falls to the customer and installer prior to permanent installation. It is the installer's responsibility to check color, finish and quality before installation. If your installer is not satisfied with our flooring prior to installation, then do not install the floor and contact us right away. We are not responsible for any costs associated with repairing or replacing boards that were installed with evident defects.

