

# Quality Flooring Plancher de Qualité

## Uniclic Installation Guide

### PLANK INSTALLATION

TOOLS REQUIRED Spacers/ wedges, pencil, tape measure, level, mitre saw, table saw, heavy duty box cutter, white mallet, hammer, tapping block, last board puller.

VIDEO: watch online video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKRVSj9YDUc

NOTE: If underlay is attached do not use additional layers of underlay as this will cause joints to flex and eventually break.

#### JOB PREPARATION

- ♦ Calculate the surface area required and add 5% -10% and then round up to the nearest full carton.
- ♦ Acclimatize flooring for temperature by spreading out sealed packages in room/ environment where the floor will be installed at a room temperature between 18C (64F) and 25C (77F) for 48 hours. Ensure packages remain sealed/ closed during acclimation and until ready to install.
- Ensure subfloor is clean, flat and sound
- ♦ Ensure any height differences in subfloor do not exceed 5mm (0.2 inches) over a run of 2m (6.6 ft). If height differences do exist, peaks will need to be ground down and valleys will need to be filled with patching compound.
- ♦ Check flooring planks for any visual defects in structure or aesthetics. Planks installed with visual defects are not covered under warranty.

#### INSTALLATION

- **STEP 1** Plank Direction should be parallel to the longest wall or in the direction of the rooms lights source. If these are conflicting, you will need to choose the best aesthetic.
- STEP 2 Start first row with Plank A's tongue facing the wall, using expansion wedges to create expansion space between the wall and the first row equal to the thickness of the flooring material. Work from left to right.
- STEP 3 Take a half plank, (Plank B in Diagram 1) and angle it into the middle of the long side (groove) of Plank A and rotate/ drop downward. Ensure there are no gaps.

STARTING WALL										
PLANK A (ALIG	NMENT PLANK)	PLANK C		PLANK D						
PLANK B	PLAI	NK E	PLA	PLANK B						
PLANK H		PLANK I		PLANK J						

DIAGRAM 1

- STEP 4 Take another full plank, (Plank C in diagram 1), and angle the short side into the short side of Plank A. Ensure there are no gaps or height differences. Use wedges to maintain expansion space between plank C and starting wall.
- STEP 5 Take another full plank, (Plank E in Diagram 1), and insert the tongue of the long side into the groove of the long sides of plank A and C, do not rotate or drop yet. While the tongue of plank E is engaged with the groove of planks A and C, slide plank E until the short side is within 2cm's of plank B's short side. Engage the short sides of Plank E and B by tapping plank E into the short side of Plank B. Using a tapping block and hammer tap until the short sides are fully engaged. Take care when tapping not to damage boards. Ensure there are no gaps or height differences.

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#### INSTALLATION CONTINUED

- NOTE: Should disassembly be required, lift up the entire row with the same angle as you did during installation then slide the rows apart. Disassemble each row by sliding the planks apart on the short side. Do not attempt rotating short side to disassemble as this will damage the locking system.
- STEP 6 Measure the distance between the short end of plank C to the wall minus the thickness of the flooring material. Cut a board equal to this length which will be plank D to complete the row. Angle the short end of plank D into the short end of plank C. Use wedges to maintain expansion between plank D and starting wall.
- STEP 7 Take another full plank, (Plank F in Diagram 1), and insert the tongue of the long side into the groove of the long sides of plank C and D, do not rotate or drop yet. While the tongue of plank F is engaged with the groove of planks C and D, slide plank F until the short side is within 2cm's of plank E's short side. Engage the short sides of Plank F and E by tapping plank F into the short side of Plank E. Using a tapping block and hammer tap until the short sides are fully engaged. Take care when tapping not to damage boards. Ensure there are no gaps or height differences.
- STEP 8 Measure the distance between the short end of plank F to the wall minus the thickness of the flooring material. Cut a board equal to this length which will be plank G to complete the row. Insert the tongue on the long side of Plank G into the groove side of plank D. Do not rotate or drop yet. Slide plank G until the short side of plank G is within 2 cms of the short side of plank F. Use a last board puller and hammer to engage the short sides of plank G and F.
- **STEP 9** Repeat steps 3 8 to install subsequent rows. Ensure you are inspecting and correcting for gaps and height differences.
- **STEP 10** For the last row, ensure there is expansion space equal to the thickness of the flooring material between the last row of planks and the wall.
- NOTE: Expansion space equal to the thickness of the flooring material must be left around any vertical obstructions such as posts or pipes. Cover this space using an appropriate molding or gromet. Expansions space is also required at thresholds for laminate when continuing flooring into hallway or another room. Use a T-Mold to cover this space.
- NOTE: The above installation instructions will achieve a brick pattern where the short side joints of every other row will be aligned. To Achieve a more random effect, see diagram below where row 2 is started with a 2/3's plank and row 3 is started with a 1/3 plank. Always use cut off pieces remaining from last board in row to start the next row to minimize waste and increase random aesthetic.

	DIAGRAM 1								
	STARTING WALL								
	PLANK A (ALIGNMENT PLANK)			PLANK C			PLANK D		
	PLANK B 2/	NKB2/3'SPLANK		PLANK E		PLANK F			
1/3 PLANK→	PLANK H	PLANK I			PLANKJ		PLANK K		

STEP 11 Once flooring installation is complete, install baseboard or quarter round to cover the expansion space