



PRESTIGE OAK FLOORING

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Background

For our Prestige Oak, Tongue & Groove Engineered Planks installed onto Particle Board (PB) or Plywood we have provided basic points that should be followed to ensure a quality install.

For Concrete Slab installation please refer ATFA Guidelines for adhesion to Concrete Slabs. A range of optimum methods are discussed and we encourage you to only use professional contractors to ensure your purchase is correctly installed. 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.

We do not recommend our T&G Prestige Oak range directly fixed to a joist and bearer system.

The product if suitably fixed can be installed on an approved batten system refer; **ATFA guidelines**, however acoustic performance may be affected.

Prestige Oak T&G planks can be installed for attractive vertical wall features. There are various methods of fixing applicable to this type of installation. Please consult with your contractor to assess the optimum approach as each application may vary from site to site. Generally a combination of secret nailing along with an elastomeric adhesive will provide a suitable fixing.

Considerations for pre-installation requirements.

Importantly, the installation should be performed by a professional contractor. The installation process and method selected is solely the responsible of the contractor and you must be satisfied that the contractor is qualified to carry out your site installation. Should you have any concerns either contact your retailer or visit the helpful site at www.atfa.com.au

1. Once the product arrives at site please secure in the original cartons stored in a dry area and away from any extreme temperature impacts.
2. The planks must be carefully inspected prior to install to detect any imperfections etc. **FAULTY PLANKS SHOULD NOT BE INSTALLED** and will not be covered by warranty provisions. Contact point of purchase immediately if problems arise.
3. Preparation should be made to have the necessary cleaning solutions available to keep any adhesive or other substances off the surface of the plank as these may prove difficult to remove when cured.

Installation general for Plywood and Particle Board (P/Board)

1. Substrate materials such as structural Plywood and P/Board should be flat and secure.
2. All edges and surfaces should be lightly sanded to ensure flatness particularly at the joins. Surface area should be sanded to remove any foreign substances such as waxes or paint etc. This will aid the adhesion process.
3. Inspect planks carefully prior to install to detect any imperfections etc. **FAULTY PLANKS SHOULD NOT BE INSTALLED** and will not be covered by warranty provisions. If certain planks are displaying slight bow or twist set aside under load to assist with site acclimatization. These planks can be recycled into the install at a later time. If further assembly issues arise, please contact point of purchase immediately for review.
4. Where possible cover windows to avoid any excessive radiant heat to the flooring surface.
5. Ensure humidity and temperature levels are comfortable; avoid installation during excessive weather conditions.
6. Optimum install requires full trowel adhesive, Bostik Ultraset, Sika or similar system using a minimum 4 mm notched trowel. The planks should be weighted to assist with high bond outcomes as required for a quality installation. **For adhesive installation please consult the ATFA guidelines to check if an alternate method is suitable for your application.** (Note; the adhesive provides acoustic benefits).
7. Secret Nail at 200-300 mm intervals can be incorporated to assist with plank alignment and assisting with adhesion in difficult areas.
8. Perimeter expansion will vary from site to site. Installer will need to assess opportunities to maximize the natural movement of the floor.
9. Incidental scratching, chipping and indentations from external sources would be considered site related and therefore not covered by warranty provisions. Please cover flooring with adequate protection if construction is still occurring at the site.
10. 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, approx. 6 / 8 weeks.



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Note: other install options are possible such as the floating method.

If this option is selected the Structural and Coating Warranty remain in place however, the install performance remains a warranty matter between buyer and installer. A floating method of install will require a moisture barrier and acoustic membrane on top of the substrate regardless of the substrate. P/Board, Plywood or Concrete Slab all requires this approach. Concrete slab conditions are required to be DRY as per the ATFA guidelines noted earlier.

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.

Note: as with all natural flooring products, NO wet mopping or steam mops should be used to clean the floor before or after installation. Static or toweling mops designed for natural surfaces should be used.

Please consult with your retailer or point of purchase to obtain an up to date, Cleaning and Maintenance Guide.

Our Prestige Oak Flooring can be re-furnished at a later date using a range of compatible coatings. Widely available brands such as WOCA, Loba and Bona all have suitable products to freshen and re-coat the floor during its service life. Please refer manufacturer's guidelines prior to selection or application of an appropriate finish.

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