

# FIN Oak

## Engineered Hardwood Flooring

### Glue down herringbone installation guide

#### IMPORTANT!

**THE USE OF STEAM CLEANERS/MOPS IS NOT RECOMMENDED WITH THIS PRODUCT. Before opening the packaging, acclimatise the Finfloor packs for 48 hours by lying them flat in the centre of the room approximately 16mm off any concrete screed in which they are to be installed. Do not open the packs until the day they are to be installed. Prior to fitting, inspect material carefully. Any material installed with obvious defects will not be warranted. Due to inherent shade differences in all hardwood flooring, Installer must work out of a minimum of 5 boxes.**

#### LAYING INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

##### Prior to installing:

It is vitally important to ensure the following steps/tests are done prior to carrying on with the installation. Not following these steps could result in your installation failing and would affect any manufacturing warranties issued

##### Suitability

- Self-leveling screed is required for engineered flooring.
- Pavelite is not suitable to be used as a screeding material for glue down flooring.
- Subfloor moisture readings must be within the adhesive manufacturer's specifications, normally 3%.
- This test can be done by using a Tramex concrete moisture meter or similar moisture meter.
- Subfloor must be level & have no high/low/hollow areas.
- It is advisable to use a laser level to ensure the screed is level.
- All the manufacturer's instructions for application of self-leveling screed must be followed.
- A moisture barrier (by any recognised flooring adhesive manufacturer) must be applied before installation; this will prevent moisture from the concrete getting to the wood floors.
- Should this not be done this could lead to a failure of the performance of the flooring and will make any warranties issued null & void.
- The screed must have a minimum grab strength of 25mpa (MEGA PASCALS) and must be tested by either your builder or installer.
- If the screed does not pass this test it must be redone.

##### FINOak pre-installation preparation:

- The planks to be installed must be kept in the room where they will be installed to acclimatise (as wood expands and contracts) for 48 hours prior to installing.
- Before commencing installation, ensure the subfloor/screed is clean, dry to the touch and free of any dust, oil and grease. *N.B. The surface area must be flat.*
- Layout the floor panels (dry Lay) in a symmetrical plan helps with the installation. The peak of the herringbone "V" shape should point in the same direction of the longest length of the room and the width towards the shorter direction. (Fig. 1)



fig. 1

- Once done measure the room and find the centre line and put down a chalk line. (Fig. 2)



fig. 2

- Dry lay 2 panels on this centre line and work outwards to establish if there is any runout on the walls and to ensure that your set out is symmetrical.
- This will also affect you should you be installing with a boarder.
- If no boarder is to be used then throw a line on the apexes of the left & right hand sides of the panels to ensure you are running parallel.
- It is recommended that a laser line be used which can shoot a line on top of the floor panels, this will prevent any "runout". (Fig. 3)



fig. 3

##### Installing your floor:

There are two options of adhesive application methods for installing glue-down engineered floors.

These being:

- **Full bond system** - the glue is trowelled over the entire screed using a 8mm notched trowel.
- **Cord bond system** - the glue is applied in beads 10mm thick and 100mm apart.

##### When installing the initial set out:

Install a row of 2 panels joined together and placed on the spread Full Bond or Cord Bond glue, ensuring that the panels follow the centre chalk line thrown previously. (Fig. 4) These panels must be allowed to cure for at least 24 hours before proceeding with the installation.

Once the above is cured, dry, in line and square. Proceed with the installation 1 row at a time.

Do not rush the installation work systematically and you will have a beautiful installation.



fig. 4

24 hours after completion of your installation, your floor may require a light buff, if it has been pre-stained, and further oil applied to the floor.

##### If the flooring installed is unstained.

Once the installation is complete and you have waited 24 hours for the adhesive to cure, then a full sanding will be required and the sawdust from the initial sanding can be collected and mixed with the resin/oil and applied to the flooring to fill any gaps in the Herringbone floor.

Once dry, it is recommended that a light sanding with a fine grit sand paper is done and then the final coat of oil is applied. When installation is completed, the floors are to be cleaned and maintained using the correct products for the specific floor finish.

The cleaning products can be purchased from any Finfloor dealer/outlet.

##### Cleaning & Care

FinOak Hardwood Flooring is very hygienic and easy to clean. Simply clean with a soft broom or vacuum cleaner. Footprints and dirt can be removed by wiping the panels length wise with a well-wrung, barely moist cloth or Micro fibre mop. Should the floor be very dirty a hardwood floor cleaner can be used. Refer to manufacturer's instructions for cleaning if using an oil stain finish. Residual moisture should be immediately wiped up. Do not use household cleaners with oil, fat or wax.

In particular dirty areas, such as entrances and hallways, dirt trapping mats should be placed on the floor. Use felt pads on the bottom of furniture and smooth soft-wheeled chair castors made of rubber for the feet of furniture. The wellbeing of the occupants and the preservation of the hardwood floor require the maintenance of a healthy climate in the room. The ideal climate is room temperature of 18-24°C and humidity of 35-60%.

##### Warranty

**25 year limited domestic warranty**

**5 year limited general commercial use**

This warranty becomes valid from the date of purchase from your local supplier. Finfloor shall not be liable to any other party other than the original purchaser and not liable to any other party for any damage of any nature arising.



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