



GREEN POLICY

FINOAK Atelier
Engineered Hardwood Flooring

**Responsible timber. Verified supply chains.
Healthier interior environments.**

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Our commitment

FINfloor is committed to supplying FINOAK Atelier engineered hardwood flooring in a way that supports responsible forest management, lawful timber sourcing, transparent supply chains, product compliance and healthier indoor environments.

Wood is a renewable natural material when forests are responsibly managed. Engineered construction also makes efficient use of valuable hardwood by combining a real-wood wear layer with supporting timber layers. Our approach is to select products and supply chains that can be supported by credible documentation, independent testing and recognised standards.

Policy principles

Responsible sourcing	Prioritise timber from legal, responsibly managed and traceable sources.
Chain of custody	Maintain supporting records that connect timber origin, shipment and production.
Indoor air quality	Use independent emissions testing and certification to support low-emitting product selection.
Product compliance	Maintain relevant technical assessment and performance documentation for engineered wood flooring.
Resource efficiency	Promote long service life, correct installation, maintenance, repair and responsible end-of-life choices.
Continuous review	Review certificates, test reports and supplier documentation as standards and product specifications change.

What this means in practice

- Timber legality and traceability: supporting records include forest-harvest, commercial, transport, customs, origin and phytosanitary documentation.
- Responsible forestry: relevant supply-chain records include PEFC chain-of-custody certification and PEFC-certified timber documentation.
- Efficient material use: FINOAK Atelier uses engineered, layered construction to optimise the use of natural timber.
- Long-term value: correct specification, professional installation and appropriate care can extend service life and reduce premature replacement.

Verified environmental and product evidence

The following evidence has been reviewed in support of this policy. Full source documents are retained by FINfloor and may be made available where commercially appropriate. Certification scope and validity must always be checked against the product supplied and the current certificate status.

PEFC chain of custody	Chain-of-custody certification to PEFC ST 2002:2020 and PEFC ST 2001:2020 covers the purchase of certified timber inputs and the manufacture and sale of certified flooring within the documented scope. Supporting source-side PEFC records are also held.
FloorScore®	Engineered hardwood flooring is covered by FloorScore certificate SCS-FS-20061 for the certification period 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027. The assessment records conformance with SCS-105 and CA 01350 requirements for indoor-air emissions.
Formaldehyde emissions	Independent 2025 chamber testing to EN 717-1 recorded 0.0070 mg/m ³ for the tested 15 mm multi-layer wood flooring sample. The product assessment records fulfilment of the E1 requirement.
CE performance assessment	A notified-laboratory assessment under EN 14342:2013 covers multi-layer parquet elements for interior use and evaluates relevant essential characteristics, including reaction to fire and formaldehyde release.
UK product assessment	UKCA-related verification documentation assesses engineered multi-layer parquet elements against BS EN 14342:2013 using the submitted initial type-test evidence.
Timber origin and shipment	The reviewed evidence set includes a forest-harvest licence, PEFC records, invoice, bill of lading, certificate of origin, phytosanitary and heat-treatment records, customs declaration and supporting business documentation.

Indoor environmental quality

FloorScore certification is an independent indoor-air-quality certification programme for hard-surface flooring. The reviewed 2026 assessment records compliance for the certified engineered hardwood flooring scope and identifies compatibility with recognised low-emitting materials criteria used by building-rating systems, subject to each scheme's full project requirements.

Responsible product lifecycle

Design and selection

- Specify the correct FINOAK Atelier format, finish and installation method for the intended application.
- Use current technical data, installation instructions and warranty requirements when planning a project.

Installation

- Use trained installers and follow FINfloor's current subfloor, moisture, expansion and environmental requirements.
- Where adhesives, primers or finishes are required, select fit-for-purpose, low-emission products and follow the manufacturers' safety instructions.
- Plan board layouts and cutting to reduce avoidable off-cuts and packaging waste.

Use and maintenance

- Protect flooring from excessive moisture, grit, impact and unsuitable cleaning products.
- Follow FINfloor's care and maintenance guidance to support product longevity.
- Where technically practical, consider localised repair or refinishing before full replacement.

End of service life

- Prioritise reuse, salvage or recycling where local facilities and the product condition allow.
- Separate clean timber and packaging waste from general waste where suitable collection streams exist.
- Dispose of flooring, coatings and adhesives in accordance with local waste requirements.

Governance and review

FINfloor will review this policy and its supporting evidence periodically, and when there is a material change to the FINOAK Atelier product, sourcing route, applicable standard or certification status. Claims used in marketing and specification material must remain within the documented scope of the supporting evidence.

Important note

This policy summarises FINfloor's environmental and responsible-sourcing approach. It is not a product certificate, environmental product declaration, life-cycle assessment or guarantee of carbon neutrality. Project teams should request current product-specific evidence where a green-building submission or regulatory approval requires it.

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