

LAMINATE FLOORING

INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

Everything you need for a successful laminate flooring installation.

✓
PREPARE
CHECK
INSTALL
ENJOY



Choose the right laminate flooring



Use the correct underlay



Have the right tools



Check moisture levels



Allow expansion space



Use the right profiles & trims



Protect & care for your new floor

1 CHOOSE THE RIGHT LAMINATE FLOORING

- Select a floor suitable for the intended use and traffic.
- Check the wear class (AC rating) for performance.
- Explore FINfloor laminate collections.

2 ORDER ENOUGH FLOORING

- Measure correctly and add extra for cutting and wastage.
- Herringbone and irregular rooms require more.

3 PREPARE THE SUBFLOOR

- Clean, dry, level, stable and free from debris.
- Follow manufacturer's flatness tolerances.
- Repair any cracks or uneven areas.

4 CHECK MOISTURE CONDITIONS

- Test moisture levels of concrete/screed.
- Use the correct vapour barrier where required.
- Never install over a damp subfloor.

5 USE THE CORRECT UNDERLAY

- Improves sound reduction, comfort & stability.
- Provides insulation and moisture protection.
- Choose an underlay recommended for laminate.

6 PLAN EXPANSION GAPS

- Leave expansion gaps around all walls & fixed objects.
- Do not trap the floor under cabinets or fittings.
- Use spacers during installation.

7 HAVE PROFILES & TRIMS READY

- Expansion profiles for large areas and doorways.
- Reducers for different floor heights.
- End profiles, skirting & stair nosings for a perfect finish.

View profiles: finfloor.co.za/flooring-accessories/

8 CHECK DOOR CLEARANCES

- Include the height of the laminate + underlay.
- Trim doors and frames if necessary.

INSTALLATION TOOLS CHECKLIST



Tape measure



Pencil



Spacers



Tapping block



Pull bar / heel iron



Rubber mallet



Fine-toothed saw



Utility knife



Square



Chalk line



Tape



Safety equipment



TIP: Always read the installation instructions for your specific flooring before you begin. Different locking systems and board formats may have different requirements.

AFTER INSTALLATION: CARE & MAINTENANCE



Use felt pads under furniture legs.



Clean regularly with a microfiber mop or suitable vacuum.



Use dirt-trapping mats at entrances.

FINAL CHECKLIST – BEFORE YOU START

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Laminate flooring selected ✓ Enough flooring ordered ✓ Subfloor clean, dry & level ✓ Moisture levels checked ✓ Correct underlay ✓ Vapour barrier (if required) ✓ Installation tools ready | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Spacers ✓ Expansion gaps planned ✓ Profiles & trims ✓ Skirting / quarter rounds ✓ Doors checked ✓ Underfloor heating requirements confirmed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Felt pads ✓ Cleaning equipment ✓ Entrance mats ✓ Floor care products ✓ Installation instructions read |
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SUITABLE FOR UNDERFLOOR HEATING?



Many FINfloor laminate floors are suitable for underfloor heating systems. Follow the temperature and installation requirements.

Learn more: finfloor.co.za/facts/laminate-underfloor-heating-and-requirements/

NOTE

Laminate flooring is a floating floor and must be allowed to expand and contract naturally. Never fix the floor down.

