

PACESETTER™

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VERSALOCK™

Glueless Laminate Flooring

4 STEP INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Typical Tools Required: Pull Bar, Tapping Block, 1/4" Wall Spacers, Tape Measure, Utility Knife, Broom, Electric Saw (Carbide Blade), Hammer, Pencil, Eye and Ear Protection.

1. SUBFLOOR PREPARATION:

- ✓ SimpleLock can be installed directly over most existing floor coverings, except for carpet. Wood flooring glued to concrete must be removed before installation.
- ✓ Allow cartons of flooring to lay flat, unopened, in the room to be installed for a minimum of 48 hours before installation.
Allow more time in high humidity or very dry areas.
- ✓ Fill any low spots greater than 3/16", remove any high spots.
- ✓ Remove any existing floor moldings (if any) except for the wall baseboards.
- ✓ Sweep the floor clean.
- ✓ All concrete subfloors require a minimum 6 mil. polyethylene plastic sheet for a moisture barrier, in addition to the foam underlayment. Shaw 2 in 1 and Silent Step (3 in 1) have this moisture barrier built-in with the underlayment. The polyethylene sheet should be overlapped by 8" and taped together with 2" clear plastic package tape.
- ✓ Unroll one width of underlayment along the longest wall with the logo side facing up. All work is done from left to right.
Planks should run lengthwise against the longest wall.
- ✓ Use 2" clear plastic package tape to connect the widths of underlayment. Do not overlap the foam, only butt the

edges together. Only roll one width of underlayment at a time to begin installing the planks. Unroll and tape the next width of underlayment just before the planks cover the next seam. This will help protect the underlayment until you are ready to cover it with planks.

2. **FIRST ROW INSTALLATION:**

- ✓ Planks should run lengthwise against the longest wall. The width of the first row planks should be approximately the same width as the last row. This may require cutting the first row plank to a smaller width. Measure across the room (inches) and divide by the width of a plank(inches) to see how many full width planks will be used and what size width will be needed for the last row. The last row should never be less than 2" in width.
- ✓ Use 1/4" spacers to maintain an expansion gap around the entire perimeter of the floor. Quarter Round molding will cover this expansion gap.
- ✓ **INSPECT EACH BOARD CAREFULLY FOR DAMAGE PRIOR TO INSTALLING IT**
- ✓ With the tongue side of the planks facing the wall, begin in the left corner of the starting wall, connecting the plank ends together as you go. Rotate the tongue side of the plank into the groove side of the plank and rotate downward. The last plank will have to be sawn to the proper length, allowing for the 1/4" expansion gap from the wall. Saw the planks using a sharp, carbide tip blade saw. Allow the blade teeth to rotate into the finished side of the plank to avoid splintering. Use spacers every 2 feet along the starting wall and at the ends of the planks. Use the pull bar to help adjust the end plank from the wall.
- ✓ Cut a plank into half length to begin the second row. Position the half board to the left side and engage it to the first row. Continue connecting the second row, engaging the short end joints first, and then engaging the long side joint of each board with the first row. Use the tapping block to assist a snug fit of each joint only if required. Avoid damage to the plank edges by tapping gently on the groove side.
- ✓ You will feel a distinct click when the planks fully engage. Practice this movement several times before installing the remainder of the floor. Always work left to right.
- ✓ Begin the third row with the remainder of the plank from the first row

as your starter plank.

- ✓ This sequence is repeated every three rows for the balance of the floor.

3. **REMAINDER OF FLOOR:**

- ✓ Repeat this process one row at a time until the final row remains, randomly pulling planks from 3 cartons at a time to ensure random appearance.
- ✓ You may want to kneel on the installed planks and assemble the floor from this direction.
- ✓ All joints should be a tight fit with no gaps. Stop and re-connect
- ✓ if a joint is not tight or if all edges are not even with adjacent planks. These planks can be engaged and disengaged several times if needed to help make a correct installation.
- ✓ The last row will need its width to be cut to fill the remaining floor, while allowing for the " expansion gap from the wall.
- ✓ Use the pull bar to assist placement of this last row.

4. **MOLDING AND TRANSITIONS:**

- ✓ Remove the spacers from the expansion space.
- ✓ Apply a generous bead of silicone sealant around the perimeter of the floor in the expansion gap. This is especially important close to water sources.
- ✓ Nail or glue your matching quarter round to the wall or wall base board. Do not nail down into the floor. This floor is designed to not be fastened in any way. The quarter round should cover the expansion gap and silicone sealant, overlapping the floor about " or more.
- ✓ Pre-drill nail holes in the quarter round before nailing. Use Shaw color matched putty to fill the countersunk nail heads.
- ✓ Glue or nail the proper length of molding track to the subfloor, next to the adjoining floor covering. Select the proper transition molding, allowing for a slight overlap on the new laminate floor (about ").

Care and maintenance

- ✓ Promptly clean all spills with a soft cloth or sponge
- ✓ Spray a small amount of Shaw Laminate Floor Cleaner on the floor and a dry flat cotton mop.
- ✓ **DO NOT WET MOP**
- ✓ Vacuum or dust mop regularly. Do not use a beater bar type vacuum.
- ✓ Use door mats and area rugs at entryways.
- ✓ Use felt gliders on chair legs and coasters on heavy furniture .
- ✓ Avoid steel wheels and pointed objects.
- ✓ Avoid abrasive cleaners or abrasive scrub pads.

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