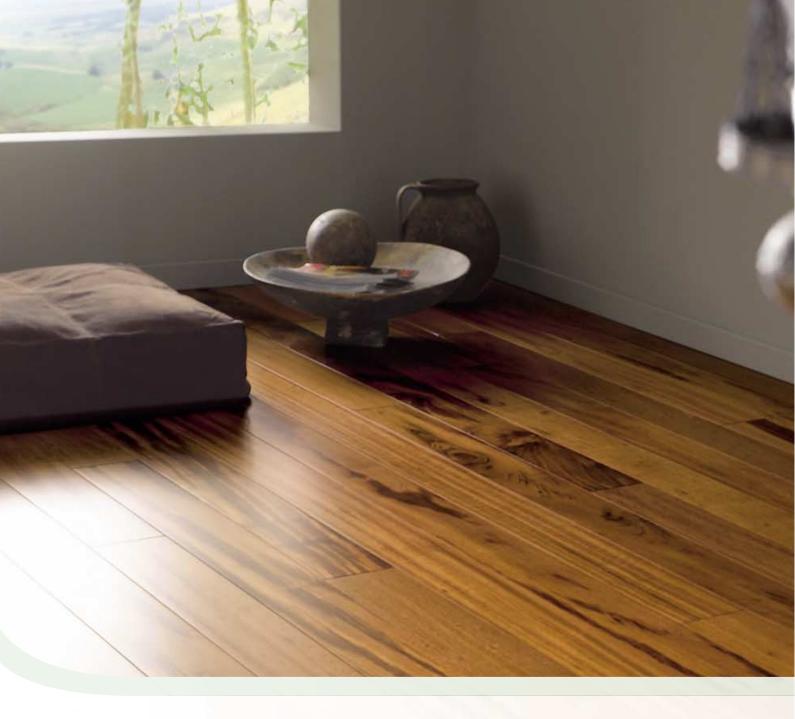




THE FLOORING GUIDE

A complete range of laminate, engineered and solid wood flooring products to bring the best out of any interior

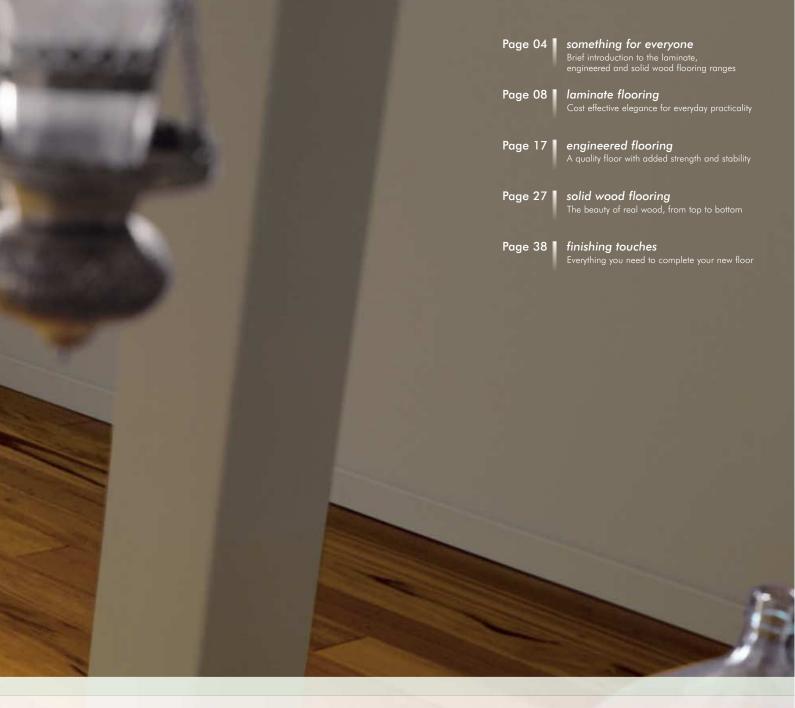






THE FLOORING GUIDE

A comprehensive range of timber flooring products perfect for every possible application, from Howarth Timber & Building Supplies, the UK's largest privately owned and operated timber company.



The Howarth Timber Group has been established for over 165 years' and has built a reputation for industry experience, product quality and service. The UK's largest privately owned and operated timber group, the company is committed to worldwide environmental policies and is a founder member of the Forests Forever Campaign, encouraging the use of sustainable resources.

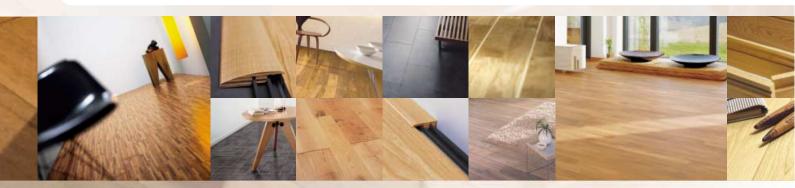
Whether you are looking for laminate, engineered or solid wood flooring for a domestic or commercial situation, Howarth Timber & Building Supplies flooring specialists are on hand to help. Working closely with some of the industries top flooring manufacturers, they can offer you advice on a wide range of available products to suit all your needs, together with guidance on finishing, aftercare and accessories.

Committed to the environment

Howarth Timber & Building Supplies has achieved Chain of Custody* certification covering all of the Company's divisions, providing compliance with government specifications for timber from legal and well-managed sources as well as meeting the requirements of the construction industry's independent third party audit organisations.









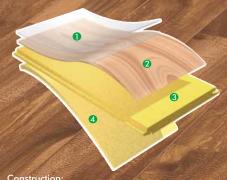
Constructed around a core layer of high density fibreboard (HDF), finished with a top layer of highly decorative paper print/natural wood veneer and hardwearing melamine surface.

With a huge variety of patterns and finishes available, including wood and ceramic effects, the choice for your commercial or domestic project is virtually endless.

Quick and easy to install, laminate flooring products have non-glue, click together boards which are available in a selection of slate tile, stone tile, V-grooved, wood grained, smooth, and authentic surface finishes.

With a wide range of colours and design specifications to suit almost every application, laminate flooring can transform domestic living areas, and can offer user-friendly durability for commercial situations.

Whatever your needs, Howarth Timber & Building Supplies can provide flooring solutions and options which will ensure your project runs smoothly.



Construction:

 Wear layers 2. High quality decor paper/natural wood veneer 3. Stabilising core layer 4. Kraft paper backing layer



HOWARTH TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES LAMINATE FLOORING RANGE IS PERFECT FOR USE WITH UNDERFLOOR HEATING SYSTEMS. PLEASE SEE MANUFACTURERS LITERATURE FOR FULL DETAILS.

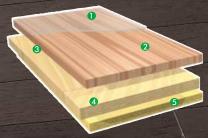
Made with a real wood decorative/wear surface layer, providing all the visual qualities of wood, with the added benefit of a ready to finish or fully finished surface for an instant and distinctive flooring solution.

Manufactured to stringent quality control methods from several layers of material, which are bonded together under extreme pressure. The base structure design improves stability, increases the floor's durability and ensures for quick and accurate installation.

Ideal for both the home or commercial applications, engineered flooring incorporates the latest easy fit joint systems providing you with a highly attractive, strong and secure floor.

The strength and stability of engineered floor makes it an ideal choice where underfloor heating combined with traditional flooring is required. Engineered flooring is deemed to be acceptable for use with most types of modern underfloor heating systems.

Long-life is inherent in engineered flooring. The surface can be sanded and re-finished later in its life to restore the natural beauty of the wood.



Construction:

1. High quality lacquer sealer or oil finish 1. High quality lacquer sealer or oil finish
2. Solid lamella surface with selected plank length/width staves
3. Very stable tongue and groove core strips made from ply or pine with dense annular rings
4. Tongue and groove at end made from five-ply plywood or HDF
5. Reverse covered with sanded pine or hardwood balancer



HOWARTH TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES ENGINEERED FLOORING RANGE IS PERFECT FOR USE WITH UNDERFLOOR HEATING SYSTEMS. PLEASE SEE MANUFACTURERS LITERATURE FOR FULL DETAILS.

Available in a wide range of timber species and produced in a variety of lengths, widths and finishes from planked wide boards to narrow strip, solid wood flooring gives you a greater opportunity for customisation.

Solid wood flooring creates a feeling of ambience and warmth like no other, over time and through natural use actually becoming more and more unique. Your solid wood floor will give warmth and style valued by generations.

An extensive range of fully finished products are available, from lacquered, brushed & oiled or natural/white oiled surfaces, to antiqued, aged and distressed surfaces with a variety of oil wax finishes.

We are also able to offer a full range of solid wood flooring products suitable for use with underfloor heating.

To meet your exacting requirements Howarth Timber & Building Supplies offers a comprehensive selection of real wood flooring machined to your own specifications or to traditional patterns using timbers ethically sourced around the world. From rich, traditional hues of mahogany and rustic oak, to lighter, contemporary shades of maritime pine and redwood.



- Lacquer or brushed/oiled surface finish 100% solid wood 3. Stress grooves



CERTAIN PRODUCTS IN THE HOWARTH TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES SOLID WOOD FLOORING RANGE ARE SUITABLE FOR USE DERFLOOR HEATING SYSTEMS. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ANCH FOR DETAILS.



Dark coloured woods such as Walnut and Merbau with their dark brown to almost black tones are great for defining spaces. They can add warmth and richness to a room but can also darken with time. Other timbers which create the same warmth and feeling are Jatoba, Cherry and Wenge/Panga Panga.

Cherry Pale, pinkish brown, darkens somewhat on exposed light. The grain is straight and fine and even texture. A very decorative wood especially in mid grades.

Merbau Yellowish to orange/brown darkening to medium to dark brown on exposure to light. Interlocking grain, rather coarse but even in texture. A timber with good appearance and generally free from defects, suitable for good quality flooring.

American Walnut Growing in popularity, a rich dark brown timber, deepening in colour with age. More uniform in colour than European Walnut. The grain is sometimes wavy or curly with a rather coarse texture.

Jatoba A naturally dark reddish brown wood with a beautiful grained pattern which will enhance the beauty of any room.

Medium coloured woods. From the golden tones of oak to the rich reddish browns of red oak, beech medium coloured wooden flooring will add warmth to most areas and will suit most décor finishes.

Beech White to plain brown, occasionally with a dark coloured core. One of the strongest European timbers. Usually heavy and straight grained and of a plain appearance. Quickly takes up any excess moisture from the surrounding environment and care needs to be taken to prevent stains.

American Red Oak Resembles other oaks in appearance but heartwood usually has a redish tinge. Coarse in texture and has a less attractive silver grain than American White Oak. Considered inferior to American white oak for certain uses, however it is ideal and very popular for flooring.

American White Oak Similar in many respects to European Oak, the grain is generally straight. Silver grain is present in a quarter of sawn material. Milder to work with than European Oak, it makes a good flooring timber.

European Oak One of the most widely used timbers in the UK, providing strong robust decorative furniture, fascias, doors and flooring. Renowned for its durability and decorative appearance, oak makes an ideal floor.

Iroko A very strong durable timber of attractive appearance and small movement. Colour varies from pale yellow to dark brown and darkens on exposure to light. This valuable structural timber is ideal for flooring.

The lighter wood species such as Bamboo, Birch, Maple and Ash with their blonde tones are ideal for creating a light, bright and spacious feeling in smaller areas and are great for showing off dark furnishings to their best effect.

Ash White to light brown, occasionally with irregular dark streaks. Coarse grained texture, fairly straight, however a decorative effect is achieved when plain sawn. Good quality Ash is outstanding for toughness.

Bamboo Considered the fastest growing plant on earth, reaching its full height after only half a year. Bamboo flooring is hard wearing and has a low tendency to shrink or absorb water. Light yellowish in colour its lively, elegant and straight surface structure give an aura of warmth ideal for any room.

Birch Curly grained and strongly figured. Sometimes marketed as white or red birch, colour varies from light to reddish brown. As flooring it is highly resistant to wear.

Canadian Maple Creamy white with a reddish tinge. Less expensive grades have dark brown markings. Grain is usually straight and of a fine even texture. A timber with good strength properties and resistant to wear it makes a good floor.

European Maple Often known as Silver Maple. Softer and lighter in colour than it's Canadian counterpart, but equally as hard as oak and beech, this makes a very clean attractive looking floor.

For details of the full range of species and finishes available please contact your local Howarth Timber & Building Supplies who will be happy to assist.

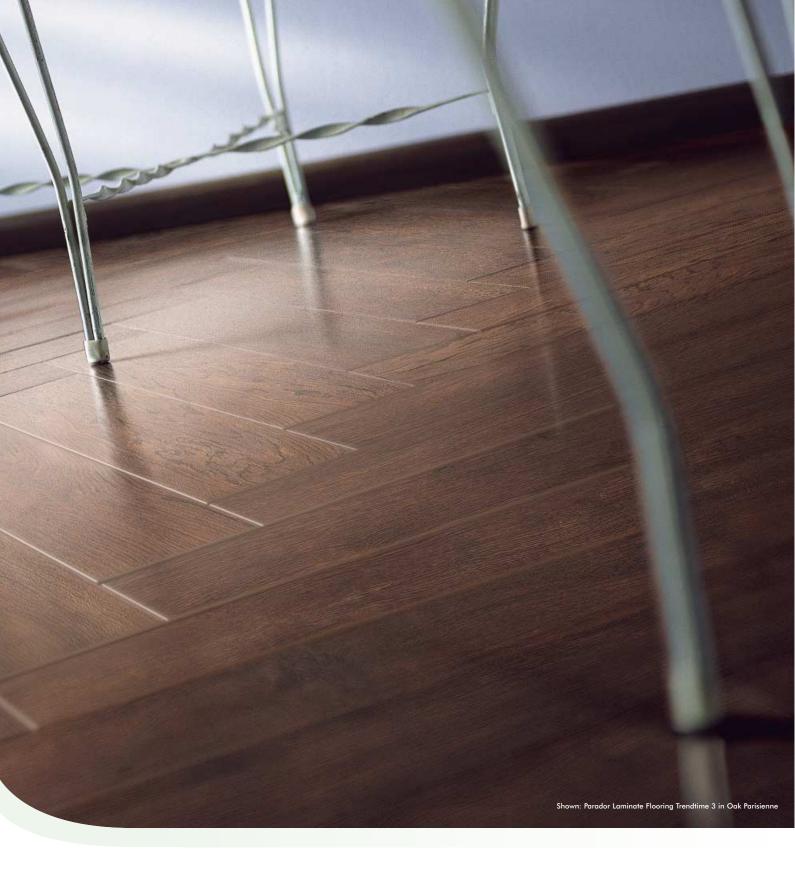


A healthier solution

There has been a great deal of research over the years into the link between allergies, asthma and carpets. According to the National Asthma Campaign, the most common trigger for this is the house dustmite. A study by the University of Southampton, Allergic Diseases and Indoor Environment Department in 2000, discovered that every square metre of carpet can harbour

100,000 dust mites. Add to this the additional germs which develop and breed when dirt and spillage occurs. By choosing a real wooden, engineered or laminated floor, significant reductions in allergies can be achieved. As the National Asthma Campaign states, one way to reduce your exposure is to 'Consider Replacing Carpets'





THE LAMINATE RANGE

Working alongside market leading manufacturers Howarth Timber & Building Supplies is proud to introduce it's comprehensive laminate flooring range





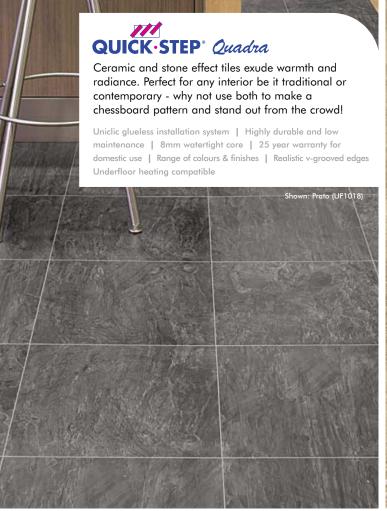


PARADOR











Shown: Natural Varnished Oak (VU946)







quality that will last for years thanks to a 9.5mm core. Gently bevelled edges, living and natural authentic surface techniques replicate a natural wood floor perfectly.

Uniclic glueless installation system | Looks & feels like a natural wooden floor | Available in two widths | 25 year warranty for domestic use | Wide range of colours & finishes | Underfloor heating compatible





A refined combination of parquet planks in three different lengths, separated by a subtle v-groove. This gives your floor a very natural and varied look, radiating the feel of a solid wood floor perfectly.

Uniclic glueless installation system | 8mm watertight core | 25 year warranty for domestic use | Wide range of colours & finishes | Underfloor heating compatible

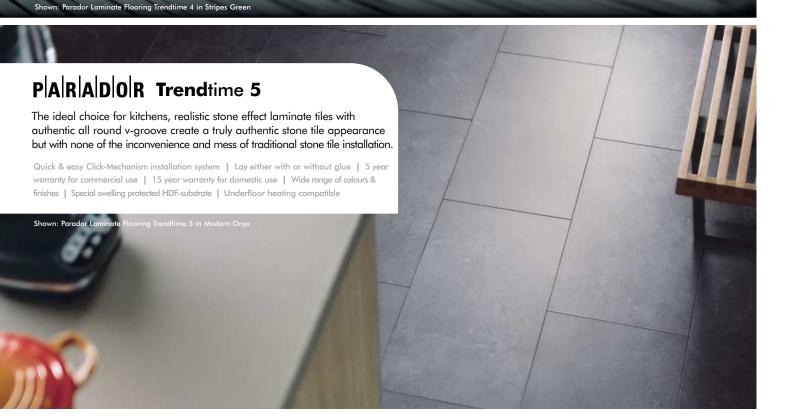
Shown: Merbau (UF1032)











Laminate flooring general fitting advice

Laminate flooring is laid as a floating floor and boards should never be fixed or glued to the subfloor. All materials need 48 to 72 hours on site to allow them to acclimatise and floors with over 2mm undulation over a 2m run should be levelled before installation.

It is recommended that, to allow for natural movement of the floor, an expansion gap of at least 10mm be left around all edges. Floors that are in excess of 10m long must also be divided by an expansion gap. Floors running through different rooms should be split at the door by a floor-to-floor threshold which will allow for the different room rates of expansion.

Damp proof membranes should be used on concrete floors. Allow a minimum 20cm stagger between board end joints running across the floor to maintain the floors integrity and strength.

To keep your floor looking as good as new never allow flooding, wet mopping or contact with excessive amounts of water plus always read and follow the manufacturer's fitting and aftercare instructions.

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THE ENGINEERED RANGE

Only the very finest, cutting edge products from proven manufacturers are chosen by Howarth Timber & Building Supplies to feature in their engineered floor range





















Super wide oak planks

Three layers of oak, engineered to create very stable, super wide oak planks suitable for use as a structural floor.

Widths of 200, 250 & 300mm available $\,$ | Variety of lengths | 22mm thick | Wide range of finishes | Micro bevelled edges and end matched | Quality tongue & groove system and flexible installation options | Underfloor heating compatible



The WIDE PLANK

Textured vivid oak brushed & oiled planks

Characterised by its distinctive marking and variable grain making a welcome addition to any interior.

 $180 mm \ wide \ planks \ \mid \ 2200 mm \ lengths \ \mid \ 14 mm \ thick \ \mid \ Micro \ bevelled \ edges \ and \ end \ matched$ Quality tongue & groove system and flexible installation options including as a floating floor Underfloor heating compatible



The WIDE PLANK

Textured select oak brushed & oiled planks

An exquisite floor with very few natural markings. This floor has a very calm presence.

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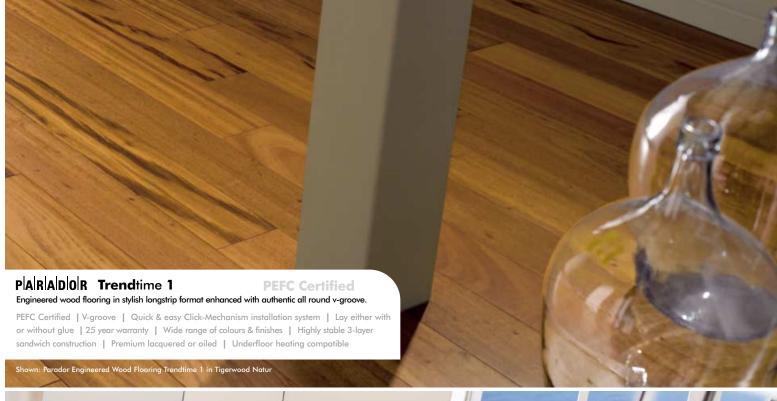
The WIDE PLANK Co.

A dramatic and strong statement with a level of detail never before seen in an oak floor.

175mm wide planks | 2200mm lengths | 14mm thick | Micro bevelled edges and end matched Quality tongue & groove system and flexible installation options including as a floating floor Underfloor heating compatible









Shown: Parador Engineered Wood Flooring Trendtime 2 in Teak Natur

PEFC Certified | V-groove | Quick & easy Click-Mechanism installation system | Lay either with or without glue | 25 year warranty | Wide range of colours & finishes | Highly stable 3-layer sandwich construction | Premium lacquered or oiled | Underfloor heating compatible









Underfloor heating compatible

Shown: Parador Engineered Wood Flooring Trendtime 5 in Oak Chateau Living





Engineered flooring general fitting advice

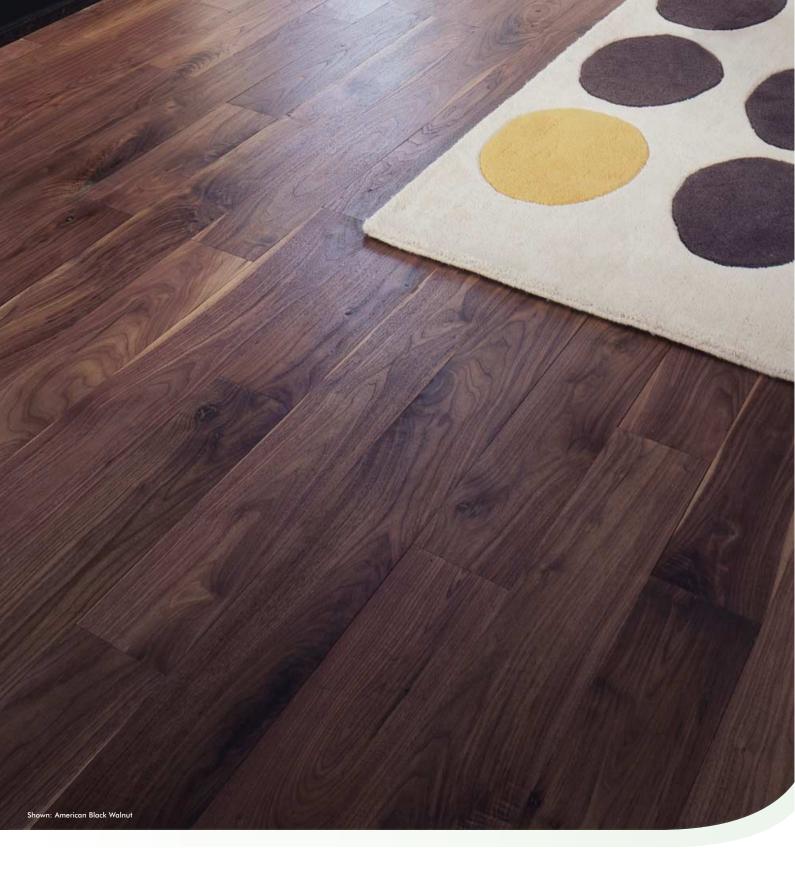
Engineered flooring is traditionally laid as a floating floor and should never be fixed to the subfloor unless stipulated by the manufacturer. Strip overlay engineered flooring is normally adhered directly to the subfloor and for each situation you should consult the adhesive manufacturers for product recommendation.

All materials need to be on site for 72-96 hours prior to installation to allow them to acclimatise. Floors with over 2mm undulation over a 2m run should be levelled before installation. It is recommended that, to allow for natural movement of the floor, at least a 15mm expansion gap is left around all edges. Floors which are in excess of 10m long should generally be divided by an expansion gap, and in addition, if running between different rooms should be split at the door/room entrance by a floor to floor threshold which will allow for different rates of room expansion.

Most engineered flooring can be used in conjunction with under floor heating systems. Please follow the manufacturers recommended details for under floor heating and large area installations prior to fitting of your flooring. Damp proof membranes should be used on concrete floors. Allow a minimum 30cm stagger between board end joints running across the floor to maintain the floors integrity and strength.

To keep your floor looking as good as new never allow flooding, wet mopping or contact with excessive amounts of water plus always read and follow the manufacturer's fitting and aftercare instructions.

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THE SOLID WOOD RANGE

For the ultimate in natural, unique and individual flooring, solid wood cannot be surpassed Howarth Timber & Building Supplies prides itself on selecting the finest products available























character oak

A timeless classic, adds warmth and stature to both traditional buildings and modern settings. Mellow colour, intricate grain and decorative knot pattern gives a universal appeal.

PEFC Certified | Quality tongue & groove system | Straightforward installation via direct glued or secret nailed | Various finishes available | Micro-bevelled options | Ends matched for minimum wastage | FSC Certified ranges available





Innovative texture lacquer creates a highly interesting collection of oak boards where the grain and texture can be really felt. Combining the durability of seven coats of lacquer with a natural appearance to create a truly individual floor.

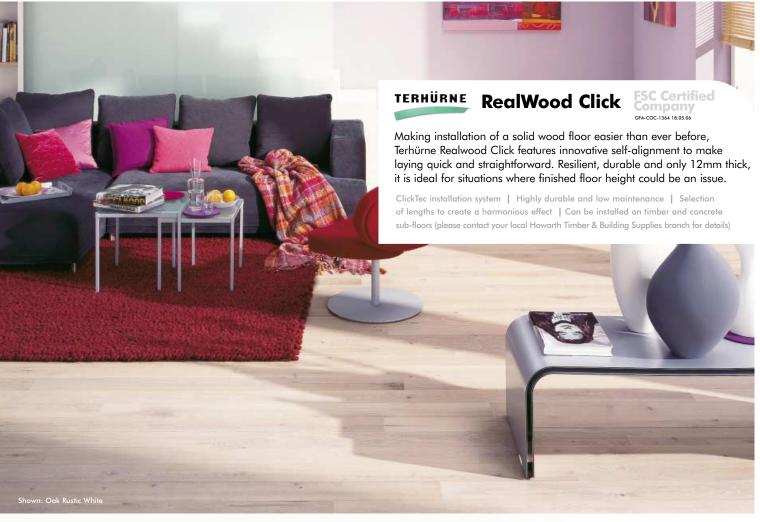
PEFC Certified | Quality tongue & groove system | Straightforward installation via direct glued or secret nailed | Various shades available | Ends matched for minimum wastage | Durable 7 coat textured lacquer finish | 120mm, 140mm & 160mm widths available

Shown: Toffee. Other shades available include: Vanilla, Fudge, Caramel & Mocha

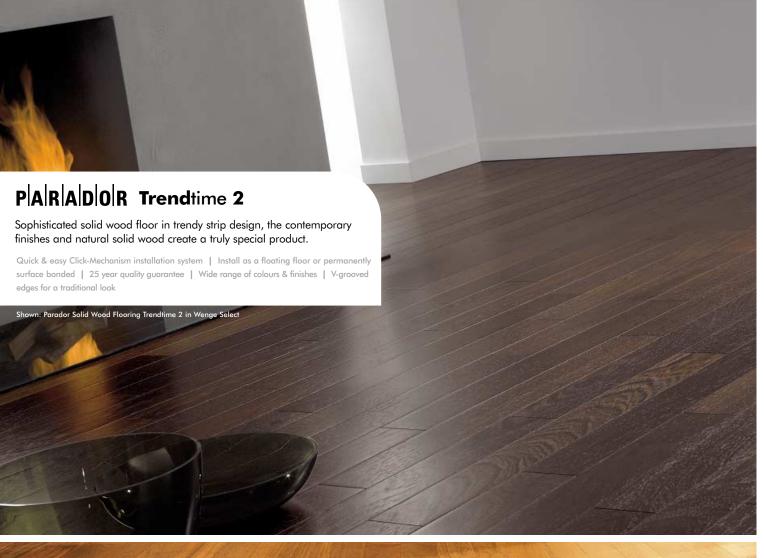
















solid wood flooring general fitting advice

All materials need to be on site for a minimum of seven days prior to installation to allow them to acclimatise. Floors with over 2mm undulation over a 2m run should be levelled before installation. We recommend that, to allow for natural movement of the floor, at least a 15mm expansion gap is left around all edges.

Floors which are in excess of 10m long should generally be divided by an expansion gap, and if running between different rooms should be split at the door/room entrance by a floor to floor threshold which will allow for the different rates of room expansion. We do not recommend the use of solid wood flooring below dpc levels in cellar conditions due to the adverse effects caused by contraction or expansion.

Please follow the manufacturer's recommended details for under floor heating and large area

installations prior to fitting of your flooring. Damp proofing membranes should be used on concrete floors. We also recommend that, for a quality installation that will last, only stainless steel fixings are used with solid hardwood floorings, especially when fitting oak flooring which contains chemicals that will eventually corrode the more traditional galvanised fittings and which can also cause black spots to form.

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FINISHES, AFTERCARE AND ACCESSORIES

A complete range of finishes and accessories to enhance your new floor, from underlay to dusters, sound insulation to spacer blocks your local Howarth Timber & Building Supplies can supply everything you need.

Acoustics. Whether you are converting the loft, building new houses or apartments or converting or renovating a property, we can provide an acoustic solution to meet your needs as well as the latest Building Regulations. By working with the UK's leading acoustic specialists we are able to provide a full technical and design specification service and independent test results from on-site testing.

Door thresholds, ramps & edgings. Available in aluminium, profiled and wrapped mdf or finished and natural hardwoods. We are also able to offer profiles which will suit most stair, floor-to-floor, floor-to-carpet or floor-to-tile situations in both domestic or commercial areas.

Edge moulds, quadrants & scotias. Available in a wide range of materials (mdf wrapped, softwood or hardwood), and finishes, We can offer everything you will need to add the final touches to your installation.

Pipe covers. Perfect for hiding the gaps in flooring around radiator pipes. The covers are available in solid wood or alternative materials and usually just snap together around the pipe to leave a tidy finish.

Underlays & DPM's. In addition to the standard combined polythene and foam underlays we also offer a wide range of high performance foam and fibreboard underlays. These not only work to reduce noise transmission but also can assist in levelling out uneven floors and are ideal for use in older houses, refurbishments and flat developments.

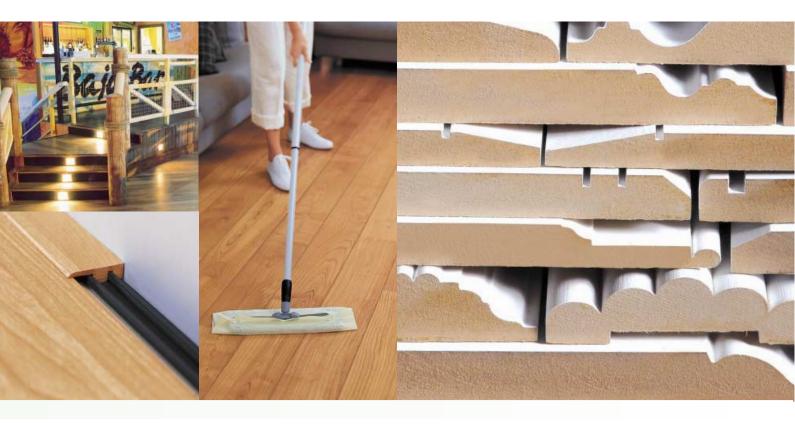
Adhesives, sealants & fillers. Howarth Timber & Building Supplies only recommend products which the manufacturers have approved, to ensure that your floor looks good for longer.

Tools & fittings. Most floors require only a few additional items to make fitting simple. Spacer blocks, ratchet clamps, tapping irons/blocks, stainless steel nails/screws, hammers, saws and drills are all readily available from your local branch of Howarth Timber & **Building Supplies.**

Felt guards & barrier mats. Once your floor is finished it is important to make sure that you do everything possible to protect it from scratches and damage. Felt pads should be fitted to the bottom of all furniture that comes into direct contact with the floor surface. This will help to reduce the unnecessary scratches which can often occur. Barrier mats should also be placed at all external doors to ensure that none of the grit or dirt, collected on shoes, is walked onto your floor's surface. A full range of products is available.

Cleaning & maintenance. Most floors require only a few additional items to make cleaning easy. Choose from flooring cleaners/polishes, mops, dusters, coloured fillers and waxes. Whatever your needs Howarth Timber & Building Supplies offer a full range of materials.

MDF mouldings. Howarth Timber & Building Supplies MDF moulding division manufactures a wide range of standard and primed ready to paint profiles to a consistent and quality assured finish. Bespoke profiles to specific contract requirements are also available - from a traditional profile to match a period interior, to a stylish new design for a modern project. Request a brochure today.



Softwood & hardwood mouldings. A comprehensive softwood and hardwood selection of traditional skirtings, architraves, handrails, door casings and linings is available to match your solid wood floor. Bespoke profiles, machined to your own specific contract requirements can also be ordered.

Flooring underlays. An extensive range of underlays are available for all installations. With sound insulated, thermal properties, levelling properties all being offered across a wide selection of products you are guaranteed to get the best possible end result for your new floor.

Underfloor heating. Add a touch of real luxury with an underfloor heating system from Howarth Timber & Building Supplies. Suitable for a wide range of products and situations, underfloor heating is efficient, clean, easy to install, low cost and environmentally friendly. Contact your local branch for details.

The perfect finishing touch. A wide range of lacquers and oil finishes are available, whatever the look you require your local Howarth Timber & Building Supplies can assist.



Howarth Designer Door Range. Now more extensive than ever, featuring new ranges and door styles the ideal accompaniment to your new floor is just around the corner. Detailed fire door information helps ensure you are up to date with all new regulations. Pick up your copy now.

BonaKemi & Osmo products

A full range of market leading preparation, finishing and aftercare products now available to order. Please ask in branch for further details.





Granwax products

A wide range of Granwax products are available including Aquathane, Hardwax Oil and Barrier Seal. Please contact your local Howarth Timber & Building Supplies branch for full details.



Committed to customer service

With over 165 years' specialist experience with timber and timber based products our staff know and understand the importance of selecting the correct product for the correct area.

In addition to assisting with the initial selection of your floor type we are also happy to help with planning and preparation of your floor installation.

As a leading supplier of flooring and associated products Howarth Timber & Building Supplies staff regularly undergo product awareness and performance training. In addition we constantly review our product ranges, their performance and the environmental credentials and impacts.

The flooring ranges that we offer undergo stringent quality control checks at all stages of production in order to eliminate manufacture faults. However, timber and timber based products are natural products and, on the rare occasion that a quality or performance issue does arise, our suppliers work with us to a pre-agreed schedule to ensure that the situation is dealt with quickly with a minimum of disruption to you.

We do find that in over 90% of occasions it is not actually the product that there is an issue with but the method of installation used and for this reason we would ask that you ensure that the manufacturers installation instructions are closely followed.

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