

# installation instruction flexbamboo (latex backed flooring on roll)

## before installation

- To allow acclimatisation, lay your bamboo flooring flat in the room in which it is to be installed for at least 48 hours, in its sealed foil packaging or box, at a room temperature of 18°-21°C (40-65% air humidity).
- Please note that the surface to which the flooring is to be applied must have a minimum temperature of 18°C. The flooring may be installed on any sub floor which is level, without cracks, dry, clean and stable.
- Excessive humidity has a detrimental effect on the flooring. Maximum permitted humidity levels for sub floors are: sand cement 1.8%, chipboard 7-9%, anhydrite floors 0.3%.

## please note

- Bamboo is a natural product! Therefore variations in colour and structure within a batch are possible.
- Before installation, we advise you to inspect the material for moisture content, size, colour differences and damage. We cannot accept any complaints regarding this once the material has been installed or further processed.
- Installation of the flooring should always be the final job in any building project, in order to avoid damaging the surface. Take care when working with adhesive tape as this could damage the (oil/lacquer) finish.
- Felt pads must be attached to furniture and chairs to avoid damage to the flooring surface.
- In case a bamboo strip is damaged, it can easily be replaced (for this reason it is advisable to always keep some spare material available). Use a sharp knife to cut the strip(s) from the floor (be sure to remove the latex as well). Clean the sub floor and glue the strips in place.

## ideal room conditions

- Room temperature approx. 18-21°C; air humidity 40-65%.
- During the winter months, room air can become extremely dry. To maintain constant air humidity, ceramic humidifiers should be mounted on radiators (or stoves) and, for larger rooms, electric air humidifiers are required. In summer and autumn when air humidity is high, ensure that the room is well ventilated. Where these conditions are not maintained, warping, shrinkage and movement will occur. Check the air humidity using a hygrometer.

## installation

- This flooring type should be fully glued on the sub floor. See list 'recommended glues'. **ATTENTION: don't apply more than 250-350gr/m²!**
- Bamboo and wood are natural products which are affected by air humidity. Excessive air humidity causes bamboo material to swell whilst low air humidity results in shrinking. It is of the utmost importance that you maintain the edge distance (expansion gap) from walls, door frames, pipes etc.! This distance should be approx. 5-10mm.
- Cut the roll to the required length and put it in place leaving 5-10mm from the walls. To cut between the bamboo strips a sharp knife can be used.
- Fold back half of the roll, lay it on the other half of the roll and apply the glue on the now visible part of the subfloor. Apply the glue on the subfloor according to the instructions of the manufacturer. Put the first half of the roll back in place and follow the same procedure for the second half of the roll. Press the roll into the glue to ensure good adhesion.
- Continue with this procedure until the last row. Use a jigsaw with a fine blade to cut that roll to the required size.

## floor heating

This floor type can not be installed on floor heating.

## finish

- This floor type should be either lacquered, oiled, or waxed. For oil: note that bamboo has a dense surface structure, therefore apply oil thinly and allow to dry between applications.
- Remove glue residues and other materials from the surface of the installed floor. Clean the floor, using a brush or vacuum cleaner and after that a damp cloth.
- Apply the finish following the instructions of the supplier.
- In case of prefinished material: the floor is finished with a UV-oil (SAICOS®). Initial maintenance with SAICOS® WAX CARE is recommended for newly installed floors. In case the material is placed where the wear and tear is higher it is recommended to apply an extra coat of SAICOS® PREMIUM HARDWAX oil.

## maintenance and cleaning

Cleaning and care: The useful life of your floor will be considerably increased with suitable cleaning and maintenance.

- Sand and dust have the same effect on the surface as sanding paper. Therefore, use a soft brush, vacuum cleaner or special dust remover to keep sand and dust from the floor. At the entrance, use a good quality entrance mat.
- The maintenance/cleaning product should be compatible with the chosen finish. In case of prefinished material (SAICOS®):
  - Cleaning/Dry: vacuum cleaning and dry mopping. Cleaning/Wet: Put SAICOS® WAX CARE in water and use a damp cloth mop to clean the floor.
  - Depending on the wear and tear of the floor, apply a small amount of SAICOS® WAX CARE on a dry and clean floor and rub in with a cloth or floor polisher.
  - Please see [www.saicos.de](http://www.saicos.de) for the full maintenance program:  
[www.saicos.de/category/produkte/pflegeprodukte/pflegeprodukte-ecoline](http://www.saicos.de/category/produkte/pflegeprodukte/pflegeprodukte-ecoline)

## additional note

Whilst all due care is taken to ensure the accuracy of the installation instructions, individual circumstances (location, sub floor and installation procedures) may vary and are beyond the manufacturer's control. In case of doubt, therefore, consult the supplier.

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