

GUIDELINE

Laminate Flooring

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L'ANTIC COLONIAL LAMINATE FLOORING CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE

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Humidity in the house between 40% and 60%; these are the limits accepted as healthy by the World Health Organization (WHO).

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Avoid hitting the laminate floor with hard objects.

Put slippery caps or felts under the furniture legs, especially for heavy furniture, to prevent scratches. Be especially cautious when moving furniture, do not drag it.

In the case of homes that will remain closed during long periods of time, we recommend monitoring these parameters in particular and taking special care that you have perfect insulation against potential water leaks from outside. It cannot be kept as an inert element.

CLEANING

DRY CLEANING

As a general rule, dry cleaning the laminate floor is sufficient, using a dust mop, horsehair broom, or a vacuum cleaner. For a particularly effective form of dry cleaning, we also recommend any neutral-pH product, along with a cloth dampened in the product for cleaning without water.

WET CLEANING

We recommend carrying out the wet cleaning of the flooring regularly using Clean & Green Active, depending on the amount of dirt.

Congratulations! You have chosen a top quality L' Antic Colonial flooring manufactured with state-of-the-art technology, something that allows us to make the most out of this exclusive product's special features.

You have made the right decision in choosing a laminate flooring, a floor that is easy to install, easy to clean, long-lasting, and is coated with a surface that provides high abrasion resistance.

L'Antic Colonial's laminate floors stand out for their particularly high resistance to blows and abrasion, and are generally resistant to pressure and scratches. They are also unaffected by cigarette embers and are resistant to ultraviolet light. Dirt and dust cannot stick on it, and can be easily vacuumed or cleaned guaranteeing a pleasant environment.

With a few simple tips, you can be assured that your new laminate floor will remain in excellent condition and will retain its value in the long run.

CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LAMINATE FLOORING

These simple recommendations will help you extend the life of your laminate flooring.

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7- Keep the humidity in the house between 40% and 60%.

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9- Do not stick down adhesive masking tapes or similar tapes on the floor and baseboards, as the solvents contained in the adhesive act on the surface and may damage them.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR LAMINATES THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR INSTALLATION IN BATHROOMS AND KITCHENS

- 1- Seal around the edge of the whole area with flexible silicone sealant.
- 2- An expansion joint should be used in bathroom doorways.
- 3- Use a baseboard made from aluminum or waterproof material to finish off the installation.
- 4- Any water spillage should be properly wiped from the surface of the boards within 24 hours of it happening.
- 5- Use the damp-proofing sheet or underfloor heating sheet recommended by L'Antic Colonial.
- 6- The product warranty does not cover damage such as:
 - Accidents, abuse or misuse.
 - Exposure to extreme hot or cold.
 - Incorrect installation.
 - Incorrect maintenance or continuous contact with high humidity.
 - Any wear or damage caused by an act of God.
 - Damage caused by water due to excessive moisture in concrete, hydrostatic pressure, flooding caused by ice machines, refrigerators, sinks, dishwashers or pipes.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF

MOISTURE AND TEMPERATURE

Our products are subject to the climate conditions of the environment that surrounds them, so there is a constant exchange of moisture which can lead to changes in its dimensions (expansions are produced with increased moisture, and a moisture decrease produces contractions of the material); they can therefore become damaged if a series of precautions are not taken.

Keeping a constant humidity level in the house helps mitigate potential contractions or extreme expansions of the laminate flooring, which can result in excessive buckling. In order to obtain the best performance, we must maintain the product in the recommended humidity and temperature conditions; that is, a temperature of 20-23 °C // 68-73 F with a relative humidity of 40-60% make a pleasant and healthy room atmosphere, which leads to well-being according to the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO.)

Underfloor heating can damage the laminate if the temperature is very high (25/27 °C // 77-80 F), or if the temperature rises suddenly and dries the atmosphere right away.

The expansion and retraction of the material used as the core in laminate flooring, originated by an increase or decrease in moisture content, are a typical and intrinsic property of this product. We recommend preventing the presence of standing water on the coating surface of the laminate flooring because it can cause the penetration of moisture through the joints.

INSTALLATION OVER RADIANT HEATING

In the case of homes with underfloor heating, we recommend:

- 1- Do not turn up the heat sharply, increase the temperature gradually. A sudden increase in temperature can dry out the flooring excessively, which leads to the appearance of cracks or warping.
- 2- In the case of new constructions or refurbishments, it is essential to carry out a progressive warming protocol before installing the floor, in order to avoid possible residual moisture in the slab.

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In case of new homes, we must be well aware that the full drying of the home can easily last a year or two. This full drying is understood as the one necessary so that moisture does not affect the laminate flooring.

All construction elements that include water when being built, (structures, walls, floors, plasters, paints), will gradually lose moisture until they are balanced out with the atmosphere.

This natural phenomenon does not affect your laminate flooring as long as you are living in the house. However, when the house remains closed for long periods of time, the moisture transferred by the constructive elements, can be taken in by the laminate flooring, absorbing this excess in moisture and increasing its volume, thus producing swelling, convexing, warping, or black spots.

In order to reduce these effects, we recommend:

Mainly in new homes that will not be occupied immediately.

- 1- Maintain a proper ventilation of the homes to offset and reduce the moisture contributions from the constructive elements with the atmosphere.
- 2- Prevent the entry of moisture from the outside the house.
3. If there is a humid environment prevailing in the house, it must be ventilated on a regular basis to reduce moisture. If the house has heating, it shall be switched on gradually in order to make this process easier, or a dehumidifier shall be installed.
- 4- If there is a dry environment prevailing and it is expected that the house will remain closed for long periods of time, proper ventilation is also necessary as well as resetting the room moisture, by placing containers with water throughout the dwelling.