

Parquet

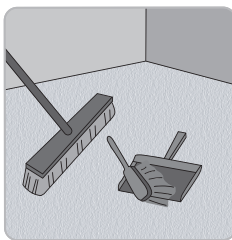
Advice for parquet installation

You have decided to acquire a BerryAlloc parquet, and we wish to thank you for your choice and confidence to us. We are convinced that your floor will provide you with a timeless pleasure by the quality of its design. More over, your hardwood flooring during its production has been controlled several times in order to complete its joining and to ensure its longevity. In order to fully enjoy all the qualities of your floor, we wish to remind you that:

Our hardwood flooring is made of genuine wood that is subject to variations in colouring and has knots for certain species, characteristics that give the charm of a genuine and natural hardwood floor. Depending on their source and the way the wood is cut, the boards can show differences in tones and shades that can be more or less important, even when compared to the reference sample.

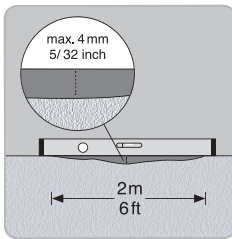
Wood is a live material, which changes with the seasons. It is normal and natural that it expands and contracts depending on the conditions of heating times).

SUBFLOOR CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE INSTALLATION



Your hardwood floor can be installed on every following type of subfloor: fibreboards, particle boards, pressed wood fibreboards or plywood, ceramic tiles, cement screeds, PVC floors, linoleum, old parquet flooring or old timber floors. For any other subfloor, please contact your retailer/supplier for assistance. Installation must be carried out on a subfloor having a rigid support, resistant to pressure and deflection. This subfloor must be clean, flat, dry and sound, that means:

- **Clean** : Clean in depth the surface of the subfloor, in order to eliminate all waste remaining.
- **Flat** : Check the evenness with a 2-meter rule. Any deflections (dips or peaks) should be no more than 4 mm, and with a 20 cm.
- **Dry** : For cement screed or smoothing mortar, moisture should not exceed 3% for 2 cm thickness or 4.5% for 4 cm thickness.

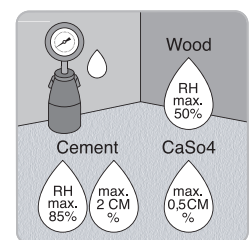


(In average, leave with for normal screeds at least 15 days drying per centimeter thickness (1 week can be enough by dry weather). In case of smoothing mortar, leave at least 5 days drying for 3 mm (of thickness). Wooden subfloors: the moisture content must not exceed 10%. For the fluid screeds containing calcium sulfate, the residual water content must be lower or equal to 0.5%. In all cases, we advise you to use an insulating barrier consisting of polyethylene plastic sheeting with edges overlapping at least 20 cm (Important: This barrier is designed to stop any rising damp. It is not, however, a completely hermetic barrier in case of a significant rise in humidity). To improve the acoustic comfort, the parquet will be installed on an adapted additional underlay material.

- **Sound** : Remove all dust and greasy substances from the subfloor. The surface must be free of powder, pattern cracking or surface crust.

Particular case of specific subfloors

Old parquet floors / Old timber floors pressed wood fibre boards or plywood / Beams and floor runners Carpets / PVC floors / Linoleum / Tiles. We recommend to take advice from a professional.

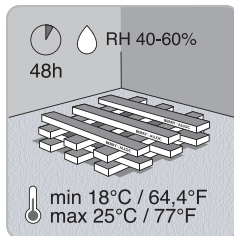


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INSTALLATION ON SITE

STORAGE AND INSTALLATION CONDITIONS (DTU)



The parquet floor will be stored flat in the room mentioned above), in their original packaging for at least 48 hours before starting the installation. The bundles will be opened only at the time of installation.

The installation of the parquet floor must be the last operation to be performed on the job site. The subfloor should be perfectly dry, all the windows in place, and any major building or finishing work (plastering, tiling, painting, wallpapering, etc...) must be completed. The room must be perfectly dry, closed, and the temperature between 18 and 20°C. Humidity must be maintained at a constant 40 to 65%.

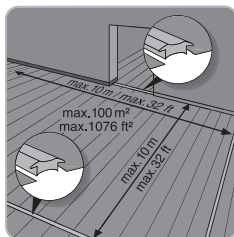
OPENING OF BUNDLES

- Wood is not a uniform material; each board of parquet is unique.
- In order to harmoniously distribute variations in colour, structural differences and knots, we recommend you to open 2 or 3 bundles at the time of installation and thoroughly mix up the boards, so as to obtain the best end result.
- Pay attention while handling the planks.
- We advise you to take note of the control number written at the back of the first plank you will fit.
- Our hardwood floor has undergone stringent quality controls at every step of its manufacture. If, nevertheless, you were to come across a board with a visible defect, do not install but contact your supplier for assistance.

We remind you that installed elements are considered to be accepted and could not be the subject of a claim at a letter date. Handle the boards with care and record the inspection.

PERIPHERAL EXPANSION GAP

- The boards will be installed parallel to the length of the room.
- An imperative peripheral expansion gap of 8mm minimum will be left around the entire periphery, along all the walls and around any obstacle like piping, staircase, rails, fireplaces, thresholds, etc.).
- Expansion gaps are maintained using wooden wedges placed at 50 cm intervals. The wedges are removed when the installation of the parquet is completed.



- This gap must always be left in each doorway to a room.
- To allow the parquet floor to expand/contract freely, the total width of the boards should not be more than 8 metres.
- For any greater width, arrange to leave an intermediary expansion gap, that will be hidden by a T-junction strip.
- It is imperative that a break be incorporated between each adjoining room having parquet flooring: this break will be hidden by a threshold strip.