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Installation & Maintenance Guide

Premium SPC Click Flooring with Built-In Underlay

Important Information

Please read these instructions fully before installation. Correct preparation and fitting are essential for the performance, appearance and longevity of your floor.

Inspect every plank before and during installation. Do not install damaged planks. Installing defective flooring constitutes acceptance of the product and may affect your warranty.

Before Installation

1. Acclimatisation

Before installation, allow the flooring to acclimatise in the room where it will be fitted. Leave packs **unopened** and laid flat in the centre of the room for **at least 48 hours**.

The room should be **15–22°C** and have a **relative humidity of 30–70%**.


15–22°C
Room Temp


30–70%
Humidity

2. Subfloor Preparation

The subfloor must be:

 Clean

 Dry

 Flat

 Firm

 Structurally Sound

Flatness Requirements:

- **Maximum deviation:** 2mm over 1 metre
- **Maximum local deviation:** 1mm over 20cm

 Poor subfloors are the No.1 cause of click-joint failure.

3. Existing Floor Coverings

Remove all soft floor coverings.

Existing hard floor coverings may remain in place provided they are **firmly bonded, flat, clean and dry**, and the subfloor has a competent **damp proof membrane (DPM)**.

You must remove:

-  Carpet
-  Underlay
-  Needle felt

You can leave:

-  Vinyl + Vinyl Tiles
-  Linoleum
-  Ceramic

4. Timber Subfloors

Ensure the timber subfloor:

- Is free from rot, mould and insect infestation
- Has a moisture content of 10% or less
- Is securely fixed with no loose or squeaking boards
- Has adequate ventilation beneath suspended floors

A minimum of 4cm² of ventilation per m² of floor area is required.

Uneven Timber Floors

Unevenness	Action Required
Up to 2mm	Install directly
2–4mm	Overlay with suitable plywood or hardboard
More than 4mm	Use plywood, OSB or fibre-reinforced levelling compound

Tip: Install Silvara Home Click at 90° to the direction of the existing timber boards (if laying directly over floor boards) for the best results.

5. Underfloor Heating

Silvara Home Click is suitable for most water based and electric underfloor heating systems.

Requirements:

- Floor surface temperature must never exceed 28°C
- Heating elements should be at least 8mm below the flooring
- Heating must be increased gradually after installation

 Always follow the heating manufacturer's commissioning instructions.

6. Built-In Underlay

Silvara Home Click includes a factory-fitted underlay. Do not install additional underlay unless specifically approved by the flooring manufacturer.

Additional underlay can create excessive movement beneath the floor leading to floor failure and invalidate the warranty.

7. Tools & Accessories

Essential Tools:

- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Utility knife
- Safety gloves
- Safety glasses

Recommended Accessories:

- SPC click flooring tapping block
- Pull bar
- Spacers
- Rubber mallet

Pre-Installation Checklist:

- All packs are from the same product range.
- Doors will clear the new floor.
- Heavy fixed furniture (kitchen islands, fitted units, etc.) is installed before the flooring.

Installation

Make sure planks are mixed from multiple packs during installation.

1. Plan the Layout

- Lay planks parallel to the longest wall.
- Follow the direction of the main natural light.
- Avoid a final row narrower than 40mm



2. Start the First Row

- Remove the tongue from the long and short edges of the first plank.
- Place the cut edges against the wall.
- Insert spacers to create a 5–10mm expansion gap.



3. Click the Planks Together

- Insert the next plank at approximately 20–30°.
- Lower it gently until it clicks into place.
- Ensure joints are tight without excessive force.



4. Continue Row by Row

- Stagger end joints for a natural appearance.
- Keep rows straight and square.
- Use a pull bar where access is restricted.

Expansion Gaps

Leave a 5–10mm expansion gap around:

- Walls
- Door frames
- Pipes
- Thresholds
- Fixed objects

Large Areas

For installations exceeding **13m in length or width**, an intermediate expansion joint is required.

Expansion joints are also mandatory between separate rooms.

 **Areas exposed to strong direct sunlight should use the maximum expansion gap and be protected with blinds or curtains during periods of intense heat.**

After Installation

- Remove all spacers.
- Fit skirting boards or beading without fixing them through the flooring.
- The floor must remain free to move underneath the trim.

Cleaning & Maintenance

Daily Care

- Sweep with a soft broom.
- Vacuum using a hard floor attachment.
- Damp mop with a microfibre mop.
- Use only pH-neutral vinyl floor cleaners.
- Wipe up spills promptly.

Floor Protection

- Fit felt pads to furniture legs.
- Lift furniture instead of dragging it.
- Use entrance mats to reduce grit and dirt.
- Use protective mats beneath office chairs.

Do NOT:

- Steam clean the floor.
- Use abrasive pads or scouring products.
- Use bleach or highly acidic/alkaline cleaners.
- Apply waxes or polishes unless specifically approved.

Warranty Information

To ensure your Silvara Home Click warranty remains valid, follow these guidelines:

- Properly prepare the subfloor.
- Maintain necessary expansion gaps.
- Use approved underlays only.
- Keep floor temperature below 28°C.

 Failure to follow the information in this guide may void your product warranty.

Require assistance?

If you have any inquiries prior to installation, please reach out to your Silvara flooring supplier.