

Thank you for choosing ParquetVinyl! If you install your new floor carefully and take care of it, it will look perfect for years.

Before You Start / Preparations

Please read all the instructions before you begin the installation. Improper installation will void warranty.



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Important notice

Ensure that the room temperature after installation is not lower than 10°C. Extremely high or extremely low temperatures can result in the floor expanding or contracting, leading to visual defects in the floor that are not covered by the guarantee.

We strongly recommend that you use a subfloor that is suitable for vinyl floors.

Before installing the floor check that the batch numbers of the supplied floor are identical (this is stated on the packaging). It is recommended that you use boxes with the same batch number per room, to avoid differences in colour or sheen in the same floor.

Do not use any damaged or irregular panels. If you use these for the flooring, the guarantee no longer applies. Slight colour deviations cannot be avoided during the production of vinyl floors, which is why you should always mix the boards from 2 to 3 packages to achieve the best result

- Calculate the room's surface area prior to installation and ensure that you leave 5 - 10% extra for cutting waste.
- If the packages are exposed to extreme temperatures for over 2 hours (below 10°C or above 40°C) in the 12 hours prior to installation, these packages will need to acclimatise. You should then store these at room temperature for at least 12 hours in the unopened packaging before starting installation. The room temperature must remain between 15°C and 25°C prior to and during installation, between 10°C and 50°C after installation.
- On opening the packaging the boards may emit a strong odour. This will disappear after a few hours.
- For surfaces larger than 400 m² or longer than 20 continuous metres (lengthwise or widthways), you must definitely use an expansion joint. It is important that you use expansion joints every 10 m if the room is subject to extreme temperature fluctuations.
- Inspect your subfloor before you start. This must be dry, clean and level, with a tolerance of 5 mm across a length of 3 m. The substrate should not slope more than 25mm per 2 meters in any direction.
- We strongly recommend using our Acoustic Control subfloor in combination with ParquetVinyl. This subfloor has insulating, acoustic and levelling properties. The use of an inappropriate subfloor may damage your ParquetVinyl. This will invalidate the guarantee.
- Even though ParquetVinyl is waterproof, it should not serve as a moisture barrier. The subfloor must be dry (max. 2,5% moisture content; anhydrite 0,7% - CM test). This product is not suitable for installation in rooms with a risk of flooding, such as saunas and outdoor areas.
- The product is intended for indoor use.
- Basements and crawl spaces must be dry. Use of a 0,15 mm poly-film is required to cover 100% of the crawl space earth.
- If this floor is to be installed on top of an existing wooden floor, any loose planks must be replaced and any cracks should be repaired prior to installation. We recommend laying the new floor crosswise to the existing wooden floor.
- If this floor is installed on tiles, the following conditions must be met:

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- The height difference may not be more than 5 mm over a length of 3 m. The cement grout joints must be less than 5 mm wide and no more than 4 mm deep.
- Do not install on top of (this is not an exhaustive list): hardwood floors or wood subfloors that have been installed directly onto concrete, carpet, an existing vinyl floor with a soft layer, e.g. made from PU foam, a floating floor, floating parquet, loose lay or linoleum with perimeter install.
- With a floating floor you must always ensure you leave a 8 mm gap between walls and fixtures such as pillars, stairs, etc. These gaps will be covered with trim moldings after the floor is installed. ParquetVinyl should be installed floating and must remain floating. It is not permitted to place built-in furniture or extremely heavy furniture on the floor. You should install the floor around the built-in furniture.
- Do not grout the link between the skirting and the floor. Use a profile.
- Decide on the installation direction. It is recommended to install the length direction of the boards perpendicular to the window or main light source.
- Measure the space: the width of the last board should not be less than 50 mm. If this is the case, you should adjust the width of the first row. In narrow halls it is recommended that you install the boards lengthwise parallel to the hall.
- Prior to installation, inspect all material in daylight for defects or discrepancies in colour or shine; check the edges of the flooring for straightness and any damage. No claims on surface defects will be accepted after installation.
- Complaints regarding colour differences between the samples viewed at the distributor and the floor that was actually delivered must be notified prior to installation. Installing the floor means that you have approved the look of the boards.

UNDERFLOOR HEATING and COOLING

- ParquetVinyl can be installed on top of underfloor heating at low temperatures under the following conditions. This applies to underfloor heating in which the heating elements - hot water or electric - are encased in the screed.
- Installation on top of low temperature electric underfloor heating that is installed on top of the screed is only possible if the maximum power is below 60 W/m² and the heat distribution is homogenous across the entire floor.
- The underfloor heating must be installed in accordance with the supplier's instructions and in accordance with general requirements and regulations. ParquetVinyl should always be installed floating. At least 4 mm space must be left between the heating system and the ParquetVinyl.
- When using another subfloor, the heat resistance should be monitored.
- Ensure that the surface temperature is never higher than 28°C. It may not be 5°C lower than room temperature or lower than 18°C.
- When installing on recently installed underfloor heating systems: switch the system to maximum power to remove moisture from the underfloor heating's cement layer. The screed moisture content percentage may not be higher than 1,5% - anhydrite: 0,5% (CM test). Switch off the underfloor heating at least 48 hours prior to installation. Ensure that the room temperature during installation is at least 15°C. It is recommended that the underfloor heating is started up gradually after installation (max. 5°C/day).
- For additional information please refer to the underfloor heating manufacturer's recommendations.
- It is important that underfloor cooling systems are equipped with a control and safety system that prevents the temperature dropping below the internal condensation point. The minimum temperature may not be below 18-22°C depending on where the floor is installed. In humid climates, 22°C is the minimum permitted temperature; in average climates 18°C is permitted.

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TOOLS & SUPPLIES REQUIRED

Spacers

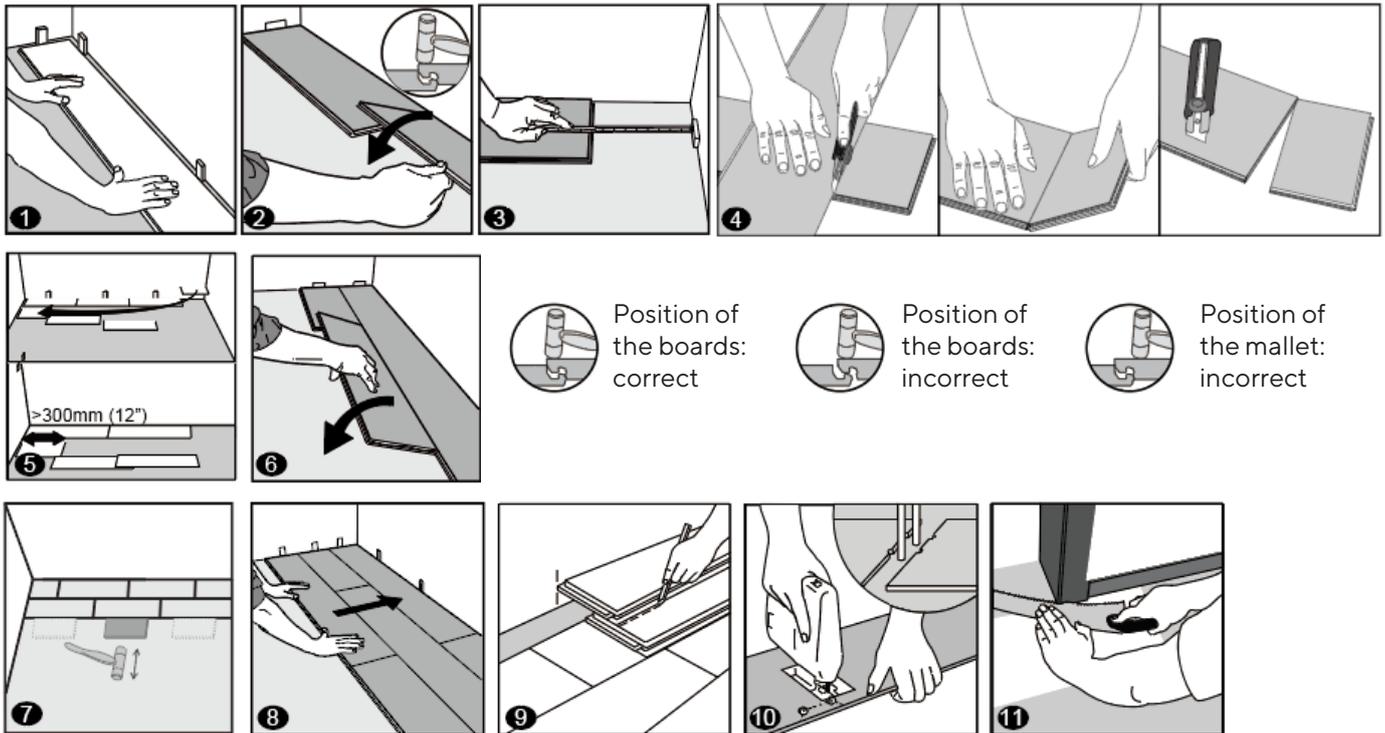
Rubber mallet

Ruler

Pencil

Tape measure

Utility knife



- 1 After thoroughly cleaning the subfloor, you should start the installation from left to right. Place the board 8 mm from the left wall. Use spacers between the wall and the board.
- 2 Second board, first row. Allow the board to drop gently and fix this by tapping with a rubber hammer. Check that it clicks firmly into the previous board and that there is no height difference between the two boards. Ensure that they are perfectly aligned. **IMPORTANT:** If you notice that the boards are not at the same height or have not clicked together correctly, follow the disassembly instructions at the bottom of the page. Disassemble and check whether there is something interfering with the click system.

WARNING: FAILURE TO PROPERLY LINE UP THE END JOINT AND ATTEMPTING TO FORCE IT IN WHILE OUT OF ALIGNMENT COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT DAMAGE TO THE END JOINT.

- 3 At the end of the first row, leave an expansion joint of 8 mm up to the wall and measure the length of the final board to ensure that this fits.
- 4 You can use a Stanley knife and batten to cut the board: with the top side facing upwards firmly cut along the same line several times.
The knife will not cut through the surface, but will make a deep incision. Lift one half of the board and hold your other hand on the second piece, close to the cut. The board will now break automatically.
- 5 For the next row, always start with the remaining section of the previous board in the row. This piece must be at least 30 cm long. If this piece is too short, start again with a section of new board that is cut into two sections. The ends of the boards of 2 adjacent rows should always be at least 20 cm apart.

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- 6 Click the long side of the board into the previous row and lay this tightly against the short side of the previous board at an angle of 30 degrees. Allow the board to drop gently and fix this by tapping with a rubber hammer. Check that it clicks firmly into the previous board and that there is no height difference between the two boards. Ensure that they are perfectly aligned.

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7 HELPFUL HINT:

After installing each row, use the remaining pieces and a rubber hammer to gently tap the boards into the click section of the previous row so that they click firmly together. You must hear a click! When installing, feel and check during each click that the floor has clicked properly into the adjacent board. If this is not the case, you will feel that the board is not completely level or that there's a small gap between the boards. **ANY GAPPING CAN COMPROMISE THE WHOLE INSTALLATION.**

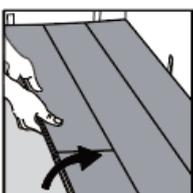
Note! When tapping with the hammer, ensure that you don't break the click system. If this does happen, please replace the board. If the click system has broken, the floor may start to move over time.

- 8 After 2-3 rows: adjust the distance to the wall by inserting 8 mm spacers. Ensure that there is a distance of at least 30 cm between the short sides, both in the same row as well as compared to the previous row.
- 9 Installing the final row: place a separate board exactly on top of the previously installed row. Place another board on top of this with the tongue side against the wall. Draw a line along the edge of this board. Cut along the edge of this board to measure the first board. Cut along this line to achieve the desired width. Install this cut board against the wall. The final row should be at least 50 mm wide. The spacers must be removed once you have finished.
- 10 Openings for pipes: Always drill a hole for a pipe at least 16 mm larger than the diameter of the pipe. Saw the section as shown on the drawing and lay the board in position. Then position the sawn piece in the correct place.
- 11 Door frames and skirting: Place a board with the bottom facing upwards against the door frame. Saw the door frame as shown in the image. Then install the board beneath the sawn door frame.

NOTE! Fit the skirting against the wall and not to the floor. The floor must be able to move within the expansion joint.

MAINTENANCE

- Sweep or vacuum daily using soft bristle attachments.
- Clean up spills and excessive liquids immediately.
- Damp mop as needed and use cleaners recommended with no-wax or oil.
- Use proper floor protection devices such as felt protectors under furniture.
- Use a mat at entrance ways (please ensure the mat doesn't have rubber backing).
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, bleach or wax to maintain the floor.
- Do not drag or slide heavy objects across the floor.



DISASSEMBLING

Separate the whole row by lifting it up delicately at an angle. To separate the boards, leave them flat on the ground and slide them apart. If boards do not separate easy, you can slightly lift up the boards (5°) when sliding them apart.