

Hardwood Long and Wide Plank Tips and Recommendations

Longer and wider hardwood planks have been well received for their appearance and ease of installation. The following are some tips for installing these boards and key recommendations and requirements:

- Temperature and humidity need to be maintained for the life of the floor. Humidity (RH) should not fall below 35% prior to, during, or post installation.
- When staple or nailing long planks (greater than 4 feet) and/or planks wider than 5", it is required to apply a small bead of Mannington Mega Glue to the bottom of the end and long side groove. This will reduce the possibility of any popping and squeaking or gapping in the floor due to seasonal changes.
- Long/wide planks can also be stapled or nailed with glue assist using Mannington Triple Stick and a serpentine glue pattern.
- If needed, use a short piece of flooring, a tapping block and hammer to completely draw sides tight.
- For glue down and floating installations, please use 3M 2080 tape or equivalent to hold planks tight until adhesive sets.
- If zero deflection or "bounce" in the floor is a concern, we do not recommend a floating installation.
- When floating long and/or wide planks, additional expansion and transition moldings should be used when the area exceeds 3,000 sq. ft. and is greater than 55 linear feet in length or width. This does not apply to glue down or staple down installations.

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