

Reference: Mannington Laminate Flooring

The general standard that applies to Laminate flooring for the North American market is NALFA (North American Laminate Flooring Association) LF – 01. The full specifications can be downloaded from the website at [www.nalfa.com.](http://www.nalfa.com/) Mannington laminate flooring, products including Charter, meet or exceed the moderate commercial rating per NALFA LF- 01 Mannington Laminate Flooring meets or exceeds FHA/HUD requirements.

The product consists of a backing layer, a core layer, a printed décor layer and a protective wear layer. The core is commonly referred to as a HDF or MDF (high or medium density fiber) board. It is composed of wood fibers and resins, cured under heat and pressure. The surface and backing layers are a build-up of paper and resins, merged under heat and pressure. The decorative layer is typically a paper printed with pigments that provide a stable and color fast visual. The resin system, which is water based, along with the pigments utilized in the production of laminate flooring, does not require use of solvents nor heavy metal components. The composition of the wear layer more specifically is a melamine impregnated layer containing aluminum oxide for added wear and scratch resistance.

The total thickness of the laminate product is nominally 10mm thick or approximately ½ inch. 8mm of the thickness is comprised of the core board. The composition of the core board is made up of primarily cellulosic fibers. The major component in laminate flooring is wood residue streams such as saw dust, panel trimmings etc, utilized primarily in the core layer.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **MINIMUM PERFORMANCE VALUES** |
| Usage Level | | Light Commercial |
| Certification Level | | 2 |
| LF-01  TEST METHOD | PROPERTY |  |
| 3.1 | Static Load | > 6 MPa (870 psi) |
| 3.2 | Thickness Swell | < 16% |
| 3.3 | Light Resistance | No Effect |
| 3.4 | Cleanability /  Stain Resistance | Score < 20 No Effect |
| 3.5 | Large Ball  Impact Resistance | > 1000 mm  (39.4 in) |
| 3.6 | Small Ball  Impact Resistance | > 200 mm  (7.9 in) |
| 3.7 | Wear Resistance | IP3 2000 cycles |
| 3.8 | Dimensional Tolerances (maximum) | Length: 0.50 mm |
| (0.020 in)  Width: 0.20 mm  (0.008 in) |
| Thickness: 0.50 mm  (0.020 in)  Squareness: 0.20 mm |
| (0.008 in) |
| Straightness: 0.30 mm  (0.012 in) |
| 3.9 | Castor Chair  Resistance | 25000 cycles No Effect |
| 3.10 | Surface Bonding | 1.25 N/mm2 |
| 3.11 | Formaldehyde  CARB & TSCA Title VI | 3rd party certificate  “Core compliance” |
| 3.12 | Flatness,  Max % width,  Max % length | *Fw concave* < 0.15% / *Fw convex* < 0.20%  *Fl concave* < 0.15% / *Fl convex* < 0.20% |
| 3.13 | Openings,  OAvg /OMax mm | *OAvg* < 0.006 in.(0.15 mm) /  OM < 0.008 in. (0.2mm) |
| 3.14 | Ledging,  hAvg < mm  hMax < mm | hAvg < 0.10 mm /  hMax < 0.15 mm |

See table listing performance criteria for Laminate Flooring. Charter meets the Light Commercial guidelines.

It should be noted that Mannington Laminate flooring has been tested per ASTM E-648 *Test Method for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source* and passes with a Class 1 rating (CRF Value GT or equal to 0.45 watts per sqcm) as well as per ASTM E- 662 *Test Method for Specific Optical Smoke Density of Smoke Generated by Solid Materials* (passes with value LT 450). ASTM E 648 and E-662 are the more common fire test requirements for flooring materials and what building codes normally reference.

Laminate flooring has the following attributes:

* Low VOC emission levels
  + The resins used to bind the HDF do contain small amounts of formaldehyde.
  + It is generally known, trace levels of formaldehyde can exist in natural wood and timber, thus may be inherent in laminate flooring products.
  + Mannington products meet or are below the prescribed TSCA Title VI and Canter (formaldehyde threshold levels) as well as for California Air Resources Board (CARB Phase 2) emission levels.
  + All Mannington Laminate is FloorScore certified for low VOC.
* Utilizes a large percentage of renewable resource materials, primarily in core
* No heavy metal components
* Durable long lasting flooring
* Majority of laminate floors are installed glue-less
* Utilizes large amounts of wood and paper residue streams, providing upgraded use for normal waste streams
* Underlayment minimizes surface prep work required
* Mannington Laminate Flooring is Made in the USA

Installation instructions may be found here: [Mannington Laminate Installation](http://www.mannington.com/-/media/Files/Installation-Instructions/LaminateInstallationInstructions.pdf?la=en)

Instructions for individual plank replacement may be found here: [Plank](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1ndYQ3_2y0)  [Replacement](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1ndYQ3_2y0)

## Laminate packaging and dimensional information

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| CONSTRUCTION | Laminate flooring with locking tongue and groove |
| AVAILABLE SIZES | 8" Nominal Widths  Planks are 48” long |
| OVERAL THICKNESS | .31" (10mm) nominal, 8mm + 2mm attached pad |
| COVERAGE PER CARTON | 18.6 FT2/Carton |
| WEIGHT PER CARTON | 27.38 LBS/Carton |
| CARTONS PER PALLET | 56 Cartons / Pallet |
| PALLETS PER TRUCKLOAD | Approximately 18 pallets per truckload |
| 3RD PARTY CERTIFICATIONS | FloorScore |
| PRODUCT SOURCE | Made in USA |
| HUD/FHA REQUIREMENTS | Meets / Exceeds |
| COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION | Meet or Exceeds Guidelines for Flat Walking Surface ASTM-D2394 |
| FLOORING RADIANT PANEL TEST (ASTM - E - 648) | Flooring - Greater than or equal to 45 watts /cm*2, passes NFPA class 1* |
| N.B.S. SMOKE CHAMBER TEST (ASTM - E- 662) | Passes - value of LT 450 |
| Sound Dissipation  6” concrete w/dropped ceiling | Use Mannington Underlayment - STC 54; IIC 59 |
| AC Rating | Charter products are rated AC3 |

**Storage and Handling Requirements**

* Thoroughly inspect laminate panels before installation. The warranty does not cover labor for repair or replacement when a panel with visual defects is installed permanently.
* Always store flooring horizontally in the original, unopened package.
* The storage area must be climate controlled with a temperature range between 65°F and 90°F (18°C and 32°C) and a relative humidity not exceeding 65%.
* Do not stack pallets. Store pallets so they are protected from forklifts or other traffic. Protect package corners during storage.
* Always handle cartons carefully. Do not puncture packaging. Cartons should not be opened until time of installation.
* Under normal conditions Laminate flooring does not need to be acclimated to the job site. If extreme temperature and humidity variations exist during storage or transportation, acclimating the laminate flooring to jobsite conditions is recommended.
* In all cases, jobsite temperature should be at least 65°F and not greater than 100°F and the relative humidity not exceeding 65%.
* The temperature and humidity must be controlled and maintained within the ranges described above for the life of the laminate flooring.

## Maintenance Guidelines

A Mannington Laminate Floor is the closest thing there is to a "maintenance free" floor.

The melamine-impregnated surface with aluminum oxide makes it resistant to dirt and dust. Ordinarily vacuuming or sweeping is usually sufficient to keep the floor clean. If needed, occasionally clean with a cloth or mop (micro-fiber or terrycloth hooded) slightly moistened with a laminate specific cleaner, such as Mannington Ultra-Clean

# Important Tips

* Never flood the floor with water.
* Do not use soap-based detergents, as these may leave a dull finish on your floor.
* Do not use abrasive cleaners, steel wool or scouring powder, as these may scratch your floor.
* Never wax, polish, sand or lacquer a Mannington Laminate Floor.
* Use doormats outside each entrance to your home to prevent dirt, sand, grit and other substances such as oil, asphalt and driveway sealer from being tracked onto your floor.
* For furnishings, use wide-bearing, non-staining floor protectors, such as clear, hard plastic or non-staining felt protectors, for heavy furnishings.
* Promptly remove all liquid spills, including pet urine.
* For items not covered by the following chart, call Mannington Consumer Services at 1-800- FLOOR-US (1-800-356-6787).

# The overall stain resistance of Mannington Laminate floors is excellent and most spills will wipe off quickly and easily with a clean, white cloth. Removing certain substances may take a little extra effort, as outlined below:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| STAIN/PROBLEM | PROCEDURE |
| Juice, wine, grease, chocolate | Dampen a rag with Mannington Ultra Clean and spot clean. |
| Cigarette burns, asphalt, shoe polish, paint, crayon, ink, dried foods, nail polish | Dampen rag with alcohol or nail polish remover and spot clean. |
| Candle wax, chewing gum | Allow to harden and gently scrape with a plastic scraper. |

If there are additional questions that may arise, please feel free to contact your Mannington representative.

Respectfully,

John Hammel

Sr Director of Hardwood and Laminate