



WPC D.I.Y INSTALLTION GUIDE

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNER / INSTALLER

The information in this guideline will help you install WPC correctly.

Please note that it is always best to have your floor installed by a professional, even though it is possible to install it yourself.

This is only guideline and cannot supply all the details you may encounter regarding the installation of the flooring.

IMPORTANT PRE-INSTALLTION NOTES

The following information provided by Golden Elite Flooring is intended to serve as a reference guide only. Please carefully read the Golden Elite installation, maintenance and warranty documentation prior to installation. For more information follow the Australian Timber Floor Association (ATFA) installation guidelines installing your floor.

Golden Elite timber floors should be installed as a 'Floating Floor' (not secured to the subfloor).

VERIFY PRODUCT ORDERED

Upon ordering of floor material consider adding an additional 8% to allow for cutting waste (5%) and grading allowance (3%). Golden Elite timber flooring is manufactured in accordance with accepted industry standards, which permit manufacturing, grading and natural deficiencies not to exceed 5%. If more than 5% of the material is unusable, do not install the flooring. Immediately contact the distributor/retailer from which the flooring was purchased. No claim will be accepted for materials with visible defects once they are installed. Installation of any material serves as acceptance of the material delivered. Installer/Owner assumes all responsibility to inspect all flooring before installation. Boards deemed unacceptable in appearance can be placed in closets, near walls or simply not be used. Pieces with glaring defects that can be seen from a standing position should be cut off or not be used as use constitutes acceptance. The use of putty, filler sticks or markers to touch-up flooring during installation is considered normal practice. It is the responsibility of the installer/homeowner to determine if the job site conditions, environmental conditions and sub-floor are acceptable for the installation of Golden Elite timber flooring.

PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF GOLDEN ELITE FLOORING

Golden Elite does NOT warrant against failure resulting from or connected with subfloor, job site



damage, or environmental deficiencies after installation. Golden Elite Group makes no warranty or guarantee of the quality of the chosen installer's work or of a particular installation performed by them. Golden Elite Group disclaims all liability for any errors or improprieties in the installation of its products by an installer.

SUITABLE SURFACES

Well-bonded solid floors; dry; clean well-cured concrete (new concrete must be cured for at least 60 days prior to installation). All surfaces must be clean and dust free. Can be installed over radiant heated floors (do not turn heat above 29°C or 85°F).

UNSUITABLE SURFACES

Rough, uneven surfaces including carpet and underlays. Rough, heavy textured and/or uneven surfaces may telegraph through the Vinyl and distort the finished surface. This product is not suitable in rooms that could potentially flood or rooms that have damp concrete or saunas. Do not install this product in areas which are exposed to term direct sunlight such as sun rooms or solariums.

PREPARATION

The WPC should be allowed to acclimatize at room temperature (approx. 20°C) for 48 hours prior to installation. Carefully check planks for any defects before installation. Remove any traces of glue or residue from the previous flooring. New concrete floors need to dry out for at least 60 days prior to installation. If installing over existing tile, use a floor leveling compound to skim coat grout lines. Make sure the floor is smooth, clean, and free of wax, grease, oil or dust and sealed as necessary before laying WPC.

RECOMMENDED FLOATING CLICK-LOCK FLOOR TOOLS

Personal Protection Equipment : ear protection, eye protection, Respiratory Protection & knee protection.

• Underlayment • Tapping block • Wood or plastic spacers 8-10mm • Tape measure • Flat bar or pull bar • Compound Drop Saw • Plunge Saw with Guide Rail or Table saw • Rubber Hammer • Pencil & Chalk line

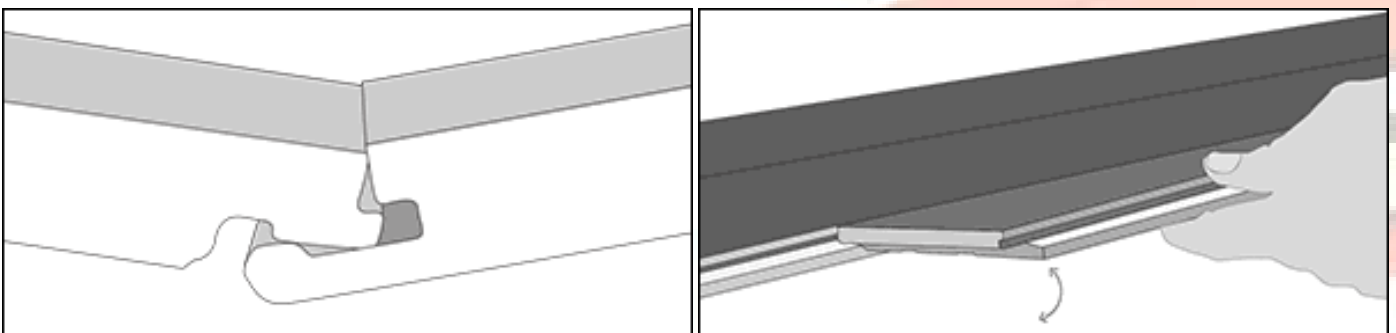
INSTALLATION

1. Start in a corner by placing the first plank with the tongue side facing the wall. Use spacers along each wall to maintain an expansion space of 8mm – 9.5mm in between the wall and the floor.
2. To attached the second plank, insert the end tongue into the end groove of the very first plank at an angle



of approx. 15-20 degrees. When lowered, the plank will click into place. Line up edges carefully. The planks should be flat to the floor.

3. Continue connecting the first row until you reach the last full plank. Fit the last plank by rotating the plank 180° with the pattern side upward, place beside row. Measure and mark, then using a ruler and utility knife, score the plank and snap off. Attach as described above.
4. Begin the next row with the off cut piece from the previous row to stagger the pattern. Pieces should be a minimum of 20cm long and joint offset should be least 40cm.
5. To start your second row, lay your first plank on the subfloor. Take your second plank, insert the end tongue into the end groove of the first plank at an angle of approx. 15 – 20 degrees. When lowered, the plank will click into place with light pressure. The planks should be flat to the floor. Make sure gaps are as small as possible. Continue assembling the planks this way until you have your second row completed.
6. To attach the second row to first row, tilt and push the side tongue into the side groove of the first panel at an angle of approx. 15 – 20 degrees. Lower and click into place lining the edges up carefully. Continue laying remaining planks in this manner.
7. To fit the last row, lay a plank on top of the previous row. With the tongue to the wall, lay another plank upside down on the one to be measured and use it as a ruler. Don't forget to allow room for spacers. Cut the plank and attach into position.
8. Door frames and heating vents also require expansion room. First cut the plank to the correct length. Then place the cut plank next to its actual position and use a ruler to measure the areas to be cut out and mark them. Cut out the marked points allowing the necessary expansion distance on each side.
9. You can trim door frames by turning a plank upside down and using a handsaw to cut away the necessary height so that planks slide easily under the frames.



CLICK LOCK SYSTEM



CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- Sweep regularly to remove surface grit and dust. Use a damp cloth or mop to clean up any dirt and footprints but avoid using excessive moisture. All spills should be cleaned up immediately. CAUTION: WPC floorings are slippery when wet.
- Do not use a wet spray micro fiber mop. Never use wax, polish, abrasive cleaners or scouring agents as they may dull or distort the finish.
- High heels can damage floors. Use protective pads under furniture. Use doormats at entrance ways to protect floor from discolouring. Do not allow pets with unclipped nails to scratch or damage the floor.
- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time. Use drapes or blinds to minimize direct sunlight during peak sunlight hours.
- It's a good idea to save a few planks in care of accidental damage. Planks can be replaced or repaired by a flooring professional.