

# SQUARE FLOORING INSTALLATION AND CARE GUIDE

Your guide to beautiful floors



## Welcome to Square Flooring

Congratulations on choosing Square Flooring for your home. We pride ourselves on offering high-quality flooring solutions that combine aesthetic appeal with exceptional durability. This guide will walk you through the installation process and provide essential care instructions to ensure your new floors remain beautiful for years to come.

Our commitment is to provide a seamless experience from selection to enjoyment. Please read this guide carefully before proceeding with installation and familiarize yourself with the recommended care practices.

### Key Features of Square Flooring:

- **Premium Quality Materials:** Sourced for longevity and visual appeal.
- **Timeless Australian Aesthetic:** Designed to complement modern Australian interiors.
- **Easy Maintenance:** Simple care routines to preserve your floor's beauty.
- **Sustainable Practices:** Commitment to environmentally conscious sourcing and production.

## Installation Guidelines

## Before You Begin:

- **Acclimatization:** Allow flooring to acclimate to room temperature and humidity for at least 48-72 hours before installation.
- **Subfloor Preparation:** Ensure the subfloor is clean, dry, level, and free from debris. Uneven subfloors may require leveling compound.
- **Tools & Materials:** Gather necessary tools, including a measuring tape, saw, utility knife, adhesive (if applicable), spacers, and a tapping block.
- **Layout Planning:** Plan your layout to minimize waste and ensure aesthetic continuity.

## Installation Steps:

1. **Starting Point:** Begin installation along the longest, straightest wall, usually the one furthest from the door.
2. **First Row:** Lay the first plank with the tongue side facing the wall. Use spacers to maintain an expansion gap of approximately 8-10mm along all walls and fixed objects.
3. **Connecting Planks:** Connect subsequent planks by angling the tongue into the groove and lowering it. For click-lock systems, ensure a secure connection.
4. **Subsequent Rows:** Stagger the end joints of each row by at least 15-20cm for a more natural look and structural integrity.
5. **Cutting:** Accurately measure and cut planks to fit around obstacles and at the end of rows. Use a fine-tooth saw for clean cuts.
6. **Finishing:** Once the main area is complete, install quarter-round or baseboards to cover expansion gaps. Trim any excess.

## Care and Maintenance

## Daily Care:

- **Sweeping/Vacuuming:** Regularly sweep or vacuum your floors to remove dust, dirt, and grit. Use a soft brush attachment for vacuum cleaners to avoid scratching.
- **Spills:** Wipe up spills immediately with a clean, damp cloth. Avoid excessive moisture, as this can damage the flooring.

## Regular Cleaning:

- **Damp Mopping:** For deeper cleaning, use a well-wrung-out mop with a pH-neutral floor cleaner specifically designed for your flooring type. Avoid using household cleaners or steam mops, as they can damage the finish.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Never use abrasive cleaners, ammonia-based products, or wax polishes, as these can dull the finish or leave a residue.

## Protecting Your Floors:

- **Doormats:** Place doormats at all entrances to trap dirt and moisture before it reaches your floors.
- **Furniture Pads:** Apply felt protector pads to the legs of all furniture to prevent scratches and dents. Check and replace pads regularly as they wear down.
- **Avoid High Heels & Cleats:** High-heeled shoes or sports cleats can cause indentations and damage to the flooring surface.
- **Sunlight:** Prolonged direct sunlight can cause fading. Consider using curtains or blinds to protect your floors.

## Safety Warnings & Important Notes:

 **Expansion Gaps:** It is *crucial* to maintain the recommended expansion gap around the perimeter of the room and all fixed objects. This allows the flooring to expand and contract naturally with changes in temperature and humidity, preventing buckling.

 **Moisture Control:** Protect your flooring from excessive moisture. Ensure no standing water is left on the surface for extended periods. Address any leaks or spills promptly.

 **Heavy Objects:** When moving heavy furniture, lift rather than drag. If dragging is unavoidable, ensure adequate protection is in place (e.g., furniture sliders).

 **Professional Installation:** While this guide provides general instructions, professional installation is highly recommended to ensure optimal results and adherence to warranty conditions. Consult your Square Flooring retailer for recommendations.

### Warranty Information:

Please refer to your Square Flooring warranty documentation for specific details regarding coverage and any limitations.

## Enjoy Your New Floors

We hope you enjoy the beauty and functionality of your new Square Flooring for many years to come. Should you have any further questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your Square Flooring representative or visit our website for additional resources.

Thank you for choosing Square Flooring.