

# Flooring Price Guide



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## Timber Quality Since 1840

Established for over 165 years, the Howarth Timber Group has built an excellent reputation for industry experience, product quality and service.

As the largest privately owned timber company in the UK, with a nationwide network of manufacturing divisions and merchant branches, Howarth Timber & Building Supplies prides itself on providing a comprehensive range of world-class timber and timber products.

With such expertise and experience at our fingertips, you won't be surprised to find that Howarth Timber & Building Supplies stocks a comprehensive range of timber flooring products to suit every possible application.

For further information on any of the products featured in this price list please see the comprehensive Howarth Timber & Building Supplies Flooring Guide or contact your local branch.

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## General fitting tips

Useful advice to help ensure you achieve the very most from your new flooring product. With recommended techniques and tips your floor will look great for years to come.

### Laminate Flooring General Fitting Tips

Laminate flooring is laid as a floating floor and boards should never be fixed or glued to the subfloor. All materials need 48 to 72 hours on site to allow them to acclimatise and floors with over 2mm undulation over a 2m run should be levelled before installation.

It is recommended that, to allow for natural movement of the floor, an expansion gap of at least 10mm be left around all edges. Floors that are in excess of 10m long must also be divided by an expansion gap. Floors running through different rooms should be split at the door by a floor-to-floor threshold which will allow for the different room rates of expansion.

Damp proof membranes should be used on concrete floors. Allow a minimum 20cm stagger between board end joints running across the floor to maintain the floors integrity and strength.

To keep your floor looking as good as new never allow flooding / wet mopping / contact with excessive amounts of water plus always read and follow the manufacturer's fitting and aftercare instructions.

### Engineered Flooring General Fitting Tips

Engineered flooring is traditionally laid as a floating floor and should never be fixed to the subfloor unless stipulated by the manufacturer. Strip overlay engineered flooring is normally adhered directly to the subfloor and for each situation you should consult the adhesive manufacturers for product recommendation.

All materials need to be on site for 72-96 hours prior to installation to allow them to acclimatise. Floors with over 2mm undulation over a 2m run should be levelled before installation. It is recommended that, to allow for natural movement of the floor, at least a 15mm expansion gap is left around all edges. Floors which are in excess of 10m long should generally be divided by an expansion gap.

## Engineered Flooring General Fitting Tips *cont*

In addition, if running between different rooms should be split at the door/room entrance by a floor to floor threshold which will allow for different rates of room expansion.

Most engineered flooring can be used in conjunction with underfloor heating systems. Please follow the manufacturers recommended details for under floor heating and large area installations prior to fitting of your flooring. Damp proof membranes should be used on concrete floors. Allow a minimum 30cm stagger between board end joints running across the floor to maintain the floors integrity and strength.

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## Solid Wood Flooring General Fitting Tips

All materials need to be on site for a minimum of 7 days prior to installation to allow them to acclimatise. Floors with over 2mm undulation over a 2m run should be levelled before installation. We recommend that, to allow for natural movement of the floor, at least a 15mm expansion gap is left around all edges. Floors which are in excess of 10m long should generally be divided by an expansion gap, and if running between different rooms should be split at the door/room entrance by a floor to floor threshold which will allow for the different rates of room expansion. We do not recommend the use of solid wood flooring below dpc levels in cellar conditions due to the adverse effects caused by contraction or expansion. Please follow the manufacturer's recommended details for under floor heating and large area installations prior to fitting of your flooring. Damp proofing membranes should be used on concrete floors. We also recommend that, for a quality installation that will last, only stainless steel fixings are used with solid hardwood floorings, especially when fitting oak flooring which contains chemicals that will eventually corrode the more traditional galvanised fittings and which can also cause black spots to form.

To keep your floor looking as good as new never allow flooding / wet mopping / contact with excessive amounts of water plus always read and follow the manufacturer's fitting and aftercare instructions.