

Installation Tips: Concrete Subfloor



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Below is a list of tips to ensure that your Carlisle Wide Plank floor is installed properly. If you have questions, **we encourage you to contact your Carlisle Wide Plank Specialist at any time.**

1. Choose a qualified installer for your new Carlisle Wide Plank floor. Most performance-related issues are driven by environmental factors and improper installation methods.
2. Moisture is the single greatest environmental factor that will influence the performance of your floor. Determine the extent to which expansion gaps will be utilized during installation. Proper use of gaps can help account for any moisture changes (subfloor or ambient) expected in the environment.
3. When installing over a concrete subfloor, use a full spread adhesive. This will work in tandem with an appropriate moisture barrier to mitigate excessive moisture rising from the subfloor. This may happen where conditions surrounding the concrete subfloor continue to drive moisture to it and through it.
4. Use an appropriate trowel and spread rate when spreading the adhesive. Please refer to the instructions provided by the adhesive manufacturer to ensure your adhesive/moisture barrier system works at its optimum level.
5. Apply weight to the top of the flooring when the adhesive is curing underneath. This can be done with heavy bags or buckets. It is critical to do so in such a way that the top boards are not marred. It is sometimes helpful to strap the boards together during the curing process in order to keep them from shifting while the adhesive cures. Your installer should determine this.
6. Keep clean rags and mineral spirits available in the event glue gets on the face of the board. Wipe it up immediately to prevent the glue from curing on the face and marring the board.
7. Snap a chalk line on the floor as an alignment reference for your boards. You can periodically check the edges of your rows against this line to ensure that it is straight, particularly with the first row as that determines all subsequent rows. This is especially critical when installing pattern floors.

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8. While installing and finishing, white soled shoes, shoe covers or socks should be worn in order to help reduce the potential for scuffing the boards.
9. Unless you ordered a Ranch Collection floor or it was pre-arranged prior to the production of the floor, don't install a multi-width floor in a repeating pattern. This may cause you to run short on some widths before the installation is complete. Separate widths into piles and randomly stagger within the floor. This will help create a successful installation as well as help to preserve the beauty of the floor.