



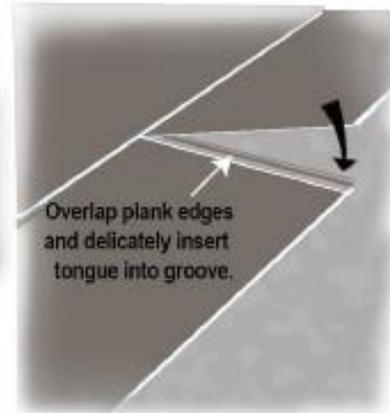
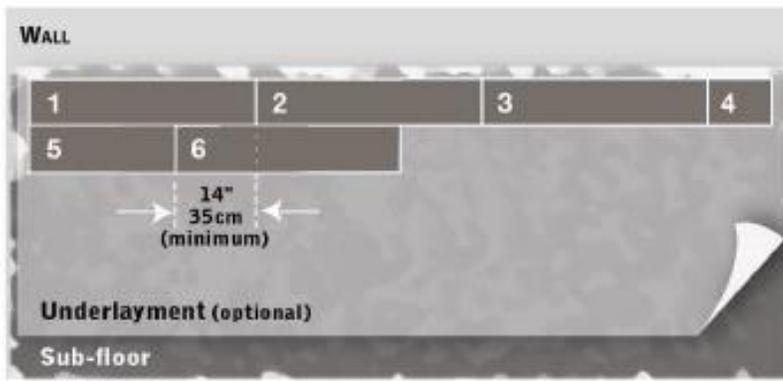
# SPC FLOORING

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS: **DROP LOC**



## SPC - DROP LOC - INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



### Important:

Please carefully verify the panels for any possible damage or deviation from standard dimensions before installation. Make sure planks match with the decorative design that you have selected. No complaints can be accepted in the case where panels have already been installed! In the event you notice visual defects in the panels **STOP** the installation immediately & contact our customer care department at **1-800-387-8953**.

### In order to carry out the installation work you will need:

Underlayment (optional)  
Installation kit (spacers, pull-iron)

Saw  
Rubber mallet

Pencil  
Straight edge

### For proper acclimation: Prior to Installation

**Note:** Flooring must be at the job site 72 hours prior to installation. Do not open boxes until ready to install.

1. Please use Quickstyle Industries' approved accessories. Under no circumstances may panels be glued, nailed, or otherwise fixed (e.g. door stopper) to the sub-floor.
2. The subfloor must be level, dry, clean, and firm. "High-spots" or "Depressions" on subfloor of more than 3mm must be sanded down or filled in with an appropriate filling compound.
3. For installation on sub-floor radiant heating, please comply with special instructions which you can obtain from the manufacturer of your radiant heating systems.

### Installation:

1. Begin laying planks from the left side of the starting wall and work to the right side. The tongue of the plank should face the starting wall.
2. Place 1/4" (6.35mm) spacers between the short and long side of the planks and the wall. Always position one spacer between the wall and where the planks join.
3. The end joints of the planks in the first row are assembled by overlapping the tongue side over the groove side of the previous plank ensuring that the planks are perfectly aligned, with firm pressure; push the end joint downward till the end of the plank snaps in place. Install remaining full planks in the first row.
4. The last plank in the first row will need to be cut. Measure the distance between the wall and the surface of the last full plank. Subtract 1/4" (6.35mm) from this measurement to allow for the spacer. If this measurement is less than 8" (20cm), the length of the first plank in the row should be cut. The first and last planks in each row should

be at least 8" (20cm) in length. Planks should be cut using a minimum 40-tooth blade on a power saw. The remaining piece cut off the last plank in the first row may serve as the first plank in the second row provided it is at least 8" (20cm) long. Always stagger end joints from row to row a minimum of 14" (35cm) apart.

5. Install the long side of the first plank of the second row. Place a 1/4" (6.35mm) spacer between the wall and the short side of the first plank. Insert the tongue side into the groove side of the previous row at a low angle and lower flat to the substrate.
6. Install the second plank of the second row. Position the long side of the plank with the tongue side, fully engage into the receiver of the first row of product. Lower the plank to the floor insuring that the end joint is overlapping and perfectly aligned, with firm pressure; push the end joint downward till the end of the plank snaps in place. Continue installing planks, in the second row. It is important to make sure that the first two rows are straight and square as they can affect the entire installation Continue working from left to right, row by row. Be sure to maintain a 1/4" (6.35mm) space around all walls and vertical objects and maintain a random appearance. Remember to offset end joints a minimum of 14" (35cm).

#### If the wall is not straight:

1. Place the first row against the wall, using a spacer and pencil; transfer (mark) the contour of the wall onto the panels. Saw along the markings. Note: the first row of panels must be cut longitudinally if the final row of panels is going to be narrower than 2" (5cm).
2. Please take particular care to ensure that the first two rows are perfectly straight.

#### In tight spaces:

Use pull-iron and hammer to ensure planks are properly locked. Note: Never directly hammer planks as it will damage flooring.

#### To finish:

On the last row you may have to cut along the length of the planks to make them fit in the remaining space (with the aid of the pull- iron and hammer). Finished!

#### **Maintenance:** Care - Cleaning – Climate & Humidity Control

1. Lay dirt-absorbing mats in high traffic areas, (such as entrance halls and hallways). Apply felt pads underneath furniture. For office chairs, use a chair mat to protect the floor.
2. Simply clean your Quickstyle Floating floor with a soft broom, a lightly dampened mop or a vacuum cleaner. Wipe off footmarks and dirt with a wrung-out (slightly dampened), cloth. Do not attempt to clean your Quickstyle Floating floor with wax, polish, or scouring materials. Stubborn stains can be removed with special stain removers.
3. Ambient relative humidity must be between 35% and 55%. The temperature must be between 18 - 22°C (64.4 – 71.6 °F). These measures must remain constant before installation (at least a week), during and year-round to preserve the life of your floor.
4. Susceptible to temperature changes in its ambient environment, expansion and contraction is a fact of life. Extreme climate fluctuations indoors may cause slight deformation within the panels and minor separations between the joints of the floor.

**Note:** While installing a floating floor Quickstyle recommends maintaining uniform "expansion gaps" around the perimeter of the floor or at any vertical obstruction. It is also recommended placing a transition molding when required thus allowing for transitional expansion preserves the structural integrity of the floating floor.

- Avoid direct ultraviolet (UV) exposure / sunlight for prolonged periods of time (especially during peak sun hours) as this may damage your floor (can induce expansion which may cause buckling or delamination if flooring reaches a temperature in excess of 29.4°C (85°F) (thermal degradation\*))
- Use UV protective film, blinds, shades, shutters or curtains to assure that the flooring is protected from sun (UV) and is not overheated due to this exposure.
- (Failure to protect flooring voids all warranties, express or implied and releases Quickstyle Industries from any claims, damages, or liabilities which may arise).
- It is vital to ensure that radiant heating systems are kept to a temperature that will not heat the floor above 29.4°C (85°F) (please comply with special instructions which you can obtain from your radiant heating systems retailer).

*\* The initiation of **thermal degradation** involves the loss of a hydrogen atom from the polymer chain as a result of energy input from heat or light.*