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We can source any type of flooring to order including exotic timbers and different hand finishes

## Fitting Solid Wooden Floors and our Engineered Floors

This briefly explains the three basic methods for fitting our wooden floors. Solid wood must be allowed to acclimatise for at least 10 days, whereas our engineered boards can be fitted within a couple of days after delivery. The installation instructions are a general guide to using the secret nailing method although they do show how to set out a floor. The details of the glue and how to use it is in the Adhesive section on the left hand side of this web site. The sub floor must be checked out to make sure that it is dry and clean, concrete should have a moisture content of 10% or less, and old floorboards should be screwed down if they are loose, and any dust or grease should be removed from existing tiles or old floors.

### Gluing the floor using the latest adhesives

With modern adhesives such as the Bona R850 speed you can glue your floor directly on to concrete, old floorboards, chipboard, tiles, anything in fact. This adhesive was designed with under floor heating in mind, **and for fixing both solid and engineered floors as it dries like a hard rubber**. You can glue your floor directly to the screed that covers some under floor heating solutions. We supply the tubs with a comb to make it easy just to spread the glue on to the floor and stick the floor boards directly down on to the sub floor.

### Floating Floors

A floating floor installation is normally used where there is likely to be a future requirement to lift the floor to gain access to services such as water pipes, electric cables etc. This is where the tongue and grooves are just fitted together or glued together. For this you will need a top quality underlay and we suggest that you only use this method for engineered boards. These boards will not move and you can therefore make sure that they fit tightly against the wall so that the joints do not work loose. The only downside with floating floors is that they can "creak" and the PVA glue that is commonly used, can break down over the years, and the joints can work loose. With solid wood floors you do need to leave a gap of 8mm to 10mm around the edge and the flooring must be allowed to acclimatise for more than ten days.

### Secret Nailed Floors

This is where nails are driven through the tongue at a set angle into joists or battens. This is one of the old fashioned methods and can be used on both our solid and engineered boards. You should make sure that the correct length nails are used and also that the nail gun is at the correct angle. Make sure that the battens or joists you are nailing into are in good order so that the nails will not work loose over the years and give you "squeaky" floor boards.

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Range

Amethyst  
Range

Ruby  
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