



Parkay Floors®

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PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING (UNILIN DROP) Installation Instructions

BEFORE YOU START

 **PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING** has a patented **UNILIN DROP** system. The collections that carry this particular Click technology are:

- Solid Collection
- Textures Collection
- Gloss Collection

 **PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING** needs to be acclimatized. Stored flat and fully supported during shipping and storage. Remove material from packaging, spread out if possible, and allow to condition in room where installation is to take place at a constant temperature of 68 and 77F or 20 – 25C for a period of 48 hours prior to installation.

 Check **PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING** for possible defects prior to the installation. **Complaints can only be accepted before installation.** Slight variations in color and textures are designed to enhance its natural appearance. Mixing planks from different boxes creates a more realistic look.

 **Be aware that when exposed to excessive temperatures and direct sunlight PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING** will expand and contract causing problems with the locking system. Please consider these exposures when choosing your product.

 **Parkay Floors® does** not recommend installations in facilities with walkers, wheel chairs i.e. Residential and or extended care use, or in facilities with movement of heavy displays, racks, dentist chairs etc. These types of installations may exert extreme stress and compromise the locking system.

THE SUBFLOOR

 **PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING** includes a wax coating around the edges of every flooring plank. This wax helps protect its core from minimal topical moisture, but does not guarantee that liquid spills and subfloor moisture won't affect its integrity. The subfloor must be completely dry prior to installation of the laminate flooring.

 Subfloors must be structurally sound, solid, stable, level, plumb, and true to a tolerance in plane of 3/16" in 10 feet (4.7mm in 4m). Cracks and holes must be filled with a fast setting cement-based polymer modified patching compound or equivalent. Any unevenness over 3/16" (4.7mm) must be sanded down or leveled. The surface must be clean of dirt, oil, glue residue etc. Carpet staples or adhesive residue should be removed prior to installation. Voids or humps in the subfloor will prevent the planks from locking properly.

 **PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING** can be installed on existing firm floors (Linoleum, PVC), but all wood or laminate floors must be removed. When laying the floor over existing ceramic tiles first level with fast setting cement-based polymer modified patching compound.

 A cushioned underlayment is required when installing **PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING**. Underlayment/Foam must be between 2mm and 3mm thick. **Parkay Floors®** recommends "**Sound Guard PRO**" as the ideal underlayment when requiring a sound proof.

MEASUREMENTS

 Agree with the client on which direction the floor boards should run since this influences the visual size ratio of the space.

 **Parkay Floors®** recommends to follow the longest wall, as the ideal direction to layout the flooring planks. This will, in most cases, give you the best visual effect.

 Pre-plan the floor by measuring the room first. If the width of the last row is less than 2" (5cm) saw the first and the last plank in equal width.

 Snap the lines on the substrate to identify the layout reference points. Planks should be set using this reference to ensure boards are aligned and will lock together correctly.

 In large areas where flooring will span in excess of 25' long, an expansion gap should be used. Otherwise place expansion space in room-narrowing and in the door-rebate. Cover the expansion space with suitable moldings.

INSTALLATION

Different production runs

 **PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING** can have slight color variations in between production runs. Before starting the installation, it is best to check the production run # which is indicated on the label on the carton. If you find that you have cartons from different production runs, it is highly recommended that you open cartons and install a mix of planks from each different production run on your floor. This will result in a more natural looking floor.

DO NOT install your PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING over soft subfloors such as carpet, different than the ones recommended by the manufacturer. Wood flooring glued to concrete must be removed before installation.

 The use of pull bar and tapping block is recommended to ensure a successful install.

 **PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING** provides a very tight fit. Proper care must be used to ensure all seams are tight at end of install. An unprofessional installation or use of improper tools can result in damage to the Click profiles.

First row:

 **Diagram #1:** Start with the first plank in the left corner of the room, tongue-side facing out from the wall to the length and to the right on the width. Work from left to right.

 **Diagram #2:** Position the following planks as an exact extension of the first one.

 Cut to fit the last plank of the row. To do this, you can use a laminate flooring cutter (Raptor M9 or M13) or a miter saw to cut thru the plank at the appropriate point.



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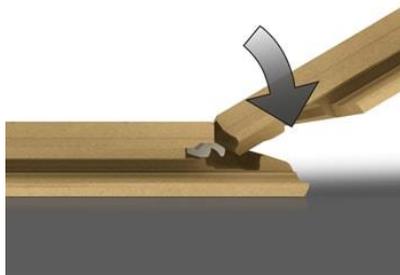
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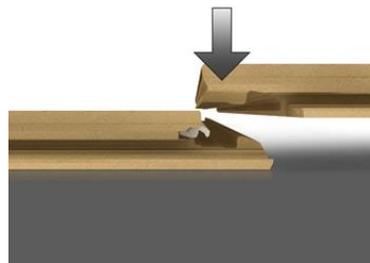
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Following rows:

 **Diagram #3:** Begin the second row with the cut-off end to start the next and subsequent rows. Allow at least a 6" stagger for the end seams. For positioning the planks together, starting with the first board in the row, raise the plank at a 45 degree angle (Diagram 5), insert the lengthways tongue into the lengthways groove and drop down the plank for the short end to lay right on top the tongue of the board next to it. Then, press it down for perfect alignment (Diagram 6). The plank on the following road will secure that particular seam together. Continue the installation to the last row of planks, until the area is completely covered. The rows that end next to a wall or finalize the floors will be secured down by the baseboards or the transition moldings that will also cover the expansion gap.



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 **How to shorten doorframes:** Position a loose plank facing down close to the doorframe and cut with a jamb saw.

 People can walk on the flooring immediately after the installation. Remove the wedges. Nail or screw moldings to the wall, never to the floor.

INSTALLATION OVER RADIANT HEATED SUBFLOORS

PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORING cannot be installed on a radiant heated subfloor.

INSTALLATION IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT

For application in direct sunlight or exposure to excessive heat or in areas with rolling traffic i.e. wheelchairs or dollies it is recommended to use Harbinger seam sealer on end seams during installation. Seam sealer should be applied to the flange of the tile or plank and slide in. Make sure to wipe off the top of the seam edge with a damp cloth to remove any excess as you are installing.

MAINTENANCE

Clean regularly with a damp mop with a laminate floor cleaner, as the Swiffer WetJet . Do not spray excessively. Always use chair protectors under furniture and on chair legs. Teflon protectors are best.

30 YEARS RESIDENTIAL WARRANTY

Our 30 year limited residential warranty for **PARKAY LAMINATE FLOORS** means that for thirty years, from the date of purchase, your floor will be free from manufacturing defects and will not wear through when installed and maintained according to instructions supplied with each carton. This guarantee applies only to the original end user and proof of purchase is required for all claims. The guarantee is for replacement or refund of the material only, no labor. Claims for wear must show a minimum dime size area. High-heeled shoes, rolling carts, furniture and chairs without protective pads can damage the floor and are **not covered** by this warranty.

For service under this warranty or technical questions,
please go to www.Parkayfloors.com or contact your local retailer.

Describe the problem and in many cases,
The retailer can provide you with a solution.
