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Radiant Heating Installation Instructions

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Special Instructions for Installations over Radiant Heat Systems

Moisture and Humidity – PLEASE READ BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION

Room temperature and humidity of installation area should be consistent with normal, year-round living conditions for at least a week before installation of wood flooring. Room temperature of 65°F to 75°F and a humidity range of 35% to 65% should be maintained during acclimatization, installation, and at all times afterward. Warning - humidity levels below these recommended levels will likely cause movement in the flooring, including gapping between pieces and possible cupping and checking in the face.

Rivafloors® cannot be held responsible for site conditions. Flooring formats, such as plywood based engineered wood flooring, are particularly susceptible to showing movement such as edge/end shrinking and face checking from relative humidity below the stated minimums on site and/or tip raising and subsequent end shrinking if installed over a wet subfloor.

Important Notes:

- Floor warranty is void if radiant heat is allowed to exceed 82°F.
- Beware of “hot spots” where radiant heat enters the room, as they can be significantly hotter.

Prior to Installation of Wood Flooring:

- Radiant heat must be installed and on for a minimum of 3 weeks prior to installation of wood flooring.
- Make sure to acclimate the new wood flooring in open packaging or out of packaging, in living areas of the home until moisture content falls within 4% points or less of the subfloor content.
- Just prior to installation, radiant heat should be turned off or on the lowest setting for a minimum of 6 hours. This will prevent “hot spots” which could leave applicator marks or cause bubbles. Glue Down Direct To Concrete Radiant Heating pipes must be covered at least 3cm from the surface. The concrete must be:
 - Fully dry
 - Flat and level
 - Compact and Hard
 - Clean of Dust, Oil and grease
 - Free of cracks

Radiant Heat under Plywood Sub-Floor

It is recommended to glue and nail or staple down the Rivafloors floor when installed with radiant heating. Blind nail at a 45 degree angle into tongue with nails/staples approximately equal to the thickness of the engineered floor. Floating Wood Floor Rivafloors will warranty

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“floating” installation for Rivafloors Engineered Wood Floors over radiant heating systems. After Installation of Wood Flooring (and ongoing thereafter)

WARNING: Spontaneous Combustion Danger! Oil soaked materials (rags, wool pad, sanding dust, etc.) may spontaneously combust. Immerse oil-soaked materials in water. Radiant Heat systems should be turned on and the temperature increased gradually over an approximate 10 to 14 day period. Regardless if the system is new or pre-existing, NEVER allow the radiant heat system's temperature to change up or down more than 2 degrees Fahrenheit per day. During the cold seasons when radiant heating is working at full power the humidity can get very low and the wood can become dried out. To prevent damage to the flooring (cracking or splitting) It is recommended that the relative humidity level remains between 30% and 65%. To ensure this, it is strongly advised to install room humidifiers or whole house systems, to ensure that the room does not become overly dry.

Rivafloors Floors® Installation Guidelines are intended to offer general guidance as it relates to Rivafloors Floors® and are NOT a replacement for a professional, certified installer. Rivafloors Floors® MUST be installed according to the National Wood Flooring Association's (NWFA) installation guidelines in order for the Rivafloors Floors® Warranty to be valid. The most current publication of the NWFA guidelines are available to all NWFA members, and can be found at www.nwfa.org.

IMPORTANT: Your Quality Engineered Rivafloors Hardwood Floor comes fully saturated from the factory with our hard-wax oil. As a result, it is not required to apply Rivafloors Maintenance Oil immediately following installation, though regular annual oiling still applies. It is recommended, however, that you clean your floors after installation using only Rivafloors Premium Floor Cleaner and Protectant and still maintain the floor with Rivafloors Maintenance Oil regularly or as needed each year.