

SEASONAL CHANGES; What to expect

To assure that your floors provide lasting satisfaction note these brief recommendations below:



*The in Home Environment

Flooring lives and breathes; it changes with its environment. Flooring movement or gapping between individual boards is normal as environmental conditions change with the seasons and should be expected in all wood products. Therefore, gaps between floor boards do not constitute a product failure.

All wood products including flooring can be adversely affected due to changes in environmental fluctuations like weather, transportation and storage. It is crucial that the indoor environment be a safe haven for wood, bamboo, cork and laminate flooring. Within all environments; homes, vacation property or commercial buildings the humidity and temperatures should be maintained to target levels. The relative humidity should be maintained between **30-50% with** temperature of **60-80°F** (before, during and after installation). Maintaining the correct environment will minimize plank gapping and squeaks. Inexpensive hygrometers available at your local Lumber Liquidators can be used to monitor the in-indoor environment (**pic1**)

*Product Conditioning/Aclimation/Storage

Extended conditioning or acclimation is not unusual for denser exotic wood species and strand bamboo. For best performance, follow the above indoor environmental recommendations before, during and after installation.

*Arid or moist regions of the country

Very dry (western/arid) or humid regions of the country (costal or large bodies of water) usually require extended conditioning to balance wood products to the environment it will be installed. Depending on your local conditions the use of a **dehumidifier** or a whole home **humidifier (pic2)** may be required.

Heating Season - A humidifier will improve low humidity levels. Wood stoves, radiant floor heat and electric heat all create dry conditions. (Cracks in sheetrock, furniture, cabinetry, squeaks, gaps and cracks in flooring indicate a dry environment).

Humid, Wet season - Proper humidity levels can be maintained by use of an air conditioner or dehumidifier. (Moisture inside glass doors, window panes, cupping and squeaks indicate a moist environment).

Following the above recommendations can greatly minimize excessive board movement, squeaks, gapping, edge cupping, finish splits and other related issues.

*More specific details related to product care and handling are listed in the instructions



(pic1)



(pic2)

Portable Units

Whole House Units

