

#### **SITE CONDITIONS TO LAY WOODEN FLOORING**

- The site needs to be completely “weather tight”.
- Main entrance door must be fitted and secured with lock.
- All windows must be fixed shut (not temporarily closed).

#### **WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE FLOOR FITTING**

- Underfloor heating
- Painting and decorating
- Plastering
- Tiling
- Water testing or any other wet (plumbing) work.

#### **KITCHEN**

- It is recommended that kitchen units be installed prior to the installation of wooden floors.
- The kitchen units can be very heavy (and are often unbalanced) and exert considerable pressure on the floor.
- This could lead to the floor buckling and breaking over time.
- Additionally, it may interfere with the expansion and contraction of the floor.
- Our warranty may be affected if units are laid on top of our hardwood floor.

#### **BEGINNING OF THE WORK**

- All the floor area must be clean, dry, smooth and level.
- No furniture or any other working tools should be left in the area where the floor is going to be fitted.
- A dry floor must not have more than 2% moisture.
- A level floor must not have any uneven surfaces.

#### **DURING FITTING TIME**

No other tradesmen should be allowed, or any other work carried out in the rooms where floors are to be fitted until the end of fitting and the floor has been **covered and protected.**

#### **PROTECTION OF THE FLOOR AFTER INSTALLATION**

- The floor should be covered with “buffalo paper”.
- Masking tape should not be taped to the floor or along the perimeter of the skirtings.
- This is to avoid any condensation or peeling that can damage the wood flooring.
- The second layer of protection needs to be made of a tough material such as plywood or Corex.
- The same conditions are to be met, of not sticking masking tape around the perimeter along the skirting.
- After removing the protection, the first cleaning should be done either by vacuum cleaner or by dry static pads to take all the dust off the floor.
- The second round of cleaning should be done with a lightly damp cloth using the right soap for various flooring.
- Any stains or dirt which sticks to the flooring should not be removed using rough materials as this will scratch the floor. Instead use a soft cloth made of white cotton only.
- Please make sure that all furniture is correctly protected - for example the legs of the sofa, tables, chairs and any other objects that could damage the floor need sufficient padding / floor protectors.

#### **RUGS**

- Rugs that stay in areas that get direct sunlight such as a conservatory, south facing windows or very large windows, over time, will cause discoloration to the floor.

#### **UNDERFLOOR HEATING AND RUGS**

- Extremely heavy rugs aren't recommended to be laid on top of wood floors with underfloor heating. They can create hot air pockets which can over-dry the wood and damage the wood flooring.