

Uptown Floors

Engineered Glue Down Specifications & Guidelines

Jobsite Inspection - Insuring proper conditions to install any hardwood floor begins with a thorough jobsite examination. [Visit this link](#) for a detailed analysis of what should be looked at.

<http://www.uptownfloors.com/preparation/moisture-testing.htm>

Moisture Testing Meters - Meters come in a variety of flavors. Some are better than others. Moisture testing has become an extremely important element in any successful hardwood installation from start to finish. [See more on moisture meters.](#)

<http://www.uptownfloors.com/tools/moisture-testing-meters.htm>

Acclimation - Acclimation is not a time thing. It's more about what the acceptable moisture conditions are in relation to the actual product, sub floor and all areas of the home.

[More at this link.](#)

<http://www.uptownfloors.com/preparation/acclimation.htm>

Sub Floor Types - For engineered glue down installations and new construction, a proper concrete slab curing time is necessary with 90 days recommended. Surface shall not have any chalky, sandy or other unusual characteristics. Nor should it have a reflective surface.

Floor Preparation - One of the most important parts of any successful installation. Hardwood flooring needs a flat surface prior to installation. See more on [concrete sub floor prep here](#)

<http://www.uptownfloors.com/preparation/floor-leveling.htm>

How To Install A Glue Down Engineered Floor - Our engineered products are not intended for the do it yourself. I would urge you to consider a member of the National Wood Flooring Association. You can use their [member locator service at this link.](#)

<http://woodfloors.org/certified-professional-search.aspx>

Useful Tips - I know some will try to install our products for themselves. [Visit this](#) link for an analysis of installing an engineered floor on concrete.

<http://www.uptownfloors.com/installation/glue-down-general.htm>

Adhesives - Proper adhesives are another critical component of any successful hardwood floor installation. Uptown Floors offers the following as our adhesive requirements.

- Bostiks MVP Sealer. (using Bostik #9 trowel)
- Bostiks Best. 30-35 SF per gallon (using Bostik #4 trowel)
- Taylor MS Plus Advance. 30-35 SF per gallon (using Taylor Glide on Trowel)

NOTE: Concrete substrates should be scarified for proper bonding of adhesives and or sealers.

Adhesive Cleanup - A cleanup schedule should be followed in rigor. This would include times when each section is installed, It's also a wise idea to periodically check for any adhesives that may have been tracked over other areas. At the end of each day, check again in different angled views. Smudges can be seen best from a kneeling position in the direction of light.

Racking - Racking allows for a better distribution of color, lengths and proper board staggering. Racking should be performed before each area is laid. [See more on racking here.](#)

<http://www.uptownfloors.com/installation/racking.htm>

Avoid Problems - By avoiding the most often causes of problems with hardwood floors your new floor from Uptown will perform as expected. [See more on avoiding problems.](#)

<http://www.uptownfloors.com/problems/avoid-guidelines.htm>