

GENERAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR WALL INSTALLATIONS

INTRODUCTION

Beaulieu® is delighted to announce that several of its products are suitable for wall installations. We pride ourselves in being fashion-forward and push the limits in terms of designs and renovation trends. Whether you are looking for an ultra-modern or an antique look, we are sure to have the product that will drastically enhance any room. Be it by installing our dryback LVP as a backsplash in a kitchen, our engineered products as bed headboards, or as a full wall installation using our trendy laminates for your home theatre, you will be inspired by the endless possibilities of wall installations. However, before commencing your project, please refer to the following installation guidelines.

GENERAL INSTALLATION GUIDELINES FOR ALL PRODUCTS

Whether you are installing on the floor or on a wall and no matter the product, certain steps and precautions must be undertaken to ensure the success of the installation.

- It is necessary to acclimate the product for 48 hours in the room in which the product will be installed. The temperature must be maintained between 65 °F - 80 °F (18.3 °C - 26.7 °C) and the relative humidity must be kept between 40% and 60% during acclimation and installation. It is also important to maintain these conditions after installation to avoid expansion or contraction of the product.
- It is the installer's responsibility to ensure that the product received is of the right style and color and that there are no visible defects with the product. Beaulieu will not be held responsible for the installation of planks/tiles with visible defects.
- The wall on which the product will be installed must be flat, clean, dry and structurally sound. If there are any doubts on the quality of the supporting wall, the wall must be replaced prior to the installation of the product.
- Planks/tiles must be staggered between rows and the minimum length of each plank/tile is 8" (20 cm). This plays two different roles, one is for increased stability and the other is for esthetics. Staggering planks/tiles creates a more pleasing look.
- As with any type of renovation project, planning is the key to obtaining the desired results. The required tools and equipment must be gathered, the flooring should be protected from damage and dust, and the wall surface must be prepped for installation.
- Wall installations may be partial or full, dependent on the desired look. Creativity is key!

DRYBACK LUXURY VINYL PLANKS/LUXURY VINYL TILES (LVP/LVT) GUIDELINES

Recommended tools

- Utility knife
- Straight edge
- Level
- Lepage NoMoreNails adhesive
- Caulking gun
- Circular saw

Dryback LVP/LVT may be adhered directly to a painted drywall provided the wall is clean and in good condition. Using a caulking gun, apply a generous amount of adhesive in an S pattern. We also recommend applying adhesive along the perimeter of the planks/tiles to make sure the edges will not curl up after installation. Pressure must be applied to the plank/tile for 30 seconds to secure it in place. Immediately wipe up any adhesive that may come through to the surface. Lepage NoMoreNails is the recommended adhesive for this application as it has an almost instantaneous adherence.

LAMINATE GUIDELINES

Recommended tools

- Utility knife
- Straight edge
- Level
- Circular saw
- Pneumatic nailer or stapler
- Nail punch
- Adhesive
- Stud finder
- Finishing nails (16 gauge, 2") or staples (18 gauge, 2")

Laminate floors may be installed on a wall using finishing nails or staples, or by using a quality latex glue intended for installing ceramic tiles to a wall. The supporting wall must be solid. If there is any doubt on the solidity of the wall, it must be replaced with a 1/2" (1.27 cm) plywood. Prior to beginning the installation, a stud finder must be used to determine the location of the studs. Use a pencil to draw a line to mark where the studs are located. The nails or staples must go through the existing wall and enter the stud for a secure hold. Each individual plank must be stapled or nailed twice unless the length of the starting or ending plank is not long enough to span the width of two studs.

Nail or staple method: Care must be used when nailing the laminate planks to the wall since the locking system is fragile and may fracture. To avoid this, the pressure in the nailer/stapler must be adjusted to the correct setting where the nail or staple enters completely into the locking system but the crown does not completely disappear. If the crown is not fully entered into the locking system, a nail punch may be used to force the nail or staple into the locking system allowing the next plank to lock in properly. Another important factor is the angle at which the nail or staple is put in. If the locking system fractures, adjust the angle and location on the planks until you find the most suitable.

Glue and nail method: The use of a good quality latex adhesive is recommended and the existing wall must be clean and in good condition. The proper sized trowel must be used; this information is found on the adhesive container. Apply two or three strips (minimum 4" (10 cm)) of adhesive at different areas on the back of each plank. To hold the planks in place during the tacking process of the adhesive, 23-gauge finishing nails must be nailed through the locking system. Please refer to the nail or staple method above for precautions. The same precautions as noted for the nail or staple method above must be followed for the glue and nail method.

TONGUE AND GROOVE ENGINEERED HARDWOOD GUIDELINES

Recommended tools

- Utility knife
- Straight edge
- Level
- Circular saw
- Pneumatic nailer or stapler
- Nail punch
- Stud finder
- Cleats or staples (18 gauge, 1 1/2")

Installing a tongue and groove engineered product to a wall is very similar to installing it on a floor. The main difference is that the cleat or staple may only be used at each stud. Find and mark each stud using a stud finder. Install the first row with the tongue facing the floor, nail or staple each plank at each stud. The cleats or staples must be angled through the groove and the crown must not protrude as the next row must be fitted in; adjust the nailer/stapler accordingly. The use of a nail punch may be required in case the cleat or staple is not completely in. Continue until the wall is finished.



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