INSTALLATION GUIDE

Timba Touch

SPC hybrid flooring

A practical guide to preparing, laying and finishing your floating floor with our premium locking system.

Floating installation
Keep the floor free to move.

Built-in underlay
1.5 mm IXPE backing.

Premium locking system
Angle or side-tap.

Before you start

01 Check the product

For indoor SPC hybrid flooring with the premium locking system. Check carton labels, colour and quantity. Inspect each plank and lock; set damage aside. Mix boards from compatible packs. This guide does not cover the 4.5 mm LVT range.

02 Prepare the room

Finish wet trades and enclose the building. Acclimatise flat packs for at least 48 hours at 15-25°C, with air around each stack. Maintain these conditions during installation and for 48 hours after. Shade strong direct sun and avoid rapid temperature changes.

03 Check the subfloor

Keep the base firm, clean and flat: no more than 3 mm variation beneath a 3 m straightedge in any direction. Remove soft and floating coverings. Secure loose boards; fill grout recesses and remove local ridges. Measure and record moisture; investigate concrete at 80% RH or above, or timber at 14% MC or above.

04 Allow for movement

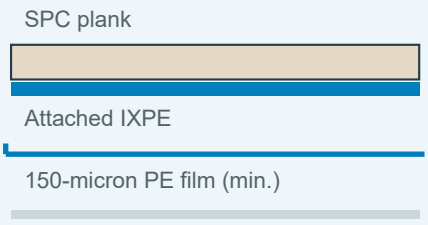
Fit fixed cabinets and islands first, then lay around them. Leave 6-10 mm at fixed edges; 6 mm is the minimum and 10 mm is recommended wherever practical. Do not fix the floor to its base. Do not add soft underlay. Timber bases need a moisture and ventilation assessment before being covered.

Have these ready

Tape, pencil, square, straightedge, spacers, saw, compatible tapping block, pull bar, hammer, 150-micron PE film and vapour-resistant tape. Use eye and hearing protection, suitable respiratory protection and dust extraction when cutting.

Required: 150-micron minimum moisture barrier

Lay minimum 150-micron (0.15 mm) PE film over the entire approved subfloor before fitting planks. Overlap sheets by 300 mm; seal joins and any damage with vapour-resistant tape. Turn film up to finished-floor height at edges. Film does not replace moisture testing or cure dampness. Resolve damp timber and poor ventilation before covering.

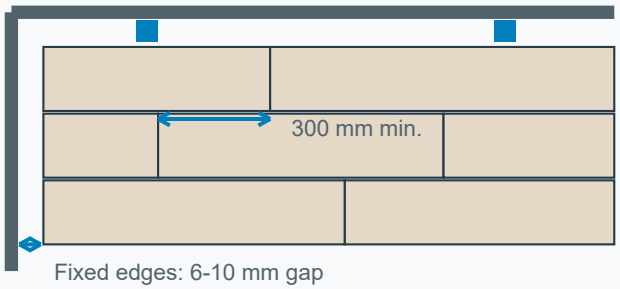


LAYOUT + INSTALLATION

Plan it. Angle it. Click it.

Practise with two spare boards first. Check the actual tongue and groove before starting.

LAYOUT / TOP VIEW



Fixed edges: 6-10 mm gap

1 Set out the rows

Balance the first and last rows to at least 50 mm wide. Keep end pieces and neighbouring end-joint stagger at least 300 mm. Use varied offsets. Leave 6-10 mm at fixed edges; use 10 mm on larger runs.

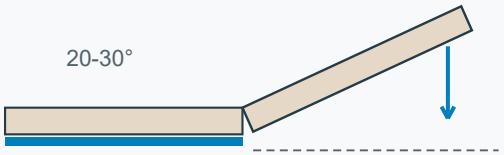
Limit each simple room to 12 × 12 m. Fit movement breaks at doorways and complex layouts. Ask Floor Trader about larger areas or strong temperature variations.

2 Start straight

Start at a straight wall, working left to right. Trim only the locking edges facing the wall; keep the joining edges intact. Use spacers. Angle short ends together to build the first row. Check the first three rows with a string line and keep rechecking.

3 Angle the next plank

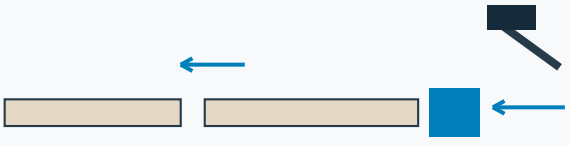
PREFERRED / ANGLE-ANGLE



Join the short end first. Slightly lift the connected row, engage the long edge into the previous row, then lower gently.

4 Tap where needed

ALTERNATIVE / HORIZONTAL



Block protects the edge

Angle the long side in, then close the short end horizontally with a suitable block and light, gradual taps.

Check every joint: both edges must sit flush, without gaps. If a plank resists, stop and check alignment or debris. Never strike the plank or locking lip directly, or hammer an end joint down vertically. The premium locking system joins by angling or horizontal tapping.

6 mm minimum edge gap; 10 mm recommended wherever practical. Diagrams are not to scale.

FINISH + HANDOVER

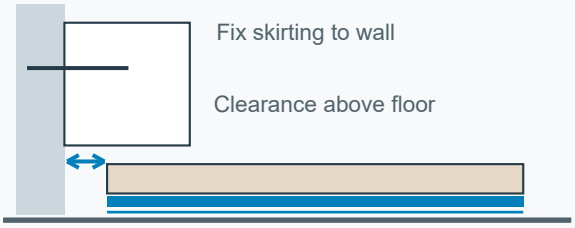
Keep the movement space.

Neat edges matter. The finished floor must still be able to expand and contract.

5 Fit the last row and details

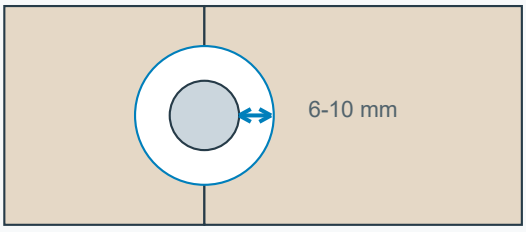
Scribe and cut the final row to suit the wall, keeping the expansion gap. Use a pull bar where the tapping block will not fit. Undercut suitable timber door trim using a plank as the height guide; preserve movement space beneath it.

WALL / SECTION VIEW



6-10 mm gap behind the trim

PIPE / TOP VIEW



Leave space all around the pipe

6 Finish without pinning

Remove spacers. Fix skirting or scotia to the wall, and transition bases to the subfloor, keeping the planks free. Do not fasten through the boards or pack expansion gaps with rigid filler. Contact Floor Trader before installing in wet areas, on stairs or over underfloor heating.

Final checks

- ☐ Film fitted; site and moisture checks recorded.
- ☐ Joints flush; movement gaps clear under trims.
- ☐ Doors move freely; floor is clean and protected.

Care from day one

Sweep or vacuum with a soft floor head. Damp-mop sparingly and remove spills promptly. Avoid steam cleaners and abrasive pads. Fit felt furniture pads and lift heavy items when moving them.

Need a detail checked? Call Floor Trader.

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Keep your invoice, carton labels, site measurements and spare boards.

Moisture-barrier film is not a wet-area waterproofing system. Drawings are schematic, not to scale.