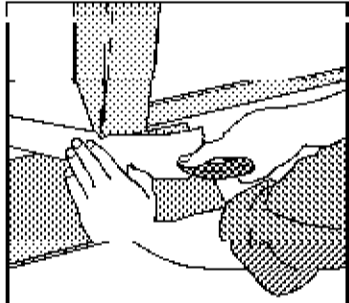


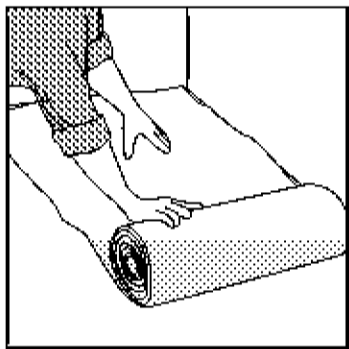
Typical Tools Required

Broom, Electric Saw (carbide blade), Eye and Ear Protection, Glue, Hammer, Painter's Tape, Pencil, Pull Bar, Straightedge (6 ft.), Tape Measure, Utility Knife, Wall Spacers (1/4"), Wood Chisel.

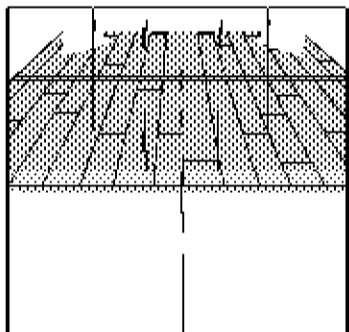


[2] Undercut doorjamb for a professional fit. Doorways less

than 6' wide require T-Molding.



[3] Roll out just enough underlayment for the next few rows of planks you're installing.



[4] Try to run planks parallel to main light source. T-molding is only required for rooms of more than 1,040 sq. ft.

Glueless Laminate Installation Instructions—Beveled Edge Wood Designs

Preparation

Glueless Laminate can be installed directly over most existing floor coverings except for carpet. Wood flooring glued to concrete must be removed before installation.

Acclimation

- No acclimation period is required when installation site conditions are climate controlled prior to and during installation of Shaw Laminate Flooring Products. This means that Shaw Laminate Flooring products can be installed faster and more efficiently than conventional alternatives.
- During the installation period, temperature should be maintained between 65° F to 85° F and relative humidity should be between 35% to 65%.

Subfloor Preparation

- Fill any low spots in the subfloor greater than 1/8" in 6 feet with a Portland cement leveling compound. Check this by using a 6' straight edge. Remove any high spots by sanding or grinding.

- Remove any existing floor molding (if any) except for the wall baseboards. (Unless you plan to replace with Shaw color coordinated Wallbase).

- **[2]** To undercut door frames, lay a loose plank upside down against the frame and on top of the underlayment. This will be your guide for proper height to allow installed planks to float under the door frame. Saw the bottom of the doorjamb case molding back to the wall studs so that 1/4" expansion gap is maintained when laminate is fitted under doorjamb case molding.

- Sweep the subfloor clean.

Subfloor Moisture Testing

- Test floor for excessive moisture before installing over concrete, concrete covered with ceramic tile, marble, stone, vinyl tile, or linoleum. To do so, cut 3' x 3' squares of polyethylene plastic (one plastic square for every 200 sq. ft. of floor space). Spread plastic around different areas of the subfloor for a more accurate evaluation. Firmly tape down all edges of the plastic sealing them directly to the existing subfloor. Leave plastic down for 24 to 48 hours. If moisture forms under the plastic or if the cement darkens, perform a Calcium Chloride Moisture Emissions test. The maximum allowable reading is 5 lbs./1000 square feet/24 hours. Call Shaw Information Center at 1-800-441-7429 for more assistance.

Installing Underlayments

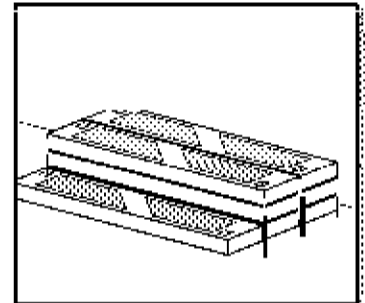
When installing products with or attached acoustical underlayment:

Please read the installation guidelines included with your chosen underlayment, and strictly follow those instructions when installing your underlayment.

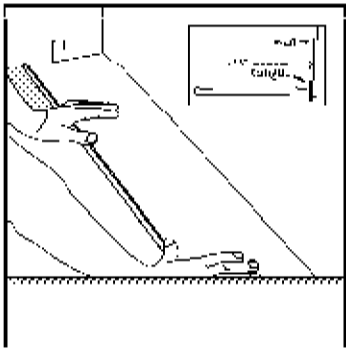
- **[3]** Unroll one width of underlayment along the longest wall. Always work from left to right. Planks should run lengthwise against the longest wall, and if possible, **[4]** parallel to incoming sunlight.

- **[4]** Rooms larger than 26 x 40 feet (1,040 sq. ft.) require T-molding for expansion. Floor spans should not

[1] exceed 40' in any direction.



[1] Do not place cartons near heating/cooling ducts or direct sunlight.



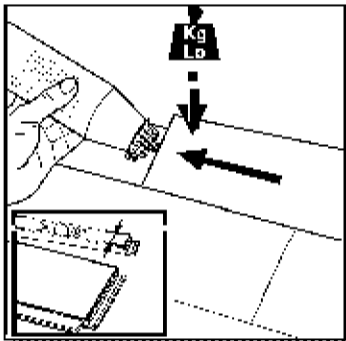
iii Begin the installation in the left-hand corner against the wall. Place the plank a minimum of 1/4" from the left wall. Use the installation spacers throughout all perimeter areas to insure the correct expansion space is maintained.

Start of Installation

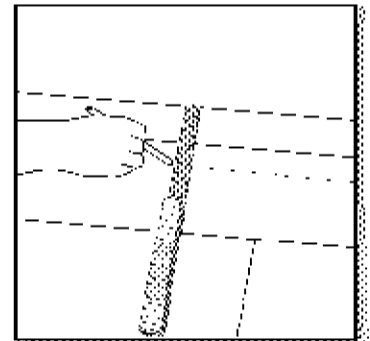
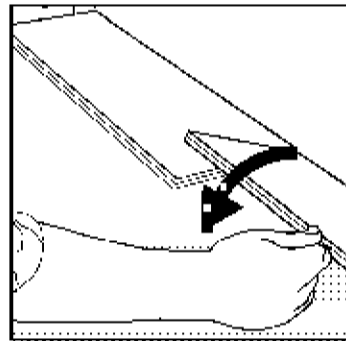
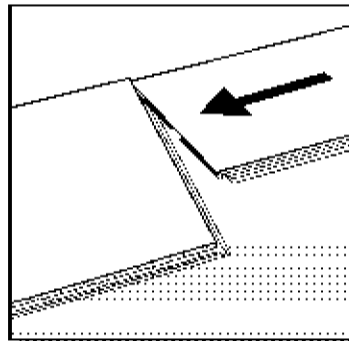
- The width of the first row of planks should be approximately the same width as the last row. This may require cutting the first row plank to a shorter width. Measure across the room (inches) and divide by the width of a plank to see how many full width planks will be used and what size width will be needed for the last row. The last row should never be less than 2" in width.
- Use 1/4" spacers to maintain the proper expansion gap around the entire perimeter of the floor. **Quarter Round** molding will cover this expansion gap. **IMPORTANT:** this 1/4" gap must be maintained around cabinets, pipes, toilet flanges and any other obstacles in floor.
- **INSPECT EACH BOARD CAREFULLY FOR DAMAGE PRIOR TO INSTALLING IT.**
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- Check groove on plank to make sure it is clean and free of debris.

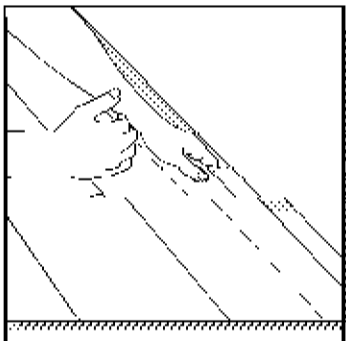
Follow installation steps [1]–[15].



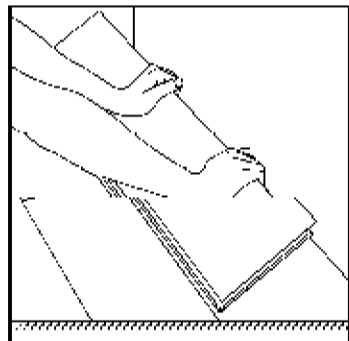
[2] Assemble the starting row of planks by applying a 1/8" bead of tongue and groove adhesive on the bottom groove lip of each END seam plank. Place each plank end firmly into the end seam adhesive, position and tape the seams with painter's tape, or weight them down to insure they remain flush while the adhesive sets. Use a clean, soft cloth to carefully clean up any excess adhesive on the surface of the planks. **Remember, it is necessary to use adhesive on the end seams of the FIRST ROW ONLY!** If the end seams of the first row are taped securely, it will not be necessary to wait for the adhesive to fully set before continuing with the rest of the installation.



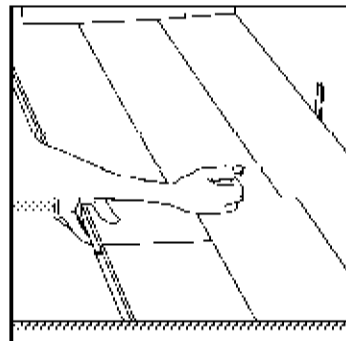
[3] If the starting wall is uneven, the planks must be adapted to its contours. You can scribe the contour of the wall onto the first row of planks using a 2" square block and a pencil following along the contour of the wall. Do not forget to allow for the minimum 1/4" expansion space from the wall. Disassemble the first row, cut the planks along the line you have drawn, and then reassemble. You will still use the spacers to maintain the expansion space along this wall.



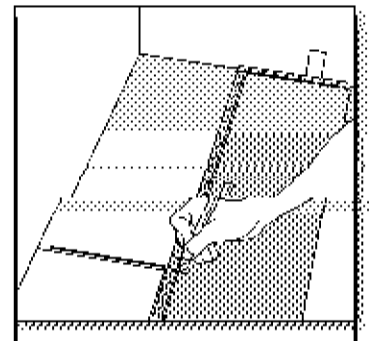
[4] Now remove the first row. Lift the planks a few inches and tap along the joint. Cut the planks as required.



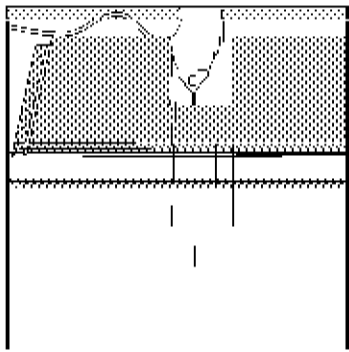
[5] Replace the first row by inserting planks from left to right. Press the first board with the groove toward the edge of the planks that are already in position.



[6] If you wish to remove the flooring, just lift the planks a few inches and tap along the joint.



[7] Place the final plank face down with the short side (without the locking strip) towards the wall. The remaining expansion space should be at least a minimum of 1/4" from the wall. Draw a pencil line where the plank is to be cut.

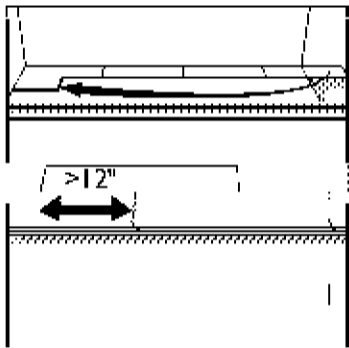


Remainder of Floor

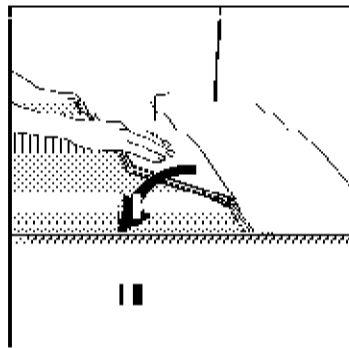
- Stop and reconnect if a joint is not tight or if all edges are not even with adjacent planks. These planks can be engaged and disengaged several times if needed to help make a correct installation.
- When cutting the last row, place a full row of planks directly on top of the previous row of installed planks. **All joints should be a tight fit with no gaps.**

[8] Place the plank face down on the work surface and cut to size with a power saw. If you are using a hand saw, use a fine-toothed blade, and cut the planks face up.

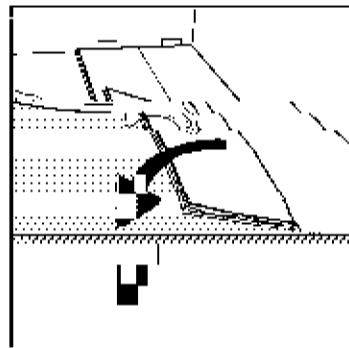
the wall. Cut planks on the pencil line and then connect the last row.



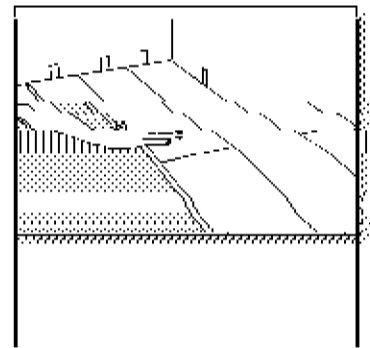
[9] Use a cut piece of board from the previous row to start the next row. This starting plank section must be at least 12" long. If the piece is too short, start with a new board. Cut the new board in one third, one half or two thirds length sections, depending upon what is required to maintain the random stagger from one row to the next. Always ensure that the end joints are staggered at least 12 to 16 inches from one row to the next.



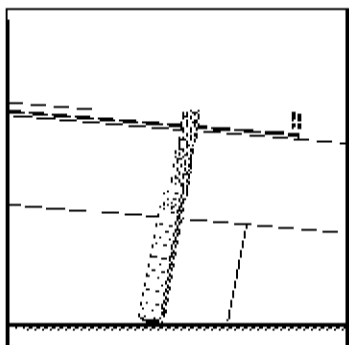
[10] Place the plank at an angle against the plank in the previous row. Press the edge forward against the previous row, and then fold down at the same time.



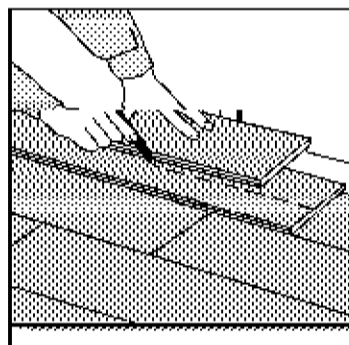
[11] Connect the planks in the following rows by aligning the end seam of each plank directly above the end seam of the preceding plank. Insert the long side seam at a slight angle first, and as the top surfaces meet, rotate the plank down into the locked position.



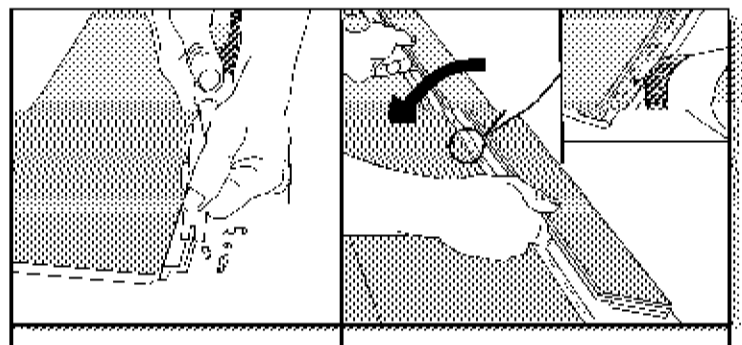
[12] The distance to the walls can be adjusted when three rows are completed. Remember to place the flooring a minimum of 1/4" from all walls or other vertical obstructions such as cabinets, pipes, or columns.



[13] Measure and cut the planks in the last row to fit. Remember to allow for a minimum of 1/4" expansion space from the wall.



[14] Use a full width scrap plank and 1/4" spacer to mark your cutting line on the last row.



[15] In areas such as a doorway or cabinet kick base where planks cannot be angled to lock into place, use a wood chisel to remove the locking ridge from the bottom of the plank groove. Apply a 1/8" bead of tongue and groove adhesive to the bottom groove, and gently tap the plank into place using a pull bar and hammer. Next, apply enough strips of painter's tape across this seam to hold the joint securely in place until the adhesive sets. Using a clean, soft cloth, carefully clean up any excess adhesive on the surface of the planks.

MOLDINGS AND TRANSITION INSTALLATION

Molding and Transitions Installation

- A complete line of trim and transition pieces are offered to finish your floor, including **T-Molding, Reducers, End Molding/Carpet Transitions, Wallbase, Quarter Round and Stairmolding.**
- The transition pieces, (excluding **Quarter Round and Wallbase**) can be easily secured in place with the **Molding Track** which can be screwed, nailed or glued with silicon adhesive directly to the substrate. The use of **Molding Track** provides a fast, secure transition installation and minimizes the use of screws or nails through the decorative surface of the transition piece.
- T-Molding** is used when two level flooring surfaces meet, like in a doorway or a narrow archway. In a doorway, center the **T-Molding** under the space that the closed door occupies. Likewise, in an archway, the **T-Molding** should be centered. To install the **T-Molding**, first install the molding track by gluing, screwing or nailing it 1/4" from the edge of each adjoining flooring surface (equals about 1/2"). Push the **T-Molding** into the track, working from left to right.
- When laminate flooring meets a flooring surface that is lower, use a **Reducer Strip**. Leave 1/2" space between the finished floor and the front edge of the reducer. Install the **Molding Track** by gluing, screwing or nailing it 1/4" from the edge of the flooring. Push the reducer into the track working from left to right.
- The **End Molding/Carpet Transition** works great when finishing the floor in areas that meet vertical objects and it is also ideal for transitioning between your laminate flooring and carpet. To finish the flooring in areas that meet vertical objects like exterior doors, sliding glass doors, tubs or shower pans, raised thresholds or low sills, leave a 1" space between the floor and the vertical object. Install the **Molding Track** by gluing, screwing or nailing it 1/4" from the flooring. Push the molding into the track working from left to right.
- When transitioning from laminate flooring to carpet, leave a 1" space between the finished floor and the front edge of the carpet. Install the **Molding Track** by gluing or nailing it 1/4"

from the edge of the flooring. Push the molding into the track working from left to right. *Push the carpet by tucking it between the molding and the tack strip.*

- Note:** In heavy traffic areas, use screw-type fasteners or nails to permanently secure the molding into the **Molding Track**.
- The **Stairmolding** is used to finish stair treads and risers, which have been fully adhered to the floor using a **Shaw** approved multipurpose flooring adhesive. Strip the flooring about 1/2" from the step's edge. Install the **Molding Track** by gluing, screwing or nailing it 3/4" from the edge of the stair tread. Apply construction grade adhesive to the **Stairmolding** where the molding makes contact with the stair tread. Push the **Stairnose** into the track from left to right. *You must use either screw-type fasteners or nails through the face of the Stairnose to permanently secure it to the track. Place screws/nails into the Stairnose 2" from the end and 6" to 8" apart. (Note: riser piece should be in place under Stairmolding before screws or nails are used).*
- To finish the perimeter of the room where the expansion space was left for the seasonal expansion and contraction of the flooring, remove spacers and install **Wallbase** and/or **Quarter Round**. Both of these moldings are installed by nailing them directly into the wall. Never allow nails or screws in the **Wallbase** or **Quarter Round** to enter into the laminate flooring or the expansion zone around the flooring perimeter, as it will prevent proper expansion and contraction of the flooring. *You must pre-drill nail holes in both types of wall moldings before nailing, to eliminate dry splitting. Be sure to nail the **Quarter Round** into the wall or **Wallbase** and not into the flooring as it will prevent expansion and contraction of the flooring. Use **Shaw Color Coordinated Putty** to fill the counter-sunk nail heads.*
- Silicone sealant should be used in expansion zones in bathrooms, near kitchen sinks, dishwashers and refrigerators with ice makers.

For any questions, call the Shaw Information Center at 1-800-441-7429.

CARE GUIDE

Glueless flooring is designed to stand up to the toughest household conditions. However, to keep it looking its best, follow these simple instructions for protection and care.

Routine Maintenance

- Use a damp cloth to blot up spills as soon as they happen. Never allow liquids to stand on your floor.
- Use acetone/nail polish remover on a clean white cloth to clean tough spots such as oil, paint or markers. For ink, oil, or tar, wipe the area with a damp cloth to remove any remaining residue.
- Regularly sweep, dust, or vacuum the floor with the hard floor attachment (not the motor bar) to prevent accumulation of dirt and grit that can scratch or dull the floor finish.
- Periodically clean the floor with cleaning products made specifically for laminate care, such as Shaw's R2x Hard Surface Cleaner.
- Do not wash or wet mop the floor with soap, water, oil-solap detergent, or any other liquid cleaning material. This could cause swelling, warping, delamination, and joint-line separation, and void the warranty.
- Do not use steel wool, abrasive cleaners, or strong ammoniated or chlorinated type floorers.
- Do not use any type of buffing or polishing machine.
- For spots such as candle wax or chewing gum, harden the spot with ice and then gently scrape with a plastic scraper such as a credit card. Be careful not to scratch the flooring surface. Wipe clean with a damp cloth.
- A more frequent dust-mopping or vacuuming schedule may be required in very sandy areas such as a beach home.

Environmental Protection

- Entry mats will help collect the dirt, sand, grit, and other substances such as oil, asphalt, or driveway sealer that might otherwise be tracked onto your floor.
- To prevent slippage of area rugs, use an approved vinyl rug underlayment.
- Use floor protectors and wide, load-bearing leg bases/rollers to minimize the chance of indentations and scratches from heavy objects. As a rule, the heavier the object, the wider the floor protector.
- To minimize the natural expansion and contraction of the wood, maintain normal indoor relative humidity level between 35 and 65% throughout the year.

- a. Heating season (Dry): A humidifier is recommended to prevent excess shrinkage due to low

humidity levels. Wood stoves and electric heat tend to create very dry conditions.

- b. Non-Heating Season (Wet): An air conditioner, dehumidifier, or periodically turning on your heating will help to maintain humidity levels during summer months.

- Avoid excessive exposure to water during periods of inclement weather.
- Keep your feet nails trimmed to prevent them from scratching your floor.
- Never try to slide heavy objects across the floor.
- A protective mat should be used under furniture or chairs with casters/wheels.

Minor Repair Instructions:

- In the event that accidental damage occurs, minor scratches or dents can be repaired using a Flooring Touchup or Color-Fill Kit. This special touchup kit contains a filler material that is color coordinated to the color of your floor. When Color-Filled properly, the repaired area is often invisible. The repaired area should hold up to foot traffic and wear just like the rest of your laminate flooring.

Glueless Laminate Board Replacement Repairs

- Shaw glueless laminate may be assembled and disassembled several times.
- Carefully disassembled glueless joints will retain their original locking integrity during reassembly. New replacement plank(s) should be acclimated in the replacement area for at least 72 hours. This allows them to equilibrate to the conditions of the flooring in the room where the replacement(s) will be placed.
- To replace the damaged board(s), first remove baseboard, wall base, or Quarter Round as needed. Take the flooring apart one row at a time. Lift each row to detach, then separate the individual boards.
- Be sure to stack the individual planks in the proper order for re-installation. This usually eliminates the need to cut planks for short or end of the row lengths.
- For best visual results, replace the damaged board with a piece from the edge of the original installation.
- Insert the properly acclimated new plank(s) along the outer edge of the original flooring installation during reassembly. This practice minimizes the chance that a newer plank will stand out from the original installation.
- Reinstall the baseboard, wall base, or quarter round, and the replacement repairs are complete.

