

Some important points to consider when selecting your new timber floor.

Floor types.

We offer traditional tongue and groove flooring in several thicknesses and widths. The most commonly available is 19mm thick and 80mm wide. We also offer the Boral Silkwood floating floor. The lengths of the flooring will vary from 0.5m up to 5.0m. This will depend on the species and particular production. Most packs contain totally random lengths.

Floor grades

Most species are available in at least two grades. Select has the normal colour and grain pattern variation of natural timber without as much gum vein, pin hole or black colour streak. Standard or Medium Feature Grade has a degree of natural feature in every board. This in no way means the boards are inferior in quality, they simply look different. We can offer High Feature in some species. Please look at the Summary of Permissible Features hand out to get a feel for the grading.

Colour.

We don't sell colour! Consider the general tone of the timber rather than specific colours. If you want a perfect colour match maybe timber is not for you.

Hardness.

Some people focus on the hardness of the floor. Our Australian Hardwoods are very tough and all but few will cope with the most rigorous commercial situations. Don't get too concerned about hardness. They are all tough!

Timber movement.

All timber moves with changes in humidity. The amount your floor will move depends on the moisture content at installation and the subsequent changes. As a rule of thumb, for every 4% change in moisture content you can expect approximately 1mm of movement on an 80mm wide board.

What can we lay it on.

Traditionally flooring was installed over timber floor joists. Today we have systems in use that mean a floor can be laid over particleboard, concrete and existing timber flooring. Our staff can explain this in more detail.

Floor finishing options.

There are many types of coating systems available. Consider these points. Oils offer a natural style finish that requires topping up regularly. This is very easy to do. Basic Polyurethanes will wear a little longer and provide varying levels of gloss but can still be fairly easy to touch up. Very hard polyurethanes will wear the longest but usually require recoating by a professional. We do not recommend the use of two part Polyurethane or any other coating that may cause edge bonding. Refer to "Before and After" brochure for more info. Remember, even the hardest coatings can be damaged by a stone in a shoe or surface grit on the floor.

Site considerations.

On a new home the floor is usually installed towards the end of the project to avoid damage by other trades. Acclimatization on site may be necessary so delivery several weeks earlier is a good idea. Checking moisture content, determining if acclimatization is necessary and for how long is the responsibility of the floor layer. Acclimatization should occur in the house, not the garage or outside. Remember that turning on heaters or air-conditioning after installation will change the conditions within the home and may cause some timber movement. For a renovation it may be necessary to "live" with the timber for a few weeks prior to installation. You should discuss these issues with your floor layer.

The Monaro Timber Guarantee.

We guarantee any flooring supplied to conform with Australian Standard 2796. This essentially covers three things.

- 1 The moisture content will not exceed 14% on delivery. This must be checked at delivery by the floor layer if a claim for wet timber is to be made.
- 2 The machining of the timber will be within the prescribed tolerances. If it isn't, work must cease immediately and our office advised so that we can arrange to inspect the flooring.
- 3 The material supplied will conform to the grade as ordered. The Summary of Permissible Features covers this.

Any flooring found not to comply will be replaced and if this is not possible a full refund given.

