



# CLEVER CLICK RIGID

# Herringbone Vinyl Flooring Installation Guide

Revolutionary, quick and easy flooring with the natural beauty of wood



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A Clever Click Rigid vinyl floor will transform your home and bring you years of pleasure.

# To assist you, we have created this concise step-by-step guide.

However, to make the most of Clever Click Rigid flooring, you must understand how to install the product properly. If you do not install your floor properly, the guarantee will be void.

# General application

SPC click is a vinyl floor with click system for use in domestic living areas, which is laid floating and does not need to be glued. Measure the length and width (surface area) of the room. If the room has a bay window or extension, measure these separately. We recommend at least an additional 10% to cover cutting errors, cutting waste or future use. The temperature of the room should not fall below 10°C.

# Tools and supplies

Tape measure, pencil, sharp stanley knife, spacer blocks, rubber hammer and fixing block.

# Before you start

Allow the flooring to acclimatise for at least 48 hours in the room where it is to be laid under the same climatic conditions.

Do not lay the floor at room temperature lower than 15°C.

The substrate must also be clean and free of gypsum, paint or other unevenness in order to prevent any marks.

Concrete substrate must be hard, completely flat and dry due to possible markings.

Wood substrate must be hard, completely flat, dry due to possible penetration, level with wood fibreboards (make sure all grains, butts and any unevenness are filled and flat). Make sure the floor is smooth, clean and free of wax, oil and dust.

Subfloor of existing tiles; use a levelling subfloor.

Use a subfloor that is suitable for processing an SPC click floor, it is recommended to use a subfloor with > 400 KPA.

An SPC click floor is always laid floating and may not be glued, screwed, nailed or otherwise fastened to the subfloor.

Carpet must always be removed and is not suitable as a substrate.

If the laying surface is more than 8 metres in length or width, break joints (min. 2cm in width) must be used. This must also be taken into account when laying in other rooms. In case of a door opening, the floor surface must be interrupted. Moving joints can be professionally covered with profiles.

In case of doubt about the correct processing of the floor boards, do not continue laying, but first contact your supplier for further advice. The final result strongly depends on the circumstances under which the floor boards have been laid.

In the case of underfloor heating, the temperature of the subfloor must be below 28°C everywhere. The heating installation must be in operation for at least 4 weeks after the start-up protocol according to the supplier before the floor is laid in order to prevent shrinkage and expansion of the subfloor.

Underfloor heating; this treatment only applies too underfloor heating based on hot water and to underfloor heating with cooling, provided it is fitted with a condensation protection device. Laying on electric underfloor heating is not recommended. SPC click should not be installed on underfloor heaters installed before 1990. These systems generally produce too high temperatures.

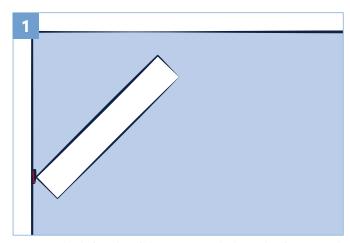
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# The installation

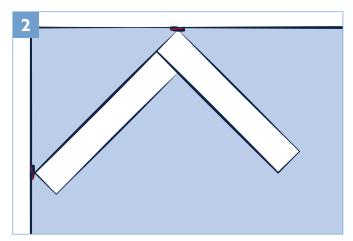
For optimum even distribution and the smallest possible cutting loss, lay out a blemish line that is adapted to the size of the planks to be processed. Make a working drawing in advance of how you are going to lay planks in the room to be processed. When ordering SPC floor, take into account a cutting loss of approximately 10% during installation. Keep at least one unbroken pack so that you can repair the floor with the same material in the event of an accident.

The boxes contain right and left parts. Then you can start laying the herringbone floor.

Place spacers between the short and long sides of the planks and the wall. Always place a spacer between the wall and where the planks come together. Keep a minimum distance of 1cm between the wall and the planks.



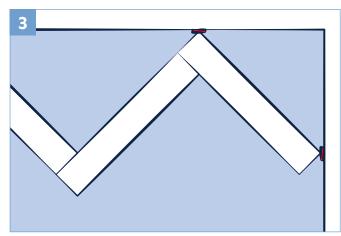
Start at the left side of the room and place the first panel against the spacers.



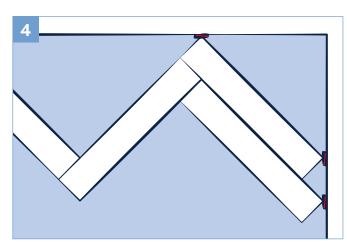
Then place the second panel with the groove on the short side at a short angle ( $45^{\circ}$ ) to the first panel. Press the end of the SPC board down firmly until the boards click together. In order to secure the click joints firmly, after pressing them in place, hit them with a stopper block by hitting them with a rubber mallet.

#### Note

Always check that the click connection is complete. If the connection is not complete, loosen the panel and put it back in place. Do not pull on the connection as this may damage the click system.

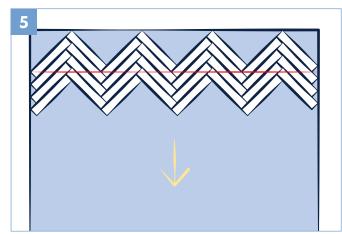


Complete the entire row. The last panel can easily be made to measure using a stanley knife. When placing the last board in a row, keep the distance to the wall of 1cm, use a spacer.



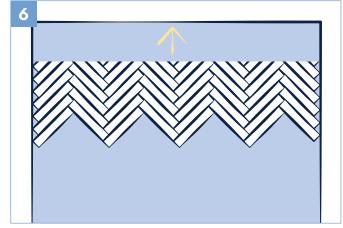
Now start laying the second row from the right side.

Place the panel at a 45° angle with the groove side in the knife side of the first row and press it firmly until the planks click together. Tap carefully with a stopper block and rubber hammer until the joint is closed.



Complete the entire row and continue with the further rows working from right to left.

Continue to check the rows are straight and level as you go, use a tick line across the rows to make sure they are completely straight.



Continue laying the next row. After row 4 or 5, cut the first rows straight. Then these rows can be slid back so that the cut side is up to the wall.

Continue laying the remaining rows until the floor is finished, remove the spacers and finish the room with skirting board.



#### **Useful tip**

Check that the first two rows are straight and level. If this is not the case it will affect the entire installation of the floor.

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# **Expansion joints**

If the floor is extended to another room, or the room is longer than 10 metres, a mandatory dilatation joint must be taken into account. Cut the floor doorways and place a dilatation strip. This allows the floor to 'work' in the placed space.

# Sides and irregularities

Mark the planks with a sharp stanley knife and ruler. Cut from above and break them off with caution. Irregular shapes, such as doorposts and heating pipes, can also be made in this way. A paper mould makes this easier.

#### Maintenance

An SPC click floor is easy to maintain. Easy cleaner and easy product are especially developed for SPC click floors.

# Daily

The greatest enemies of any floor are dust, sand and grit. Daily vacuuming or wiping with a soft brush is often enough to remove them. Depending on the use, clean the floor regularly with easy cleaner. Do not use aggressive or abrasive cleaning agents. Wipe away stains immediately and mop the spot with clean warm water.

# Periodically

SPC click is provided with a protective PU top layer. Use and intensive cleaning will affect this top layer. That is why we recommend carrying out periodic maintenance. When used in the living room at least once a year and in lighter applications, such as in a bedroom, once every two years. The maintenance consists of thoroughly cleaning the floor with easy cleaner and applying a new PU protective layer with easy protect. Dirt, small scratches and stripes on shoe soles can also be removed more easily after this treatment.

# Preventive tips

Prolonged, direct sunlight can damage your floor. Use curtains to minimise direct sunlight during peak sunshine.

Use a good doormat to prevent moisture and dirt getting in. Avoid rubber mats and black furniture caps.

Provide chair legs and other furniture with good quality felt caps and do not drag heavy objects across the floor. For furniture on castors, make sure that these castors are suitable for flat vinyl floor covering (no rubber).

A floor mat under the office chair is recommended to prevent damage.

# Warranty conditions

SPC click has been produced with care. Should, despite this, hidden material and/or manufacturing faults occur within the period indicated on the packaging after the date of purchase, the following warranty conditions apply:

- If, after opening the package, you notice visible defects in the product, you must report this to your purchase address before processing.
- We guarantee defects that were already present at the time of delivery, but not immediately visible to everyone.
- The guarantee applies if the floor has been installed and maintained in your home in accordance with the enclosed instructions; it must be possible to access the floor in its installed condition.
- Warranty only applies if the size of the used, cohesive surface is clearly visible and at least 2m² large.
  The damage is at least 2cm².
- Any complaints must be reported in writing to your purchase address within the statutory 60 days after discovery, with the receipt and these conditions enclosed. Write the production number directly on your receipt. In the event on an unjustified complaint, your supplier has the right to charge the call-out charges as well as all other costs incurred in connection with the unjustified complaint.
- If the complaint is found to be justified, the residual value of the damaged parts of your floor will be reimbursed during the guarantee period. The residual value will be determined on the basis of the remaining duration of the guarantee period of your floor.
- Do not wear high stiletto heels/high heels, these can damage your floor.
- Use felts under the chair legs and regularly remove dust and dirt from the felts.

- The guarantee does not apply to damage that exceeds the current value of the planks supplied.
- Your must maintain your floor with the SPC click maintenance products.
- In the event of a dispute arising from this guarantee agreement, each of the parties will call upon an independent expert, who will issue a binding opinion. The costs of this advice will be borne by the unsuccessful party. Where this clause is applied, these costs must be agreed in advance in writing between the parties.
- If a complaint is found to be justified, the residual value of the damaged parts of your floor will be reimbursed during the guarantee period. The residual value will be determined on the basis of the remaining duration of the guarantee period of your floor.

# Warranty null and void

- In the event of damage as a result of abrasion, damage and tearing of the wear surface as a result of improper use, falling objects, ingress of sand and/or processing with a sharp object.
- By rough and/or injudicious use.
- By any other negligent use of the product concerned.
- If, prior to machining, it could be established that the product had a defect.
- These guarantee conditions do not affect your legal rights and obligations. CE14041 and EN649 Operating Class 23/33 (intensive residential use).



