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Flooring

SOLID ENGLISH OAK - HAND FINISHED FOOTWORN FLOORING

DESCRIPTION

Solid English Oak character grade footworn floor boarding with guaranteed traceability and accompanied by a certificate of origin. We track the wood from the woodland where it grew through the manufacturing process to the finished product.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

WIDTHS	240mm, 290mm, 340mm
THICKNESS	Nominal 22mm
LENGTHS	Random from 1.8m to 4.3m (occasionally up to 4.8m)
PROFILE	Traditional half lap
ENDS	Shaped (when laying, remember to allow for re-shaping one end of any cross cut board)
GRADE DETAIL	<p>Will include knots, heart shakes and small splits. All defects are repaired and filled for an original effect. Due to the hand finishing process, the surface of the boards will be naturally contoured and show some markings from the saw, as well as some 'stick marks', (darker bands running across the boards)</p> <p>Wider boards may have a slight 'cup' effect due to the width – this will generally pull flat when the board is fixed. The wide board floors produce a 'time worn', slightly uneven surface which is commonly associated with old properties</p>
<p>Character - English Oak floorboards are totally free of all sapwood, have lengths of 2m to 4.3m in random lengths and a moisture content of 10%-11%. The areas to be laid must be totally dry with all wet trades complete</p> <p>Information is available from Whippletree regarding temperature and humidity levels prior to delivery of flooring. Please see the important notes below:</p>	



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WARNINGS/CAUTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Please note that all solid Oak flooring is a natural product that, from one season to the next, will display a marginal amount of expansion and shrinkage as the ambient humidity level rise and fall. This expansion tends to be greater with underfloor heating (UFH), as the heat source is immediately below the timber. Please note: If you are not prepared for this seasonal movement, you should not be considering fitting a solid timber floor.

If laying over under floor heating, allow for loose laying the timber flooring in a single layer onto the area to be fitted for a minimum of three weeks prior to fixing and finishing. This is to allow the timber to acclimatise, reducing movement once fixed.

Keep the floor surface as clean as possible during fitting, sand the floor to achieve a level of finish, approved by the client or Architect. Apply two or three coats of Osmo HW Oil lightly de-nibbing between coats.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN YOU PROVIDE TRACEABILITY FOR OAK?

Yes. Whippletree record the history of the English Oak, from the woodland where it was born, through the process of seasoning and drying, machining and cutting and finishing processes, right up to delivery to site. The history is available in a certificate which can be presented to clients as a history of the Oak used in their project



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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

ARE TECHNICALLY PROFICIENT STAFF AVAILABLE FROM WHIPPLETREE TO VISIT SITE?

Yes indeed, we have a wealth of experience in the timber industry and welcome requests to meet with you or your clients to give advice where required

HOW CAN WE RETAIN THE NATURAL COLOUR OF THE OAK?

All floor finishes tend to darken the colour. Wax finishes are probably best but be aware of the extra maintenance that is required to keep the floor to it's original appearance. It is possible to put a white oil on as the first coat. This works well, but again as it wears, recoating is necessary and you need to allow for the work involved in this.

WILL THE FLOORBOARDS SHRINK OR EXPAND?

Provided that the room humidity and dryness of the area involved is correct, then you will only notice slight seasonal movement. This relies on the floor being fitted correctly to ensure that this movement will not have a detrimental affect. When installed over under floor heating, there will be slightly more seasonal movement.



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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

SHOULD WE GLUE THE LAP JOINT AS WELL AS FIX THE BOARDS DOWN?

No, never glue the lap joint together. The reason for this joint is to allow expansion and contraction without disturbing the fixing of the board to the subfloor.

Architects Specifications Follow:



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OPTION 1 - 240mm, 290mm and 340mm Wide Boards WITH Underfloor Heating

Solid English Oak with traditional half lap profile floor boarding of 22mm thickness and random lengths from 1.8m to 4.3m in a mix of 240mm, 290mm and 340mm wide boards to be laid in accordance with Whippletree's recommendations (a copy of the recommendations are available from Whippletree by email on info@whippletree.co.uk or download from Whippletree web site at www.whippletree.co.uk) or Tel: 01763 208966. Boards will be totally free of all sapwood and have a moisture content of 10-11%. The area in which the floor is to be laid must be totally dry with all wet trades complete. Relative humidity levels of the work area prior to delivery of the flooring should be 45-55% and the room temperature 20-22 degrees. Where laid over under floor heating, allow for loose laying of the boards in a single layer in the area that the boards are going to be fitted for a minimum of three weeks prior to fixing and finishing. This is to allow the timber to acclimatise reducing movement once laid.

FURTHER OPTIONS FOLLOW:



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OPTION 2 - 240mm, 290mm and 340mm Wide Boards WITHOUT Underfloor Heating

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