

ISOCORE™ INSTALLATION STEPS AND TIPS

Product Description
Rigid Core Vinyl Planks

Grade Levels
Above Grade / On Grade
/ Below Grade

Installation Method
Floating - Drop and Lock

Tools for Installation:

Soft-faced hammer
Profiled tapping block
1/4" spacers
Pull Bar
Utility knife
Eye Protection

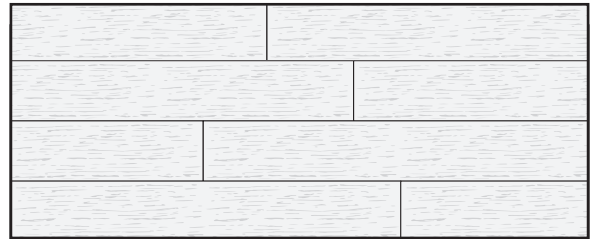
Measuring tape
Pencil
Straight edge
Felt or nylon pads
Broom

Optional:

Jig Saw
Table Saw
Miter Saw
Circular Saw
Hole Saw
Moisture Meter (wood, concrete, or both)*

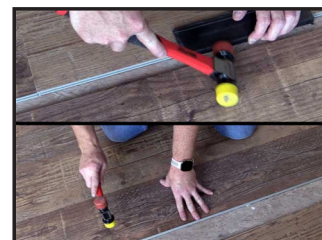
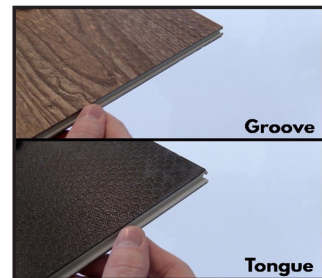
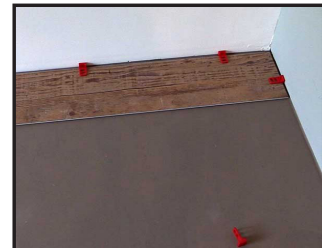
*Tools may be available for rent at your local home improvement store.

Pattern Possibilities



INSTALLATION STEPS

- 1** Set spacers around the perimeter of the subfloor allowing a 1/4" gap. (This gives room for movement or expansion of the flooring). Spacers should remain until installation is complete.
- 2** Installation should start in a left-hand corner with the tongue facing the wall
- 3** Interlock planks by placing the tongue over the groove.
 - Planks should be installed by connecting the short ends to one another.
- 4** Using a soft-faced hammer, square the joints by tapping the long edge with the profiled tapping block, then lightly tap the short joint. Continue this for the remainder of the row.



INSTALLATION STEPS cont.

- 5** If needed, cut the last plank to size using a straight edge and a utility knife. You will need to make cuts on the top and bottom of the plank. (A jig saw, circular saw, or miter saw can also be used for cutting planks).
 - Before measuring to cut, ensure the row is fully pushed against the spacers.

- 6** Before starting the second row, cut the first plank you will use, to two-thirds its length, or at least 8" shorter to create a stagger.

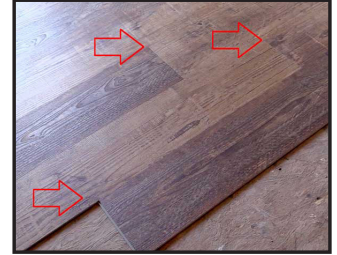
- 7** Join the tongue of the plank with the groove of the plank in the first row. Continue to install row after row, maintaining the stagger of planks and tapping to square joints.

- 8** Most often, all planks of the last row will need to be cut to fit the remaining width.
 - To measure and cut the last row, place a plank directly on top of the previously installed row. Take another plank and place it against the wall/spacers. Mark the plank below, lengthwise to cut.

- 9** In the final row, install the plank with the cut side facing the wall. Use a pull bar to lock the long edges together. Continue with the remainder of the row

- 10** Once all planks are installed, remove spacers.

- 11** Cover expansion spaces with molding/trim.
 - Do not trap or pin down the floor. Nails should go into walls, not the floor.
 - Any expansion spaces around potentially wet areas should be filled with waterproof silicone caulk.



HELPFUL TIPS

Fitting around irregularly shaped objects

- Make a template to fit around pipes, vents, or irregular shaped objects. Place the template on top of the plank and trace using a utility knife or jigsaw. Install plank as normal.
- Be sure to leave a minimum of ¼" expansion space around all fixed objects.
- Mix planks from different boxes to increase the randomization throughout the room.

