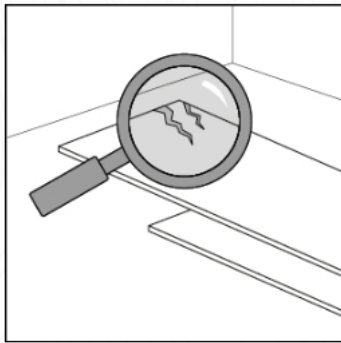


INSTALLATION PROTOCOLE

12_ REPLACEMENT OF A DAMAGED PLANK

When laying the flooring, please remember to check each plank carefully. They must not be damaged. If you notice any visible defects, **do not lay it!**



Inspect each plank before installation, they should not be damaged. If you notice any visible defects on a plank, do not install it!

If, whilst using your laminate flooring, a plank becomes damaged, there are two ways to replace it:

- Removing all the rows to access the damaged plank
- OR replacing the damaged plank without removing any flooring

A. Replacing a damaged plank by removing the surrounding flooring.

For more significant damage or an accident involving the laminate flooring, you can replace a plank with one of those you kept after the flooring was laid.

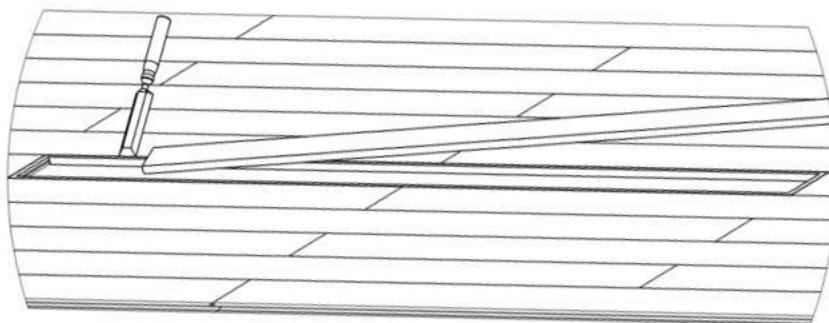
IMPORTANT: check that the colour of the laminate flooring has not changed before laying the new plank. There may be a colour difference between the existing flooring and the new plank.

This operation is fairly straightforward as no adhesive is used in the installation.

- Select the rows to be removed, starting from the wall closest to the damaged plank (if the damage is in the middle of the room, it is preferable to remove the section installed last, as it is easier to reinstall by sliding the tongue into the groove than the other way round).
- Remove the skirting boards in the affected area.
- Carefully remove the affected rows and lay the planks flat, taking care to avoid knocks. Refer to Protocol Sheets Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 depending on the click system used in the existing floor.
- Number each piece on the back of the plank with a pencil (row number and position within the row) so that the laminate flooring can be reassembled after removal
- Replace the damaged plank with a new one
- Reassemble the rows, following the numbering of the planks.
- Reattach the skirting boards

NOTE: This process is very quick and will restore your laminate flooring to its original beauty.

B. Replacing a faulty plank without dismantling the unit.



It is possible to replace a board with one of those you kept after laying the flooring, without having to dismantle all the rows. This technique is more complicated than the first and requires a certain amount of skill:

- Cut the defective plank using a plunge saw or a multi-purpose jigsaw in an 'X' shape; cut both diagonals of this plank so that it can be removed
- Carefully remove it using a wood chisel
- Vacuum the exposed surface thoroughly
- On the replacement plank, cut out the groove on the short side and the tongue on the long side

- Apply white glue to the tongues and grooves of the installed planks
- Fit the replacement plank, starting by fitting its long-side groove into the long-side tongue of the already installed plank
- Use a tapping block and a hammer, or a rubber mallet, to tap the plank into place
- Place a weight on the plank (while the wood glue dries) to ensure the replaced plank is flush with the others.