

INSTALLATION PROTOCOLE

13_ ECO-FRIENDLY INSTALLATION PRACTICES

When installing ALSAFLOORING laminate flooring, there are several **eco-friendly** practices you can adopt to reduce its environmental impact.

Here are the key best practices to follow.

All our laminate floors comply with the current EN 13329 standard and have undergone rigorous quality control to ensure the longest possible lifespan and optimal performance.

Choosing an eco-friendly laminate floor means:

- Opting for certified products (FSC, PEFC for sustainable forest management).
- Checking health labels (A+ rating for VOC emissions).
- Choosing a floor manufactured locally or in Europe to reduce the carbon footprint associated with transport.

A. Eco-friendly installation practices

1) Installation technique.

We recommend installing your laminate flooring using the Random staggered installation technique: this is more economical and environmentally friendly, and will help minimise off-cuts (please refer to the protocol sheet – General Information No. 0). Avoid waste by accurately calculating the area to be covered. Allow for a margin of only 5 to 10%.

Use the right tools to install your laminate flooring, and do not forget personal protective equipment (PPE such as masks, gloves and glasses) to avoid injury.

Opt for an underlay with a low environmental impact, made from natural fibres (cork, hemp, wood fibres) or recycled materials (e.g. recycled PE foam). We recommend our Floorisol and Confortlay underlays, made from wood fibres. Please refer to Underlay Protocol Sheet No. 3.

2) Sorting packaging.



Alsaflooring laminate floors are packaged in kits designed to protect the planks during handling and transport. Handle the kits and each plank with care.

Once the planks have been laid, all this packaging is recyclable.

It should therefore be placed in the recycling bins. Please refer to the guidelines specific to your area and country, or take it to your nearest recycling centre.

3) Extending the lifespan of laminate flooring.

To maximise the lifespan of your laminate flooring, please follow the usage and maintenance guidelines we recommend (see Maintenance Protocol Sheet No. 11).

Once installation is complete, keep a few intact planks in a dry, clean place so that you can replace any damaged planks during the flooring's lifetime without having to replace the entire laminate floor. Please refer to Maintenance Protocol Sheet No. 12 for further information on the technique to use.

ALSAFLOORING laminate floors are installed **without glue or nails** (click-lock system), which facilitates their **reuse or recycling** at the end of their life.

B. End of life.

If you wish to replace your laminate flooring for aesthetic reasons, or if your flooring is damaged, you should dispose of it at your nearest recycling centre.

If the underlay(s) used, the skirting boards or finishing profiles are damaged or unusable, please also dispose of them at a collection point or waste disposal centre.

C. Environmental certifications.

PEFC Certification (10-31-943)	Greenguard Gold Certification	A+ Health notice	Ecovadis Certification	Supply of CARB 2- certified HDF panels
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<p>The wood used in our products comes from sustainably managed forests, thereby helping to preserve natural resources.</p>	<p>Our products meet strict standards for low chemical emissions and have been tested for over 10,000 substances to ensure they are safe for indoor use.</p>	<p>French certification confirming that our products do not release harmful substances into indoor air.</p>	<p>We have been awarded the Ecovadis Silver Medal for our CSR performance.</p>	<p>The purchase of our panels complies with CARB 2 certification, which limits emissions of harmful substances.</p>

Our laminate flooring has been awarded various environmental certifications, which encourage us to offer our customers products that are increasingly healthier and more environmentally friendly:

**Information on the emission levels of volatile substances in indoor air that pose a risk of toxicity through inhalation, on a scale ranging from A+ (very low emissions) to C (high emissions).*