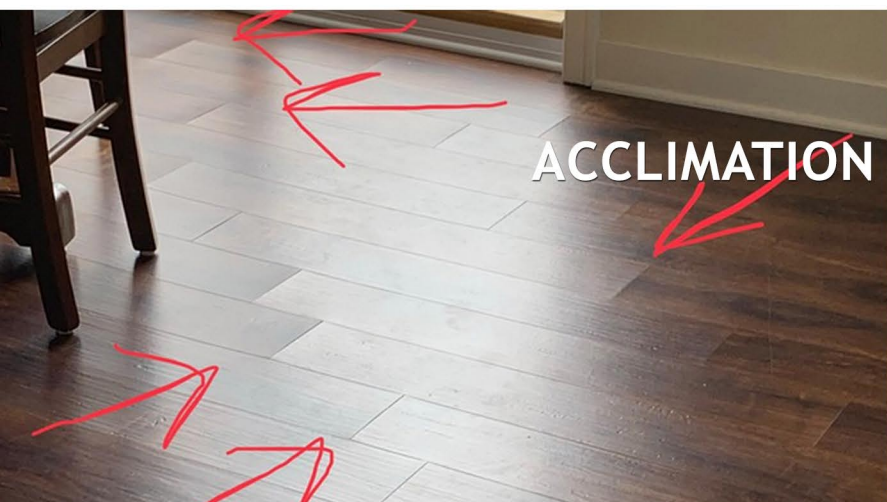


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Common Mistakes to Avoid Installing Vinyl Flooring (SPC)

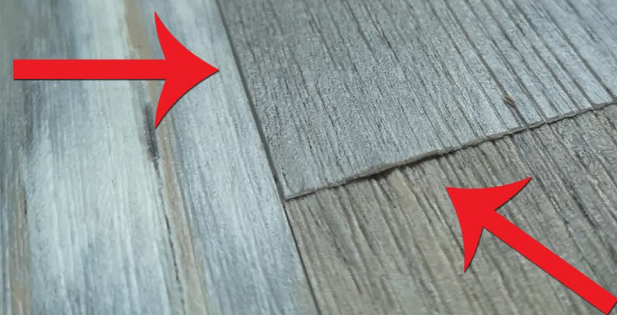


Allow boxes of flooring to acclimate for 24 hours in room temperature. SPC flooring has the least expansion rate of any vinyl flooring. But extreme changes in temperature can lead to small expansion. That's why it's still a good idea to install your flooring once it has acclimated to room temperature.

SPACERS

1/4" spacers should be used in along all walls and any other obstructions like a post or kitchen cabinet. In large areas (60' lengths), use 3/8" spacers.

GAP AND LIPPAGE AT THE JOINTS



If the long edge of the plank is not fully engaged and a small gap is left, the short side will not click into place as you see in this picture. You will feel the lippage on both joints. When you are engaging the short side, use a small rubber mallet and a scrap piece of plank to spread the force. Check your work to make sure that both the long side and the short side is fully locked and that there are not gaps, before you continue to the next row.

WALLS NOT STRAIGHT



Please watch this I4F installation video which will help with a wall that is not straight:

USE SPACERS TO CREATE AN EXPANSION SPACE OF 5 MM/0,2 INCHES

Installing against a wall that is not straight will lead to gaps as you tap your planks against an un-even wall. This video will demonstrate how to setup 2 rows of planks before you push both the rows against the wall. Then you can insert your spacers. This way, you have a straight row to continue with.

Inspect each plank before installing. If you have any problems, stop and contact your retailer.

