

Certified Installer Pre-Qualifying Questions

Please print all written answers!

1. When should I use a poly vapor barrier (minimum 6 mil thick, or as recommended by the laminate flooring manufacturer)?

(Circle all that apply)

- a. On concrete, (on or below grade)
- b. New concrete, (3 months old)
- c. On concrete above grade

2. When installing base moulding or quarter round trim, how should it be fastened?

(Circle all that apply)

- a. Nailed to the floor to give a nice tight finished look
- b. Directly to the wall in order not to pin the floor down
- c. Not relevant to a laminate installation

3. To determine the best direction to install laminate planks you should consider:

(Circle all that apply)

- a. The shape of the room
- b. The direction of the incoming light
- c. The longest wall
- d. The direction of the floor joists
- e. Customer's decision
- f. All of the above

4. What is the make and model of your Moisture Meter?

5. Is there a minimum requirement for the offsetting of the end joints in laminate flooring installations? (Circle all that apply)

- a. No
- b. Yes

6. What type of flooring can Laminate flooring be installed over?

(Check all that apply)

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|--|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glued or
nailed down
hardwood | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramic | <input type="checkbox"/> Glue-down
Parquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plywood | <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl | <input type="checkbox"/> Loop Carpet | <input type="checkbox"/> Floating
Laminate
Flooring |

Sub-Floors must be solid, sound & dry. Do not install over any floating floor.

7. What should the installer do with product with visual defects?

(Circle all that apply)

- a. Install it
- b. Stop installation
- c. Remove and use for cuts

8. Please list four of the most common visual defects on Laminate flooring?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

9. What are the possible consequences of installing a laminate floor over an uneven sub floor?

(Circle all that apply)

- a. Floor failure
- b. Floor Gapping
- c. Hollow spots
- d. Bumps on the floor
- e. Happy Consumers

10. Is there an expansion space required around the perimeter of a room and all fixed objects when installing a Laminate floor?

(Check one)

_____ Yes _____ No

11. What gives laminate floors its excellent wear and scratch resistance?

(Circle all that apply)

- a. Water Based Urethane
- b. UV Acrylic finish
- c. Aluminum Oxide

12. When installing flooring in the bathroom, should the toilet be removed first?

(Check one)

_____ Yes _____ No

13. What is the largest room I can install without a transition?

(Check one)

30' x 30' 40' x 40' Depends on manufacturer

14. What kind of a saw can I use to cut Laminate flooring?

(Check one)

Chop saw Jig saw Hand saw Skill saw
 Any of the above

15. What do you use to clean Laminate floor with?

Soap & Water Vinegar & Water Manufacturer's Recommended Cleaner Mr. Clean

Never wax or use oil based products on Laminate floors.

16. Can my kitchen cabinets be installed over and fastened to my Laminate floors?

(Check one)

Yes No

17. What is the type of core most commonly used in Laminate floors?

(Check one)

Plywood HDF

18. 100% Silicone sealing compound is used to:

(Circle all that apply)

- a. Fill the perimeter of the floor in bathroom applications
- b. Maintain a high level of flexibility and elasticity which allows the floor to expand and contract
- c. Prevent water from getting under the floor
- d. All of the above

19. Which of the following safety procedures should always be followed when installing Laminate?

(Circle all that apply)

- a. Eye protection
- b. Ear protection
- c. Adequate ventilation and lighting
- d. Follow safety instructions on the MSDS labels
- e. All of the above

WARNING! Wood dust may form an explosive mixture with air, use exhaust ventilation when cutting, sawing or grinding in an enclosed area. Wood dust may cause irritation to eyes, skin, and upper respiratory tract. When cutting, sanding, or grinding wear appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

**20. What tools are required to install a Laminate floor?
(Circle all that apply)**

- a. The manufacturer-recommended installation kit
- b. Hammer
- c. Wood block
- d. Rubber mallet

**21. Can you install a laminate flooring over existing wood flooring that is glued onto a concrete subfloor?
(Check one)**

_____ Yes _____ No

**22. What do you call the printed document that is usually included in every box of laminate?
(Circle all that apply)**

- a. Dust-pan
- b. Floor shim
- c. Installation instructions
- d. Template material

**23. What is the maximum moisture level of a concrete slab and wood, upon which Laminates can be installed?
(Circle all that apply)**

- | Concrete | Wood |
|---|--------|
| a. 1 lb. Per 1,000 Sq.Ft. - per 24 hours | a. 5% |
| b. 5 lbs. Per 1,000 Sq.Ft. - per 24 hours | b. 22% |
| c. 7 lbs. Per 1,000 Sq.Ft. - per 24 hours | c. 14% |

Regardless of the slab's age, or grade, the moisture should be measured.

**24. How flat does my sub floor have to be?
(Check one)**

_____ 3/16" over 10 ft. _____ 1/2" over 10 ft. _____ 3/4" over 10 ft.

**25. How many boxes should you work out of when installing your Laminate flooring?
(Check one)**

_____ One Box _____ Three or more _____ As per manufacturer

**26. Can some Laminate floors be installed over radiant heat?
(Check one)**

Yes No

Check with manufacturer for limitations.

**27. What is the recommended installation room temperature for Laminate flooring?
(Check one)**

35 ° F - 80 ° F 20 ° F - 70 ° F 60 ° F - 85 ° F

**28. What is the recommended R.H. (Relative Humidity) installation temperature for Laminate flooring?
(Check one)**

20% - 72% 35% - 65% 42% - 95%

**29. Is cross ventilation in a crawl space important?
(Check one)**

Yes No

**30. Is evaluation of the exterior of the job site important?
(Check one)**

Yes No