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## Installation instructions PAR-KY SOUND

Dear customer,

We thank you for purchasing our Par-ky floor. Before starting the installation, it is essential to read these instructions carefully.

### INSTALLATION MATERIALS (picture 1)

- hammer
- moisture-resistant tape
- pencil
- hitting block\*
- expansion spacer\*
- striking bar\*
- saw

\*available in the Par-ky installation kit

Do not use glue, screws or nails during the installation.

Remark: Never hit the boards directly with a hammer. Always use the Par-ky hitting block to protect the edges of the boards (picture 2).

### FLOOR HEATING (picture 3)

Par-ky floors can be installed over floor heating. Follow the instructions of the floor heating manufacturer. The under floor heating must be lower than 27°C.

### PREPARATIONS

1. Put the Par-ky boxes in the relevant room 24 hours before installation. Put the boxes in the middle of the room and certainly not against a wall. Open the packs just before installation. Check every board carefully. Do not install boards with defects. (picture 4 and 5)

Remark:

Veneer flooring is a natural product and therefore unique so no boards are identical. Minor variations in colour and structure are normal. Small natural marks such as knots and mineral streaks are tolerated and have no effect on the quality of the floor.

To achieve the best result we recommend to mix the boards from different boxes before installing (picture 6).

2. Defects in the under floor have to be repaired. The under floor must be :

- Clean and dust free.
- Sound with no loose particles.
- Flat. The maximum difference in height is 5mm over 3 meters.
- Dry. Less than 2.5% moisture in the concrete or 10% moisture in the plywood.

In principle, Par-ky can be installed on any underfloor that is solid and sound. (picture 7 and 8)

3. The ideal fitting circumstances are a temperature between 16°C and 21°C and an atmospheric humidity between 40% and 60%.

4. Underlay

Par-ky Sound has an integrated cork layer. We recommend the use of 150 micron Par-ky damp screen under the floor. Allow an overlap of 30 cm, stick the edges of the foil together with moisture resistant tape and make sure there are no holes in the foil. Put the foil 10 cm up the wall to avoid moisture under the flooring. (Picture 9)

### **LAYOUT (picture 10 and 11)**

We recommend to install the floor towards the light or in the direction of the longest wall.

Remark: Some wood species are sensitive to colour variations under the influence of UV light. It is a natural phenomenon that colours darken or lighten in the course of time.

### **INSTALLATION**

1. General (picture 12,13 and 14)

Par-ky is provided by the uniclic system for the installation of floating floors without glue. The boards are held together by using a click tongue and groove system. This system is quick and perfect. Use the Par-ky striking bar in case you can not use the hitting block and the hammer. On the short edge, give knocks one after the other. Do not give heavy strokes to avoid damage.

While using the striking bar at the long edge, knock the board repeatedly. Start knocking softly at the end of the board until it is clicked together and repeat this process every 30 cm until the whole board is clicked together.

Par-ky is a real wooden floor. Foresee enough expansion along every wall, heating pipes and every obstacle (such as doorframes). The minimum expansion is 10mm or 1mm per running meter. The expansion gaps can be covered with skirtings fixed to the wall, never to the floor. For floors longer or wider than 10m, you must use a T-profile. (picture 14)

To start the installation, it is preferable to start in the left corner of the room. The easiest way to install the floor is putting the tongue (A) in the groove (B). (Picture 13)

## 2. The first row (picture 15,16,17 and 18)

Cut off the tongue from the first board, both the short edge and the long edge. Put this board in the left corner of the room. For the other boards of the first row, only cut off the tongue on the long side (picture 15). Foresee an expansion gap of 10mm by using the expansion spacers from the installation kit. Put the first row to the wall and make sure you have an expansion of 10mm everywhere (picture 16).

Use the remainder of the board from the first row to start the second row. The minimum length of the remainder is 20 cm. (Picture 17)

Continue the second row with a full board. Click first the long edge in row 1. Make sure the distance to the first board of row 2 is about 6mm. Knock this board softly into the first board using the hitting block from the installation kit (picture 18). Continue according to this methodology until the last row (see point 3)

Remark: Never assemble 2 boards by hitting in one stroke!

## 3. The last row (picture 19)

Leave again an expansion gap of 10mm between the last board and the wall. Cut the boards of the last row in the length. To click the boards in the second last row, use the metal striking bar from the installation kit.

## 4. Doorframes (picture 20 and 21)

Cut the boards and make sure there is an expansion gap of 10mm. Use the striking bar in case it is not possible to click the board.

## 5. Heating pipes (picture 22 and 23)

Watch the picture carefully how to cut a Par-ky board. It is important to follow the instructions to achieve a nice result. Around the pipes you can finish the floor with silicone. It is important that the expansion gap is closed off to avoid moisture in the Par-ky floor.

## 6. The finish

Due to the fact that the floor is installed without glue, you can immediately walk on the floor after installation. Remove all spacing blocks and install the skirtings. Never fix the skirtings to the floor, but always to the wall. The floor needs to expand and contract under the skirting. Use silicone where you are not able to use a skirting.

In general: the floor has to be sealed to avoid penetration of moisture.

### **MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION**

For an optimal protection of your Par-ky floor, put: (picture 24 and 25)

- pieces of felt under the chairs
- parquet wheels under office chairs and a protection mat under the chair.
- a doormat if the floor is installed at the entrance.

Use the Par-ky cleaner to maintain your Par-ky floor. Par-ky cleaner removes the dirt without harming the lacquer and it gives your floor a nice look. Contact your dealer for stubborn spots.