

AN IMPROVEMENT ON TRADITIONAL QUALITY

FROM ONE OF THE COLDEST CLIMATES ON EARTH, COMES A FLOORING TIMBER RICH IN GLOWING AMBER WARMTH.

Baltic Pine. When renovating, there's no better way to recreate the welcoming warmth of a traditional entrance.

Apart from the modern improvement of kiln drying, the Baltic Pine floorboard hasn't changed for 150 years.

Still the same thickness, still the same width; our classic tongue and groove profile fits perfectly into a traditional home, yet is equally at home with the new.

CREATING A RUSTIC FLOOR THAT AGES RICH WITH CHARACTER.

Baltic Pine is a time-proven timber for interiors designed to have character.

In fact, the older your Baltic floor grows, the richer its character becomes.

Simply put, Baltic Pine doesn't stay looking exactly the same as the day it was nailed in place... ever so subtly, it moves.


(It's a natural characteristic of Baltic Pine, to move as it responds to changing atmospheric conditions).

It's this natural movement that creates those slight surface and gapping variations that give Baltic Flooring its unique warm and rustic character.

To bring the best out of your Baltic Pine, carefully follow these time-proven hints and fixing instructions. They ensure a lasting and welcoming finish to your home, be it traditional or modern.

Following these instructions will ensure complete satisfaction and pride in your floor.

1. CHECK MOISTURE CONDITIONS.

 Scandinavian Baltic Pine, is unique and naturally inclined to respond to environmental changes. It will expand and contract due to changes in the on site moisture conditions.

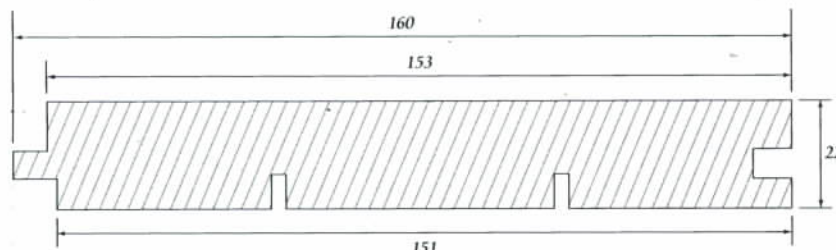
Always remove the shrink wrapping and bands from around the Baltic Floorboards. Store floorboards under cover - off the ground - for 7 to 14 days before installation. The timber moisture content will then stabilise to on-site moisture conditions.

Note: When milled, the width of Baltic Floor boards is 153mm. If this measure has expanded to 154mm or wider, it means the boards have absorbed atmospheric moisture and so they will have to be clamped tighter than if they had remained the same size.

2. CHECK JOIST SPACINGS BEFORE CLAMPING.



We recommend the use of quality kiln dried subfloor - the joists should not be spaced more than 450mm between centres. Exceeding this spacing will cause floor instability.



3. CORRECT CLAMPING PROCEDURES.



The secret of a good floor is proper clamping.

Atmospheric moisture content levels in any home continually change due to heating, cooling and seasonal climatic changes. Baltic Pine flooring is designed with a tongue and groove to allow boards the freedom to move in line with temperature and moisture changes.

The small gaps that occur between boards are a natural feature of this product.

IMPORTANT:

Floorboards laid in cooler/winter conditions must be clamped more firmly, because they will shrink as drying occurs. If not clamped firmly, excessive gaps could occur. (Moist boards are those that have absorbed moisture from the environment and expanded beyond 154mm in width.)

Floorboards laid in warmer/summer conditions must be clamped lightly because they will expand when taking up moisture. If not clamped lightly, distortion could occur.

RULE OF THUMB:

Clamp lightly if installing during summer.
Clamp firmly if installing during winter.

4. AND PROPER FIXING.



Floorboards should only be fixed to quality kiln dried floor joists. When fixing floorboards, use two 50mm x 2.8mm bullet head nails at each joist for each board. Take care not to bruise boards while nailing and do not use nail guns.

5. SEALING RECOMMENDATIONS.



We recommend sealing both sides of the floorboard prior to installation to reduce the possibility of board movement due to over drying or excess moisture absorption. This is particularly important in harsh climates or 'wet' areas such as bathrooms, kitchens or

laundries where moisture extremes are common.

Following these traditional laying methods will ensure maximum service and maximum satisfaction from Baltic Pine Flooring.

FINISH IT OFF.

When the floor is completed, punch each nail head, fill with timber putty, then lightly sand to remove construction grime and any edge grime.

It is recommended only high quality finishing material be used on Baltic Pine and that specialist advice be sought on the most appropriate products to use for particular applications.

The use of 2 pack polyurethane finishes are not recommended due to board to board bonding. This can result in splitting of timber caused by the restraint of normal timber movement. A water-based finish allows for natural movement in the timber.

A WORD OF WARNING.

Some Baltic flooring is sold 'shipping dry'. This is not kiln dried and may shrink and distort excessively. All Baltic Pine is shipped kiln dried to ensure a perfect finish. Always ask your stockist if the Baltic Flooring you are considering is kiln dried. If you're interested in good old fashioned quality, our stockists will give you a good old fashioned welcome.

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