

# Storage & Acclimatisation Guidelines

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Solid wood flooring, engineered, laminate and doors must be stored within the installation area for a minimum of 168 hours (7 days) at room temperature not exceeding 75% RH (relative humidity) prior to installation. Flooring must be stacked 5-25m<sup>2</sup> bundles to help with the acclimatisation of the product. The product must be stored horizontally with even bearers to eliminate bowing, or laid directly onto a dry sub-floor. All products are checked for moisture content before leaving our premises; any products found to have excess moisture at a later date would not be the companies' responsibility.

Doors should be stored flat on a level surface and in a well ventilated dry building; they must not be stored on end or edge. They should be stacked on not less than three bearers to prevent deflection. The bearers should be of greater length than the width of the door and carefully levelled to ensure that all take equal share of the weight to prevent the plane of leaf from twisting. The moisture content of the bearers should be checked to ensure that it falls below 10% and they therefore will not compromise the doors with moisture ingress. Doors should be sealed or primed on both faces and all four edges immediately after delivery or after protective wrapping has been removed unless some form of sealing/decoration has been undertaken in the factory. Doors should be handled with care, wearing gloves if necessary and not have the faces dragged one across the other. Doors should be checked at the time of delivery to ensure that they meet with your quality requirements, before signing delivery note.

It is not recommended to store your flooring in the same room as newly laid sub-floors or where recent wall refurbishment has taken place i.e. plastering or rendering should always be fixed using adhesive or self adhesive underlay's, consult your supplier for the recommended brands.