



Laminate Flooring Underlayment

STEP 1: Subfloor Preparation



Ensure that subfloor is level, free of dust and debris, dry and mold-free. Remove all protruding objects like nails and repair all other defects in the subfloor to create a smooth, even-leveled surface.

STEP 2: Lay the First Run/Row of Underlayment



Start at corner of room and roll out underlayment with the 6 mil vapor barrier facing up towards the ceiling. Roll out the underlayment roll with the overlapping vapor barrier facing the inside of the room in preparation to lay the second underlayment run/roll. It is recommended that the underlayment be 0.5" away from the wall to allow for expansion and contraction of wall.



STEP 3: Lay Subsequent Underlayment Runs/Rows

Lay the second run/row alongside the first underlayment run/row and butt the foam seams (non-overlapping vapor barrier) together. Allow the overlapping vapor barrier of the first underlayment to rest on top of the second adjoining underlayment. Repeat as needed for subsequent runs/rows.

STEP 4: Taping/Sealing Underlayment on All Concrete Subfloors



Using the peel-and-stick tape included, tape the overlapping vapor barrier film to the adjoining butted underlayment. In addition to using the tape to seal the length of the underlayment, you should also seal the adjoining ends as well as the perimeter to the wall with duct tape to ensure moisture protection.

Taping/Sealing Underlayment on All Wood Subfloors

Taping underlayment to join the seams on subfloors is not recommended. The use of any tape to entirely join and seal the length and/or width of an underlayment on wood subfloors may restrict needed airflow, which can potentially create moisture and compromise the integrity of your flooring system.

- Staples or nails can be used to secure underlayment to wood subfloors. (Refer to flooring manufacturer's guidelines.)

STEP 5: Install the Flooring



Install the flooring per manufacturer's instructions.

Radiant Floor Installation

Follow both radiant and wood flooring manufacturer's guidelines.

Glue-Down Installation

Stainmaster Waterproof Underlayment is not recommended for single or double glue-down installation, and such use will void warranty.