

## **BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH PRODUCT INSTALLATION**

All the planks in a shipment must be inspected before cutting and installation. If there is a problem with a plank, the customer must contact Accent Digital immediately by telephone at 1-877-531-1001 or by e-mail at [info@accentdigital.ca](mailto:info@accentdigital.ca).

Once the product has been installed, it is considered accepted by the installer and/or the customer, even if the customer is not present at the time of installation.

Planka planks are finished with real wood veneers. Wood has natural variations in color and grain. These variations are part of the richness of the wood. They do not constitute a defect.

## PRODUCT INSTALLATION

### Preliminary considerations

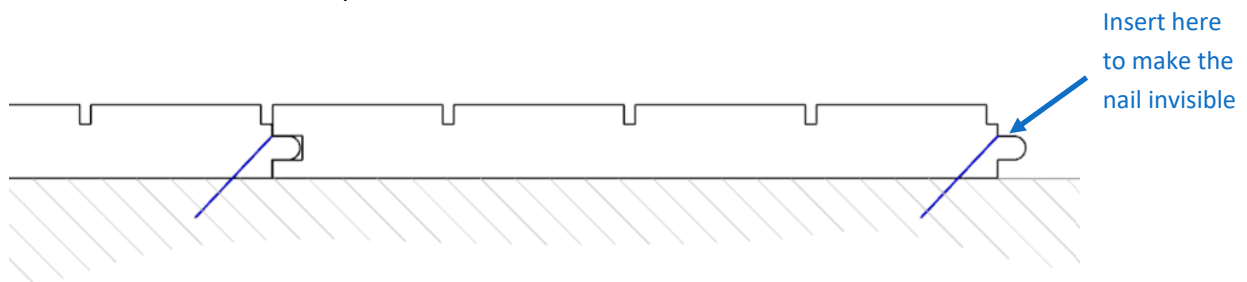
Since planks are made of wood, it's important to consider the relative humidity level in the room where they will be installed. In fact, relative humidity levels influence the expansion and contraction of wood. The room's relative humidity should remain between 30% and 60%. In addition, room temperature should be controlled between 15 and 28°C.

Before installation, allow the planks to rest for 48 to 72 hours in the room where they will be installed. This period is important to allow the boards to acclimatize to the room's ambient temperature and humidity.

For best results, planks should be installed on a level surface. Wood furring may be installed perpendicular to the planks to level the surface and provide an adequate nailing base. Planks can be installed horizontally directly on wood studs, as long as their faces are level.

Leave a 3mm (1/8") gap on each side of the installation surface, as well as at the top and bottom of the surface, to allow for natural expansion of the planks during changes in temperature and humidity. If the planks are installed on the walls of a room where water can accumulate on the floor (e.g. an entrance hall) and there is no baseboard provided between the floor and the bottom of the planks, it is preferable to provide a 5mm (0.2") clearance at the bottom of the planks. **PLANKS MUST NOT COME INTO CONTACT WITH WATER.**

Planka products are easy to install using a pressure finishing nailer. Nails should be inserted diagonally where shown in the image below (on the male side of the tongue and groove). Use 18 gauge nails. The nails will be invisible when the installation is complete.



Planks can also be installed directly over gypsum wallboard using silicone (in tube form) applied 25mm (1") from the periphery of the planks and nailed as described above. The nails will hold the boards in place while the silicone cures (24h).

Please note that ceiling installation absolutely requires an adequate **solid nailing base**.

## PRODUCT INSTALLATION (continued)

### Cutting

Planks can be cut longitudinally or laterally using a round saw or table saw. We recommend the use of a finishing blade with a large number of teeth.

### Installation plan

Since all Planka plank models have the same width and length, their joints can be perfectly aligned. Since joint alignment influences the position of the planks, it's important to consider this point before beginning installation. Several models are designed to accentuate this joint in order to create a contemporary design. These models feature a 3mm or 6mm slot at the joint.

Use a hand level to determine if the floor is straight. Draw a horizontal line at the bottom of the wall, 3mm (1/8") from the highest point of the floor. Check the height of the ceiling in relation to the line drawn on the floor, at several points on the wall. If the ceiling is not level with the floor and you are installing the boards horizontally, the last plank at the top may need to be cut longitudinally at an angle. To do this, you'll need to use a straight batten clamped to the back of the plank. This will act as a guide for the circular saw. Horizontal plank installation starts from the bottom, by aligning the grooved (female) edge of the plank with the line drawn on the floor. Apply silicone to the back at the periphery of a board, 1/2" (12mm) from the edge if necessary, and nail the board in place (as shown on previous page-use 18-gauge finishing nails). Continue installing the planks in the same way, interlocking them. Make sure the planks are level after each row.

For vertical installation, draw a vertical level line 1/8" (3mm) from the edge of the wall. Proceed as previously explained. The grooved (female) edge of the plank is the one that must be aligned with the marked line.

The last plank installed against the ceiling or end of the wall cannot be nailed diagonally into the slot. This may require the use of silicone and/or a few 23-gauge or 18-gauge finishing nails on the front of the board.

### Planka moulding installation

Draw a line of silicone (in a tube) in the center of the moulding, if it's a narrow moulding, or 25mm (1") from the periphery, if it's a wider moulding, and interlock it with the adjacent board. To ensure that the moulding stays in place while the silicone hardens (24h), apply a few 23 gauge or 18 gauge finishing nails to the front of the moulding, or use paint adhesive tape.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

Accent Digital provides a warranty against manufacturing defects on all its products. This warranty is for a period of five (5) years from the date of delivery.

The warranty is limited to the repair or replacement of defective or non-conforming goods.

The warranty does not cover variations in color or texture of products finished with wood veneer. Wood is a natural product that presents variations in color and grain patterns. These variations are part of the richness of wood. They do not constitute a defect. It is normal for products finished with natural wood to differ from each other and from samples supplied by Accent Digital.

The warranty does not cover damage resulting from normal wear and tear, poor maintenance or improper installation of the product. Furthermore, damage resulting from installation by a third party is not covered by the warranty. This warranty also does not apply to damage caused by vandalism, faulty equipment nearby and abnormal use of the products covered by this warranty.

The warranty does not apply if the products are installed in an environment where the ambient humidity and/or temperature are not controlled. The products are designed to be installed in an environment where relative humidity varies between 30 and 60% and ambient temperature is controlled between 15 and 28°C.