

MATERIAL STORAGE

Store the boxes of hardwood flooring in indoor and dry places, protected from the rain and the snow, and without puddles and with temperature between +15°C (59°F) and +30°C (86°F).

To maintain these temperature values it will be necessary to stock the parquet in heated or refrigerated storages. Don't store the hardwood floor in places with a direct effect of the sunlight (for instance open containers or warehouses with metal roof).

In any case boxes must be kept raised off the ground, for example using a pallet (the originally packed pallet, if possible).

These directions are valid also for the transportation.

Do not open the boxes before installation.

INTERIOR CONDITIONS AND SUBFLOOR CHECK

INTERIOR CONDITIONS

Before the installation, make sure that all work on site (decoration, plumbing works, electrical works, etc.) has been completed.

Maintain the humidity level between 40% and 65%; the air temperature has never be lower than 15°C in the coldest season and has never exceed 30°C in the hottest one: outside of these ranges, the boards may suffer deformation and adhesives and other chemicals used for the installation may not work correctly.

SUBFLOOR CHECK

The subfloor on which the hardwood flooring is to be installed must be smooth, level, and have a compact surface so as to guarantee the best possible strength of the adhesion between the underside of the planks and the subfloor itself.

CONCRETE SCREEDS, CONCRETE LEVELLING SCREEDS

Carry out the following checks before installation:

- **Smoothness/Flatness of the subfloor:** place a 2-metre long straight edge on the subfloor: the maximum allowable tolerance is 3 mm.



OK



NO

- **Subfloor structural strength:** when hammering the surface no marks or deep cracking should appear.

- **Cleaning of the surface:** before the installation begins, it is very important to carefully clean and check the surface of the subfloor.



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- **Subfloor superficial compactness control:** it should not be possible to create deep scratches or excessive dust when scrapping the surface of the subfloor with a nail.

- **Fissuring:** fissures created in the middle of the rooms and that do not start from the base of the walls are allowable. Other kind of fissures, in particular those which start from the base of the walls or that permeate throughout the complete thickness of the subfloor, **must be properly consolidated** by suitable and permanent means.



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NO

- **Moisture content:** the moisture content of the subfloor has to be within the recommended limits. The subfloor residual moisture control has to be executed only using **calcium carbide hygrometer** (other tools could give wrong measurements in certain conditions).



In case of concrete screeds, concrete levelling screeds and hard pre-existing floors (to inquiry in the concrete subfloor) the maximum moisture content value allowed for the installation is **2,0% CM** with a maximum thickness 80 mm.

Besides 80 mm thickness, the value allowed has to be reduced.

A higher moisture content value could damage the floor.

Should these requirements not be fulfilled, implement proper operation before installation.

ANHYDRIDE SCREED (CALCIUM SULPHATE)

Carry out the following checks before installation:

- **Smoothness/Flatness of the subfloor:** place a 2-metre long straight edge on the subfloor: the maximum allowable tolerance is 3 mm.
- **Subfloor structural strength:** when hammering the surface no marks or deep cracking should appear.
- **Cleaning of the surface:** before the installation begins, it is very important to carefully clean and check the surface of the subfloor.
- **Moisture content:** the moisture content of the subfloor has to be within the recommended limits. The subfloor residual moisture control has to be executed only using calcium carbide hygrometer (other tools could give wrong measurements in certain conditions). In case of anhydride screeds the maximum value allowed for the installation is **0,4% CM**.

Should these requirements not be fulfilled, implement proper operation before installation.

WOODEN PANELS SUBFLOORS

Carry out the following checks before installation:

- **Smoothness/Flatness of the subfloor:** place a 2-metre long straight edge on the subfloor: the maximum allowable tolerance is 3 mm.
- **Wooden panels thickness:** at least 15 mm.
- **Pattern:** the pattern has to be chosen avoiding that the joints between the boards coincide with the joints between the wooden panels.
- **Moisture content:** check always the moisture content of the wooden panels: it has never exceed **10%** because a higher value could damage the floor.

Should these requirements not be fulfilled, implement proper operation before installation.

PRE-EXISTING FLOORS

The laying of Listone Giordano® can also be carried out on pre-existing flooring, provided that they are checked all the conditions of flatness, solidity (it means perfect adhesion to their subfloor), compactness, cleaning of the surface, absence of cracks and of residual moisture or lift necessary to ensure proper contact at every point of the surface and the protection from external side.

For installation over existing hard flooring (ceramic, stone, etc.), should in particular ensure that the surface is likely to ensure proper bonding: **action must be taken with preliminary treatments of deep cleaning, degreasing, sanding of the surface by mechanical means and/or suitable chemicals.**

The glued installation is not compatible with pre-existing type textile floor coverings (i.e carpets) or resilient (linoleum, pvc, etc.) and with ceramic floors not perfectly adhered to their subfloor.

In these cases, the old floors must therefore necessarily be removed.

INSTALLATION ON UNDERFLOOR RADIATING SYSTEM

When the glue down installation is over an underfloor radiating system, it is necessary first of all check that:

- the heating system is one that functions at a low temperature;
- the system is provided of proper regulation tools in order to avoid that **the contact temperature of the hardwood floor surface will exceed 27°C during the heating time**
- the system is designed to avoid that **condensation appear in every part, either of the system and of the subfloor, during the cooling time.**

Should these indications not be fully complied the floor could suffer not only dimensional deformations and gapping between the boards but also permanent damages.

Listone Giordano® products featuring plywood support may also be used in particularly severe winter conditions of temperature and humidity, i.e. with **relative air humidity down to 30% and with floor surface temperature up to 29°C.**

Under these extreme conditions, not optimal for people's health and well-being, the product retains its integrity and functionality; however, it may be subject to phenomena typically connected to wood shrinking, such as warped board section (concave cupping), the formation of gaps between boards, or even the formation of cracks within the single board.

The construction characteristics of the subfloor have a greater importance in case of installation on underfloor heating system; particularly **the maximum residual humidity that cannot be more than 1.7% CM for concrete screed and 0,2% for anhydrite screed.**

The main **thermal resistance R values** (the lower the thermal resistance, the better is the heating conduction) are reported in the table below:

PRODUCT	TOTAL THICKNESS	R [m ² K / W]*
Plank 140, 190 and 230, Ancien/Quattrocento Italiano	14,0 mm	0,086
Slide and Foxtrot (13 mm thick), Factum, Pearl	13,0 mm	0,083
Perigal	13,0 mm	0,074
Fabrique	12,5 mm	0,078
Listone 190 and 140, Heritage 140 and 190, Desir, Undici, Medoc, Decò, Slide and Foxtrot (12,5 mm thick), Biscuit, Between, Conte, Custom+	12,5 mm	0,077
Prima 140, 140 smart and 190 (B)	10,0 mm	0,062
Prima 140, 140 smart and 190 (P)	11,5 mm	0,084
Listone 90 and 70 (B)	11,0 mm	0,067
Listone 90 and 70 (P)	12,5 mm	0,096
Corona 70	9,0 mm	0,055
Listone flottante 140 and 190	15,0 mm	0,110
Prima flottante 140 and 190	14,0 mm	0,104
Réserve	18,0 mm	0,125
Loop	11,5 mm	0,092
Godron	12,5 / 14,0 mm	0,096 / 0,109

*approximate values related to the Oak top layer version.

The glue down installation on an area with an underfloor radiating system is strongly advisable to reach best performances both regarding the best conduction of heat into the rooms and because it confers greater dimensional stability to the planks.

With a floating installation it would be necessary to add the thermal resistance of the sound insulation foam underlay and particularly that of the air in any empty spaces that might remain under the flooring, particularly in case of not perfectly smooth subfloor.

In this case thermal resistance can increase so much.

Before the installation, **ensure that eventually faulted single strips will not be fitted** and that in the most serious cases the fitting operations should be suspended.

The installation of the material constitutes its acceptance.

Margaritelli will provide the withdrawal and the replacement of the not-installed boards that will show real defects.

INSTALLATION SYSTEMS

For each product only proper installation systems are allowed.

Please follow directions below according to the installation system.

GLUE DOWN INSTALLATION

Choose an adhesive that is compatible with the characteristics of the sub-floor and that won't transmit humidity to the wood (do not to use adhesives that contain water).

Ecolfit® Listone Giordano® is the single component, isocyanate and solvent free, sililated polymer-based adhesive with a very low emission of volatile organic compound recommended for all the range of our hardwood floors.

Do not use two-component adhesives as they can damage significantly and irreversibly the appearance of all the applied finishes.

For all products with natural oil-based finishes, the use of single or two-component polyurethane adhesives is forbidden.

In fact the cleaning of such adhesives must necessarily be carried out with **solvent-based products, as our Puliplus Listone Giordano®**, and the use of such products can **weaken natural oil-based finishes or cause localised discolouration.**

Moreover the use of solvent-based products on larger areas (e.g. for "final cleaning" after laying) causes an **impoverishment** of the finish, not always visible, and a **worsening of performance** due to the weakening of the surface protection layer.

Spread the adhesive on the subfloor only using a suitably notched trowel and lay the boards on top by interlocking them, if possible, using only a little pressure.

The glue has to be applied homogeneously onto the whole subfloor surface; do not apply it on individual strip/board or discontinuously. Do not apply the glue directly underneath the boards.

Open the boxes only as the boards will be installed; keep the boards in their original boxes until the moment of their laying.

The boards have to be joined only by hands **avoiding the use of other tools (for instance the mallets)** that can create damages on the surface and the corners of the boards.

During this operation take care not to allow adhesive into the joints or on the surface.

Around the entire perimeter of the interiors, including the point of junction with thresholds of other flooring materials, it is compulsory to form an **expansion joint** to be filled with appropriate skirting along the vertical walls and thresholds in connection with other joints in the floors.

These expansion joints on the perimeter cannot ever be lower than 8 mm and the intermediary dilatation gap or the joints in the points of junction with thresholds of other flooring materials cannot ever be lower than 3 mm.

In case of laying on a surface without correct flatness features, it is **needed to apply proper weights on the parquet elements** until the glue is completely dry, in order to achieve a perfect adhesion to the subfloor and avoid not perfectly glued areas which will produce a dull sound to trampling.

This procedure is also needed in case of a **slight bowing** of the elements (which does not affect the installation).

FLOATING INSTALLATION

In case of floating installation, if there is any evidence of, or even doubt about, the possibility of moisture intrusion (for example on ground floors or on subfloors recently built or containing high humidity lightening materials, etc.) it is necessary to lay a **double polyethylene sheet** over the subfloor and extend it a few centimetres up the walls to form an effective moisture barrier.

Before starting the actual installation of the planks, it is essential to lay foam underlay that will provide sound insulation.

The installation of the boards is carried out by inserting a continuous bead of glue (suitable for floating hardwood floors) on the lower part of the groove.

It is necessary to take care, when laying the floor, that end joints in one row are not lined up with end joints in adjacent rows; the correct staggering can be obtained by choosing an appropriate length for the first plank in a row.

All around the perimeter of the room, including where the hardwood floor meets other flooring materials, it is essential to leave an **expansion gap** between 8 and 10 mm (more if the room is particularly large) that will be covered by a suitable skirting board along the walls or by a threshold where the wood floor meets a different floor surface or a door.

It is necessary to allow for 8 mm **intermediary dilatation gaps** every 6-8 metres, both width-wise and length-wise.

During installation, any adhesive that accidentally remains on the top surface of the planks has to be wiped away quickly.

If the adhesive dries on the surface, its removal will require considerable effort risking to alter the shining of the hardwood floor.

ADDITIONAL TREATMENTS

Never wash the floor with tap water only: it will not efficiently clean the surface of the floor and the minerals contained in water may leave behind a residue that could affect the surface appearance of the floor.

Do not use liquids containing acid or basic concentrations, such as bleach or ammonia, which could create marks/halos on the wood that would be impossible to remove.

Do not use liquids containing alcohols or solvents, which are aggressive on every finish, particularly on Invisible Touch, Oleonature and Oleonature Matt.

For proper cleaning and maintenance **use only the products Listone Giordano® recommended by ourselves** for the various finishes as indicated in the [CM 01 - Cleaning use and Maintenance Listone Giordano](#) technical sheet.

INSTALLATION IN KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

The installation of Listone Giordano® hardwood floors in the kitchen and in the bath-room can be carried out without any problems.

In this case, some care must be taken about the floor care:

- use only cleaning and maintenance products for the various finishes as explained above;
- **remove liquids that come into contact with the parquet (especially if they contain acids, bases, alcohols or solvents);**
- ensure that the humidity in the rooms does not exceed 65% for a prolonged period of time.

The Listone Giordano® **high-resistance varnishes** offer excellent resistance to liquid seepage.

The protection of the heads and the sides of the boards can improve using **SigilPlus® Listone Giordano®**: this treatment is strongly recommended on all types of wood species, **only with high-resistance varnishes**, in rooms with a higher incidence of fallings or leakages of liquids.

The application must be carried out **only before the installation by applying the product directly onto the sides** of the boards using a small paintbrush.

For correct use of the product, please refer to the PM 6 - Sigilplus technical data sheet.

Listone Giordano® **natural oil-based finishes** are naturally repellent to household liquid seepage.

The protection of these surfaces can increase **applying Revivo Listone Giordano® immediately after the installation** (of course after deeply vacuum cleaning and washing the floor) according to the instructions in the [CM 01 - Cleaning use and Maintenance Listone Giordano](#) technical sheet.

This application will improve the protection of the heads and the sides of the boards.

Listone Giordano® **water-based finishes** have a high protection to household liquid penetration.

The protection of these surfaces can increase **applying Vitanova Listone Giordano® immediately after the installation** (of course after deeply vacuum cleaning and washing the floor) according to the instructions in the [CM 01 - Cleaning use and Maintenance Listone Giordano](#) technical sheet.

This application will improve the protection of the heads and the sides of the boards.

AFTER THE INSTALLATION

As mentioned on page 1 of this document, make sure that all work on site (decoration, plumbing works, electrical works, etc.) has been completed **before the hardwood floor is laid**.

At the end of the laying, the site manager must in any case assess **the need to cover the floor** with materials that do not leave marks on the parquet, do not damage the finish and the surface and are of appropriate consistency and strength according to any work still to be carried out on site.

During such work, particular care must be taken not to damage the covering and not to create stagnation of water or other liquids.

Removal of the covering must be carried out with extreme care, safeguarding the floor finish.

At the end of the laying remove solid dirt and dust found on the floor's surface by cleaning with a **vacuum cleaner equipped with a brush suitable for hardwood floors**.

Then wash the floor with **Green Bio Listone Giordano®**, diluting 2 dosing cups (approximately 100 ml) of product in a bucket containing 5 l of water (2% dosage).

In case of tough dirt wash the floor with Green Bio Listone Giordano® in double dose (4 dosing cups in a bucket containing 5 l of water, 4% dosage). Never exceed this concentration.

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However it is intended for general purposes only since it is impossible to predict every environmental and installation variable.