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# INSTALLATION GUIDE

There are three common ways to install a wood floor:

## **Nail-down**

This is the traditional method of installation using nails or staples and requires a wood subfloor. All solid flooring and many engineered floors can be installed this way. The nails or staples are driven at an angle through the tongue and are hidden by the next piece of flooring. This is called “blind nailing.”

## **Glue-down**

A glue-down wood floor is installed in a trowel-spread mastic much like flooring tile. This method is popular for installations directly onto a concrete subfloor, but can also be installed on plywood. All engineered flooring and most solid flooring can be installed using the glue-down method with an approved mastic.

## **Floating**

A floating floor is attached to itself and not to the subfloor, thereby “floating”. This method is suitable for any subfloor and is especially recommended for radiant heat or below grade installations. All floating installations use engineered flooring and have a thin layer of forgiving material designed in the “system” to forgive minor deviations in the subfloor. This layer is beneath the finish floor and can be a membrane that’s rolled out on the subfloor, or it can be a layer attached to the bottom of the flooring itself. The unintended human benefit of this layer is that the flooring becomes “kind” underfoot. The imperceptible “give” that this layer provides, inhibits any physical condition aggravated by a hard surface.

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