duratek®

A / BLUE B / GREEN

Duratek 6.5 mm Herringbone

1.5 mm IXPE underlay is factory-attached. Do not fit a separate cushioning underlay.

HERRINGBONE FLOOR PREPARATION

1. **Check the packs and fitting diagram**

   Check the colour, batch and condition of the planks before laying. Read the instructions supplied with the pack for acclimatisation time, moisture limits, subfloor flatness, expansion gaps and maximum floor area.

2. **Prepare the subfloor**

   Remove loose material and high spots, fill hollows and vacuum thoroughly. The base must be sound, dry, flat and clean. Check whether your subfloor requires a moisture barrier. The attached IXPE already provides the cushioning layer.

3. **Sort the two plank profiles**

   Place blue-marked A planks in one stack and green-marked B planks in another. Use the markings on the back to identify the hand before cutting or engaging a joint.

4. **Set out the pattern**

   Mark the centreline in the direction you want the herringbone points to run. Dry-lay several blue A and green B pairs along it. Check the border cuts at both walls and across doorways. Move the guide line if the cuts are too narrow.

5. **Plan the edges**

   Mark the required clearance at walls, pipes, thresholds and other fixed objects. Check the pack instructions for movement joints before laying across a doorway or into a second room.

DETAILED INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Form the starter section**

   Lay out the first blue A and green B planks in the order shown on the pack diagram. Form the herringbone by bringing the short end of one plank to the long edge of its partner at a right angle.

2. **Lock the first pieces together**

   Engage each joint using the motion shown for your locking profile. If it resists, lift the plank away, check its hand and clear the groove. Forcing a blue or green plank into the wrong position can damage the joint.

3. **Check the line before extending the floor**

   Position the starter section against the marked guide. Sight along the herringbone points and check that the joints are closed and level. Correct any drift while the starter section is still accessible.

4. **Build out the herringbone**

   Add A and B planks in the pack sequence. Recheck the line every few pairs and keep the perimeter clearance open with spacers. Follow the locking diagram if a piece needs to be disengaged.

5. **Cut and finish the perimeter**

   Select the correct hand for each border cut. Mark the cut with the plank facing the way it will be laid, allowing for the expansion gap. Fit the last pieces, remove spacers and fix skirting to the wall so the floor can move.