



## **Acclimation of Materials**

### **Acclimation – Adhesive – Moisture Facts**

When material is neither gaining nor losing moisture, acclimation has been reached.

Length of time is not the determining factor.

Product sitting in your home for 72 hours is not a correct measure of acclimation, electronic measuring tools are the only correct way to measure wood moisture content.

Acclimation of moisture balance can only be measured with electronic equipment. Abston installations Inc. is highly trained and experienced in the wood and laminate flooring industry.

As a general rule, flooring will perform best when the area has a 30 to 50 percent humidity range, and a temperature of 60 to 80 degrees.

Maintaining the recommended acclimation level after the installation will minimize board movement and appearance.

If the job site is controlled and stabilized and all tests are within range, materials can be installed.

4 n 1 moisture barrier adhesives are not a standalone adhesive, they are not affected by moisture, but do not protect the wood flooring. 2 part epoxy's to seal concrete floors before wood installation is the only way to correctly install wood floors on concrete.

Abston installations uses 2 moisture barrier systems under all flooring.

Floating installs - Visqueen and 2 n 1 pad for all installs.

Glue installs - part epoxy concrete moisture barrier and 4 n 1 Bostiks vapor Lock or Titebond 771 moisture cure adhesive.

Fact - almost every concrete slab has no Visqueen barrier under it, and the number one rule for moisture testing a slab is that have a visqueen barrier under it, without it you can never get an accurate moisture test, never, so that's why we always use 2 moisture barriers under all floors on ground level.

## **Cleaning Information**

Always vacuum floors first and then use your floor cleaner second.

Always check with manufacturer's cleaning instructions first, and follow guidelines. If none are available, clean floor with only hardwood and laminate cleaners (Zep, Bona, Method, Swiffer Wet Jet brown bottle).

Never let moisture or water sit on floor, clean it up quickly.

Felt pads on all furniture.

Never use plastic chair pads, it creates moisture under floor and will rot out wood. Use a small rug under chair.

When leaving for a period of time, never set thermostat over 80 degrees or humidistat at 50 percent; greenhouse effect will occur causing damage to the floor.

Move furniture with care, felt pads will help with moving gently over floor.

Stoves and fridges and heavy items should be moved over masonite or lauan to prevent damage or roller marks to the floor.

Perforated rug pads are to be used under area rugs, never rubber mats.

All extra materials should always be stored in same area as flooring, not doing this will make it difficult or impossible to use extra material if needed to repair floor.

Lemon and water can take away streaks and clean floors, wring cloth out well as to never put a lot of water on the floor.

No steam mops on floors, it will impregnate the floor with moisture and start the delamination process (steam can only be used on tile and rubber floors)

Vinyl floors should be cleaned with a diluted floor cleaner, Armstrong-Once and Done, and water.

## **Dustless Tile Removal**

Please go to - [Abstonflooring.com](http://Abstonflooring.com) to watch dustless tile removal and thin set removal videos

Started in flooring business, 1983, Detroit - Michigan

Classes taken in association with my field - drafting - blueprint reading - mechanical reasoning - welding - metal fabrication - wood fabrication

Transferred to Florida with New York carpet world in 1985, new market area with company.

Crew chief for New York carpet world, Sarasota - Bradenton - Venice - had 33 installers, 30 sales persons, 4 managers, 8 assistant managers, and a district manager, in which I spoke to and worked with a daily basis.

Largest project, floor remodel, sears store Sarasota square mall, 250,000 square feet.

I have installed as far north as Washington DC, as far south as Miami, and as far West as Texas. I understand climate, regions, and installation procedures in all areas.

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Better Business Bureau member of Florida

Certifications - Pergo - Mannington - Armstrong

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