

Grand Avenue / Grand Majestic

Class 34: The **Grand Avenue** and **Grand Majestic** collections are designed for:

- Heavy domestic use : bedrooms, living rooms, kitchens, entrances
- Intensive commercial use : hotels, restaurants, offices, shops, hairdressers, carshops
- **Grand Avenue** and **Grand Majestic** can also be installed in bathrooms.

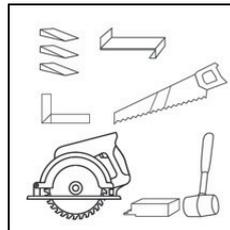
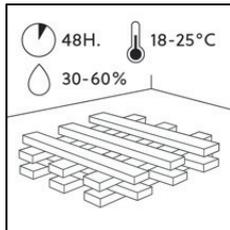
HPF products are not suitable for saunas or outdoor use.

For a fast installation and a perfect result that fulfils the warranty conditions, we advise to follow the below mentioned installation instructions carefully. Please also refer to local rules which may vary by country.

The text below describes both floating and **glued installation** of BerryAlloc Grand Avenue/Majestic, as some decors are available without pre-attached underlay. Comfort and Exclusive is the name of our products with an underlay attached, and Core is the name of our collection without an underlay attached.



1. Planning your installation



It is important to store the HPF boxes at room temperature for at least 48 hours before the installation. Do not open the packs, and stack them in a way so they have maximum contact with the air. The floor should be installed at a room temperature of 18-25°C and a relative humidity of 30-60%.

As this is a wood product, variations in temperature and humidity outside of these conditions could result in contraction or expansion beyond its standard tolerances.

We highly recommend that you keep one end-label of the boxes together with your receipt, as this provides information on production date and decor.

A floor is considered as an interior product, and should be treated accordingly, both during and after installation. The installation of the floor must be the last operation to be performed on the job site and check that the ventilation in the building is running. Make sure to cover the floor if any other necessary works are ongoing after the installation.

Tools

BerryAlloc Grand Avenue/Majestic requires no special tools for installation, but we recommend that the following items are available at the site:

- Saw (circular saw, jigsaw, mitre saw or handsaw) with a laminate saw blade or a blade with fine teeth
- Square, sliding bevel
- Spacers incl. angle iron (BerryAlloc Startkit - WD180000)
- Measuring tape
- Pencil

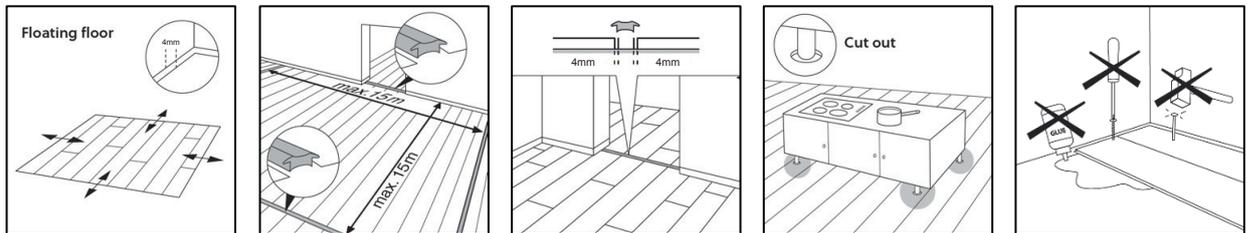
For your safety, use protective clothing: gloves, dust mask, protective glasses.

In case of a glued installation of the BerryAlloc Grand Avenue Core, we recommend to use BerryAlloc Wood Floor Glue (Ref. 63003597), and remember to use the same distance to fixed points as for a floating installation (4 mm).

B3 glue spatula is to be used together with BerryAlloc Wood Floor Glue.

If you take the responsibility of using another glue, it needs to match the product specifications of the BerryAlloc Wood Floor Glue. Always follow the glue manufacturer's instructions, and check the suitability of the adhesive in advance under real conditions for the intended application and purpose.

Apart from tools do not forget the skirtings and finishing profiles (doorways, transitions to other floors etc.)



If BerryAlloc HPF is installed as a floating floor, this means it should be able to move freely:

- Do not screw or glue the floorboards to the subfloor.
- Do not install fixed constructions such as kitchen cabinets or built-in closets on top of the floating floor. The weight of the object must rest on the subfloor.
- Leave a 4 mm expansion gap to walls and other fixed constructions so that the flooring can move. Along walls ending in outer corners, we advise to keep 6 mm distance.
- Always install expansion profiles in doorways.
- In areas when the room length/width exceeds 15 m or when an underfloor heating system does not cover the entire floor area (separate heated/non-heated areas), install expansion profiles.

BerryAlloc Grand Avenue/Majestic must be able to move around fixed constructions to avoid open joints/locking separation. This can be achieved by following one of two approaches :

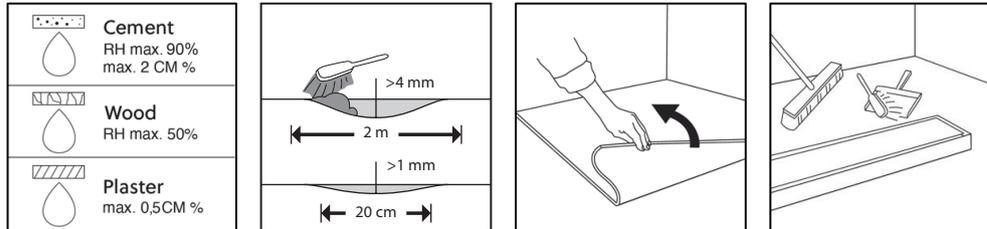
- Start by installing the heavy objects followed by the installation of BerryAlloc Grand Avenue/Majestic around the objects.
- Start by installing BerryAlloc Grand Avenue/Majestic followed by the installation of the heavy objects. Mark on the floor where the objects will be positioned and make holes for any furniture legs (alternatively separate the area underneath by sawing an expansion joint which follows the perimeter of the object).

With a glued installation method, there are no length or width restrictions. Keep the same distance to the walls (4mm). T-profiles are not necessary and fixed constructions can directly be placed on the planks (including kitchen cabinets).

Whenever there is a functional, constructional joint in the subfloor, or if there is an underfloor heating joint in the screed, it's required to use a T-profile nonetheless.

2. Preparing the subfloor

BerryAlloc Grand Avenue/Majestic can be installed on most hard and non-tacky subfloors, e.g. chip plasterboards, compact PVC and linoleum (residual indentation < 0,1mm) or concrete/screed.



The subfloor must be completely dry when installing on:

- Wooden and wood-based material, max. 50% relative humidity
- Concrete and screed, max. 90% relative humidity or 2,0 CM % (max. 75% relative humidity or 1,8 CM % if floor heating)
- Plaster and plaster-based floor, max. 0,5 CM % (0,3 CM % if floor heating)
- In case of any specific national guidelines, this is to be followed.

The subfloor must be even (max. deviation 4 mm per 2 m and 1 mm max per 20 cm), dry and cleaned. In case of any specific national standard, this will be accepted. Sharp unevenness must be sanded down and any holes filled.

Secure the subfloor construction from squeaking or other noises. Soft material, like wall-to-wall carpets and cushion vinyl (CV), needs to be removed. Clean the subfloor before you start the installation. On an existing wooden floor, BerryAlloc HPF should be installed across the old floorboards.

A glued installation is recommended to be performed by a professional installer.

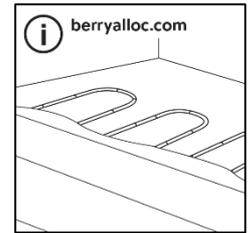
Make sure that the subfloor is even, dry, stable, clean, and free from any grease or chemical substances. If needed, scrape off and clean up/remove old adhesives.

Otherwise, the subfloor requirements are the same for a glued installation as it is for the floating (considering that HPF should not be glued on PVC or linoleum).

3. Floor heating / cooling

All heating elements must be turned off during installation and the temperature of the subfloor must be between 15 and 20°C. After installation the temperature must be increased gradually, but not exceeding 27°C in the floor surface.

For more detailed instructions on floor heating, including electric and waterborne systems, please read the underfloor heating manual on our website.



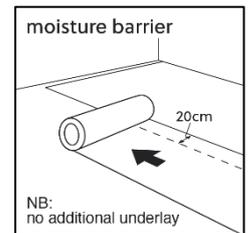
4. Underlays

If your BerryAlloc Grand Avenue/Grand Majestic has a pre-attached underlay, no additional underlay is allowed, except for the moisture barrier.

For a floating installation, a vapor barrier needs to be used when installing on subfloors mentioned below, but we advise to always use it to enable free movement of the floor:

- Concrete / screed
- Ceramic tiles
- Hard floor coverings such as compact PVC and linoleum (if fully and firmly bonded)
- Any underfloor heating

Use a non-ageing PE-foil with the thickness of min. 0,20 mm which is applied with a joint overlap of min. 20 cm and taped with vapor barrier tape and folded against the walls. The PE-foil may cause noises so make sure that it is stretched, and any creases folded out. Clean-cut the PE-foil when the floor installation is finished.



If your floor does not have a pre-attached underlay, you need to select an underlay that complies with the following requirements:

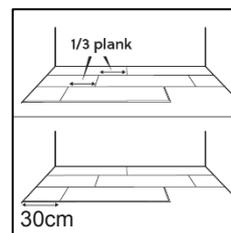
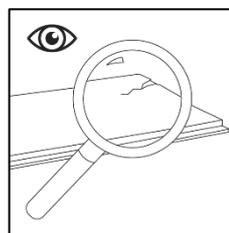
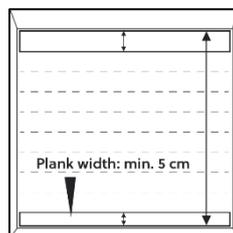
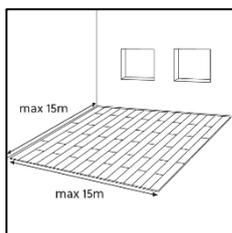
- The underlay needs to have a compressive strength (CS) of min. 60 kPa according to EN 16354:2018 (must not be compressed more than 0,5 mm)
- The thickness of the underlay needs to be between 1-3 mm

BerryAlloc Silent System, Excellence Go60 and ExcellencePlus all comply with the above mentioned specifications. Further details on underlay differences can be found in our underlay guide.

NB: In case of problems caused by a non-compatible underlay, the warranty will not apply.

5. Getting started

We strongly recommend watching our installation video and to read/download the warranty conditions on our website.

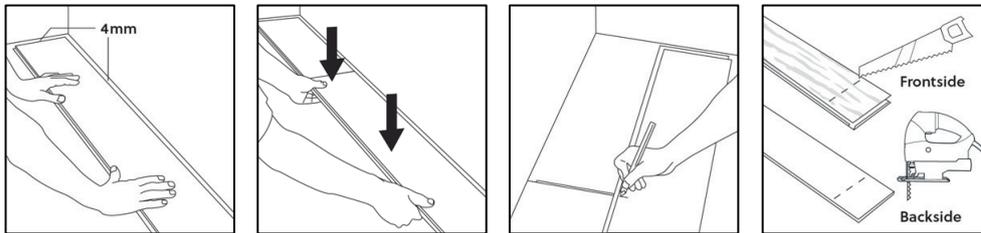


Direction of the planks: the floor will look at its best if installed parallel to the incoming light (short side facing the light).

Measure the room to create a balanced layout. By measuring, you will be able to determine if the first row needs to be cut, since the first and last rows should not be less than 5 cm wide.

Check all planks for visible defects in optimal light conditions, both before and during installation. Planks with defects must not be used. A defective floorboard that has been installed is considered accepted and will not be accepted as the cause of a claim after the installation is completed.

For the most natural floor pattern, make sure to mix the designs of the planks across the floor. The end joints should be staggered min. 1/3 of a plank when installing the floorboards. The first and the last floorboard in each row should have a minimum length of 30cm.



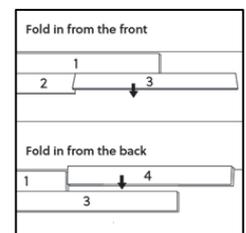
Start in the top left corner. Place the floorboard with the locking profiles facing the room and install towards the right. Ensure that you have a tight short side connection between the floorboards. Continue in the same way with the next floorboards in the same row. Leave a gap of 4 mm between the short side of the floorboard and the wall (use spacers, included in BerryAlloc Startkit). The gap between the long side and the wall can be adjusted after 3 rows have been installed.

Ending the row: Place the final floorboard faced down (locking profiles facing the room) with the short side positioned 4 mm from the wall. Mark the place where the floorboard is to be cut. Place the floorboard faced down (when using a jigsaw) on the work surface and cut to size. Start by cutting the locking profile. Make the cut as right-angled as possible. Turn the cut piece around and connect it to the short side of the previous floorboard. You can also use a handsaw (fine-tooth type) or a mitre saw. Remember then to cut the floorboard faced up.

Pro-tip

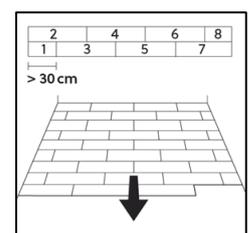
Getting the first row in a completely straight line can often be a bit tricky.

An easy way to overcome this problem is to install the first 2 rows of planks at the same time (cross installation), as shown in the 2 illustrations (described also in the installation video on our website). The number on the planks indicates the installation order of the planks.



After installing 3 complete rows, slide the floor towards the wall, leaving a gap of 4 mm (use spacers). If the wall is uneven, the floorboards in the first row must be adapted to its contour. This is done by marking the wall shape on the floorboards and removing the first row. Cut the floorboards as required and re-install them by sliding them angled, into the already installed row.

If necessary, the floor could be installed rearwards/backwards. This installation method is done by folding the planks from behind, as described above.



We advise to test install 3 rows before applying glue to the subfloor. In this way the floor can be aligned to the wall without having glue attached to the rear side. Afterwards, apply the glue to the subfloor, place the first floorboards as described above leaving a gap of 4mm to the wall.

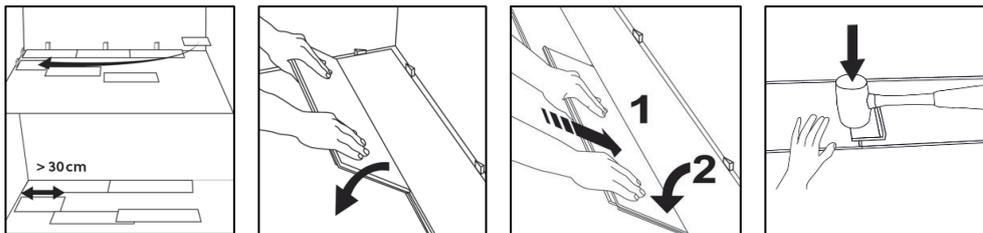
This method can also be used in tricky sections such as corners or under door frames.

As a recommendation, we suggest applying glue for 3 rows simultaneously, ensuring that the glue's open time does not elapse before the floorboards are positioned.

Try to limit movement on the BerryAlloc Grand Avenue Core until the floor installation is completed, and the curing time for the glue has elapsed, as this will compromise the curing process. Always check opening and curing times for the glue chosen, as the above suggestions are general.

6. A quick and easy installation

The PrimeLoc system is extremely easy and fast, it allows you to install large planks with almost no effort.

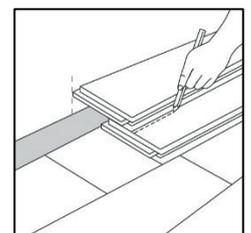


After you have installed the first row, in the second row all you have to do is lock the long side first, and then drop the plank into place on the short side, it will automatically lock. Place the first floorboard in an angle of +/- 20° in the locking profile of the floorboard in the previous row and fold the floorboard down. Place the next floorboard in the same way, while you position the short side of the floorboard so that it lies straight above the locking profile of the previously installed floorboard. Fold the floorboard down and put with your hand pressure on the short side joint to connect the floorboards.

A click sound will indicate that the short side connection is locked.

The first and last row must be more than 5 cm wide. Measure the width of the row. Leave a gap of 4 mm to the wall. Cut off (lengthwise) the unneeded part with the locking profile. Install the cut floorboard. This method should be repeated for each panel until the last row is complete. Use the angle iron when installing the last floorboard in the row.

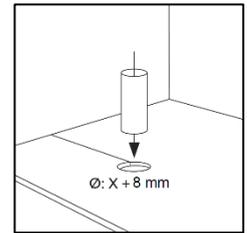
BerryAlloc Grand Avenue/Majestic that has been installed following the floating method, can be used immediately after installation.



Whenever BerryAlloc Grand Avenue Core is glued, it is important to check the curing time of the selected glue, to know when it is possible to use the floor normally.

Pipes/columns

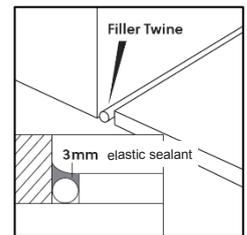
Drill holes in the floorboard, the diameter of the hole must be 8 mm larger than the diameter of the pipe. For fixed installations, like pipes, cut out the necessary piece in an angle of 45°. Glue the cut piece back into position and cover with pipe sleeves or elastic sealant (see next point).



Termination towards a fixed object with flexible sealant

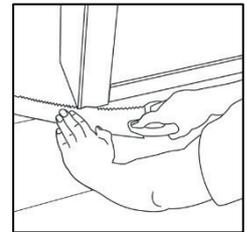
Leave a gap of min. 4 mm and fill the gap with BerryAlloc Filler Twine. Cover afterwards with a thin layer of elastic sealant (>25% elasticity) in a matching colour. The use of a flexible sealant will reduce the movement of the floor and should only be used in limited places (see illustration).

NB: Do not fill expansion gaps completely with sealant.



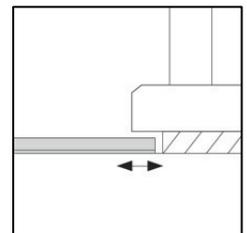
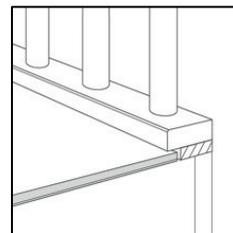
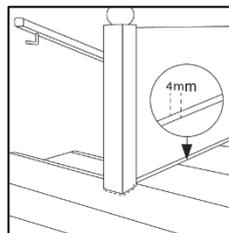
Door frames

We strongly recommend adjusting the door frames to allow installation of the floor underneath the frames (allowing free movement and achieve a good overlap for the floor). Use during the sawing process a piece of floorboard as a support (turned upside down), when modifying the door frames to the correct height (see illustration). When the door frame cannot be cut, BerryAlloc Filler Twine and sealant can be used to cover the gap.



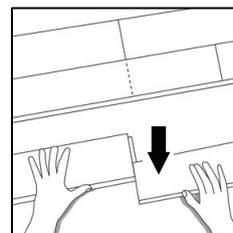
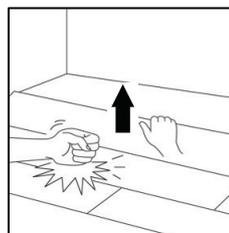
Stair railing/other screwed objects

We recommend installing a wooden plank (slightly thicker than the thickness of the floor) before fastening the stair railing/ other screwed objects to the subfloor (see illustrations). By doing so you will allow free movement and achieve a good overlap for the floor.



Dismantling the floor (only floating installation)

Lift the row a few cm up and tap along the long side joint. The row is released and can gently be pulled out. To release them on the short end we recommend sliding the planks apart.



7. A perfect finish

BerryAlloc offers a wide range of accessories with a timeless design for the finishing touch:

- Matching Skirtings 60mm and skirting clips
- Matching T-profile, stairnose
- Aluminium reducer, end and T-profiles
- Aluminium stairnose

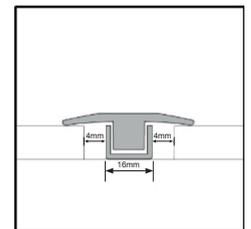
Paintable white skirtings are also available and can be used unpainted, or they can be painted in the same colour as your wall.

When installing accessories, always keep in mind that the floor must be able to move. This means:

- After you have installed a skirting or profile, do not seal/fix it to the planks with sealant. The movement of the laminate will cause cracks in the sealing product which makes the sealant ineffective and unesthetic.
- Joints on fixed building elements (door frames, heating pipes, etc.) should never be sealed with filler.
- Use a Fillertwine first and then finish with elastic filler, this allows the floor to move
- Profiles, doorstops, and suchlike should not be screwed through the planks into the subfloor.

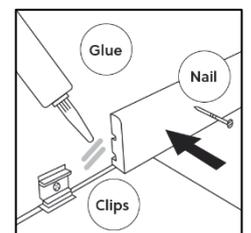
T-profile (comes with a base profile)

Fasten the base profile to the subfloor and leave a gap of 4 mm to the floor sections. Click the T-profile in place after installing the floorboards. The floorboards should be able to move freely. For the aluminium version, the Silent System underlay should be removed along the edge of the floorboard to make room for the base profile.



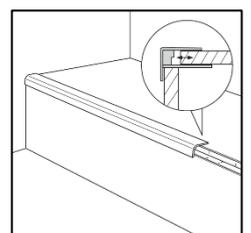
Skirtings

Use BerryAlloc Clips when installing our matching skirting, to be able to remove it easily. The clips should be placed with 50 cm intervals. Tip for cutting in corners: Support the skirting with clips on the backside when cutting, to make the correct angle. You can also use glue or nail the skirting (with high pressure brad tacker). Be careful not to glue or seal the skirting to the floor.



Stair nose

When installing a stair nose on the top step of the stairs make sure to have free movement of the floor underneath the overlapping stair nose.



Additional instructions for the installation in wet room

After installing a HPF floor, it is important to seal the perimeter of the floor with a sealant that repels water.

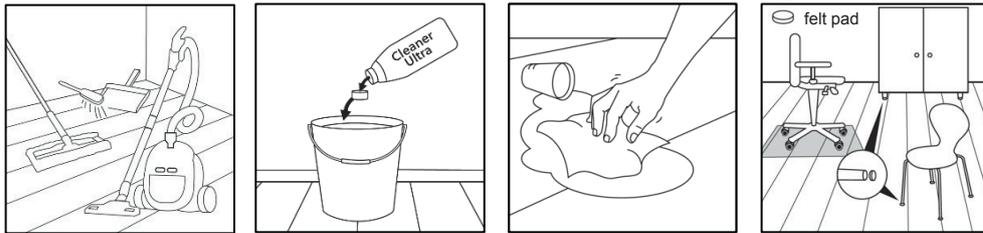
Step 1: Put a BerryAlloc Fillertwine in the expansion gap. The fillertwine allows the planks to expand/shrink. Also use a fillertwine in the expansion gap under floor profiles such as T-profiles, reducers,...

Step 2: Cover the Fillertwine with elastic sealant. The sealant should touch the wall and the planks and be applied in a way that it completely closes the gap. With floor profiles, use sealant on top of the fillertwine before you install the profile, to avoid water contact with the side and base of the planks.

Installation sealing kit

We offer the sealing accessories as a set, that is suitable to seal 10 meters. The accessories are also separately available.

8. Care and maintenance



After installation it is required to maintain a room temperature of 18-25°C and a relative humidity level between 30-60% (optimum level 40-50%). During wintertime, the air in the rooms is usually extremely dry, and for this reason it is strongly recommended to use humidifiers to maintain a constant humidity level. In the summer and autumn, when there is a high relative humidity the room should be well ventilated. Too low/high relative humidity may cause irreversible damage to the floor, such as opened joints, warping and squeaking sound.

A HPF floor is amazingly easy to clean:

- **DRY CLEANING:** with a brush, mop with dry wipes or vacuum cleaner
- **WET CLEANING:** with a well wrung-out cloth

Clean up any spilled liquids immediately. We strongly recommend to use the BerryAlloc Ultra Cleaner (63002725), it has been specially developed to clean our HPF floors and leaves no traces.

Domestic steam cleaners can be used on HPF in combination with a suitable cloth to prevent direct contact between steam and planks. Select a low power setting and avoid staying in one place for too long.

Put doormats at every entrance to protect your HPF from dirt and sand. Lift heavy furniture and put felt pads on the legs of your chairs. Use a protective floor mat under your office chair. HPF cannot be polished or treated with products that contain wax or oil.

For more details: read our care and maintenance manual.

9. Warranty

By following the above mentioned instructions, you will extend the longevity of your HPF flooring and ensure the validity of the warranty.

We refer to our warranty conditions and warranty policy for more info.

Legal information

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10. Installation videos