

Mannington M-Lock™, Value-Lock™ & Cottage Lock™ Assembly Instructions

General Instructions

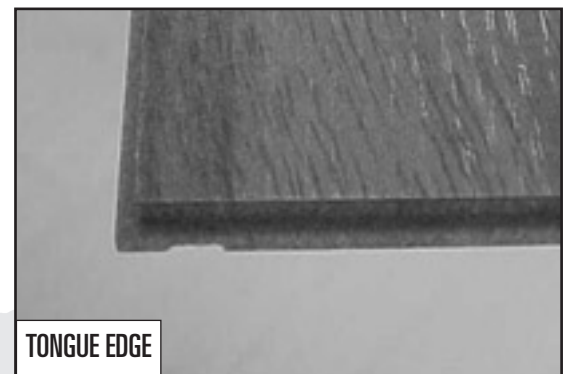
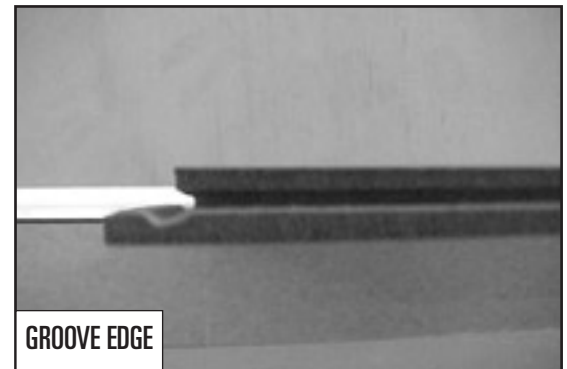
Mannington “glueless” laminate floors are designed to be “floated”. That means they should never be nailed or glued to the subfloor. Glueless laminate planks are joined together by a specially designed mechanical locking profile therefore, no adhesive is required to join the planks.

NOTE: All recommendations regarding acclimation, subfloor flatness, temperature and humidity, job-site conditions, underlayment section and use must be followed in accordance with the Mannington Professional Installation Guide to insure a successful installation.

Closely inspect the edges of the planks to determine the tongue and groove profile.

In this procedure the tongue edge of the plank will be inserted into the groove, so it's important to layout the first row with the tongue edge facing the starting wall.

Cut off all milled profiles from the edges abutting vertical surfaces. This provides a solid edge to receive spacing devices.



Job layout and determining an appropriate starting point is also very important with glueless laminate installations. The installation should be “balanced” with nearly equal panel widths at the sides and no panels shorter than 12” at the length walls. Sometimes it is advantageous to start the installation in areas that would be difficult to tilt in the last row, for example under cabinets, door casings, etc.

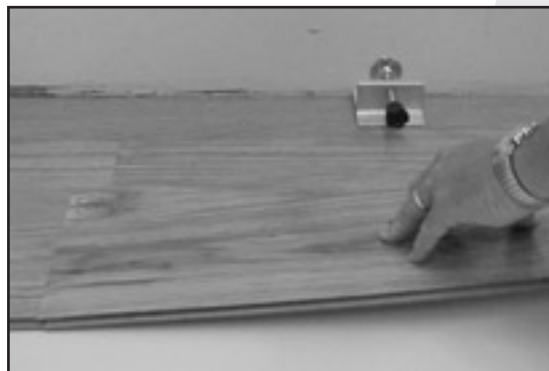
With the panel properly prepared, always lay planks from left to right, groove profile facing away from the wall. To join the second plank in the first row to the first plank, position the tongue end over the groove end of the first plank and insert the tongue at about a 45° angle, with a slight downward “wiggle” motion lock the planks.

Begin second row with at least 12” stagger of end joints, assemble first panel in second row to adjacent panel in first row by slightly angling tongue into groove until plank locks into position. Insert the tongue at about a 45° angle and lock the planks together. (Using blue non-marring masking tape, tape this panel across the assembled joint.)

Position the end tongue of the second plank over the first plank in the second row, approximately 1/8” to 1/4” away from the side groove. Lock the end seam together.

Always lock the end (“head”) seams together before connecting sides seams.

Slightly angle the side tongue profile of this panel into the side groove of the panels in the first row, and with a slight wiggling action, press tongue into groove and lower into position. (The tape will secure the previously assembled panels together.) If necessary, tap with the heel of your hand to close any minor gaps.

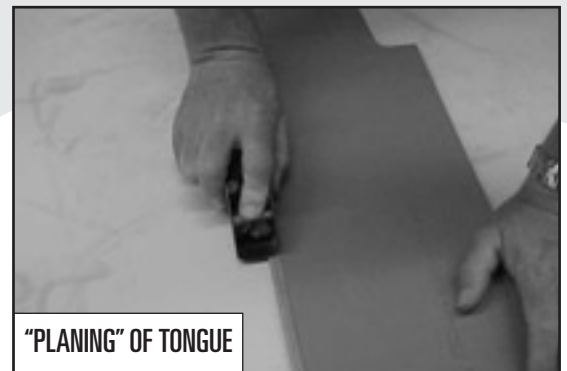
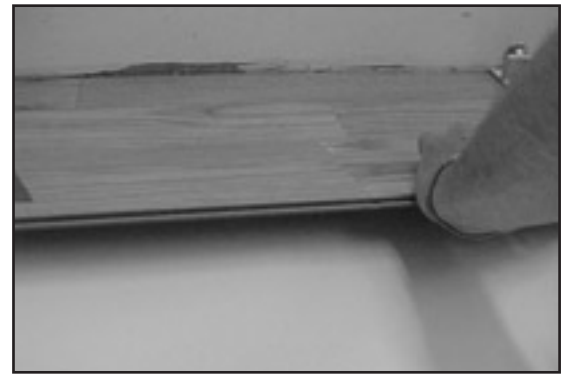


Continue to lay the flooring from left to right, row after row.

The last row of panels will more than likely need to be cut to fit. If not it is still necessary to cut off the groove profile to provide a full plank thickness at the wall. If nothing prevents angling this last row of planks into position proceed as normal to complete the installation.

If there are obstacles (door casings, toe kicks, radiators) that prevent the last row panels from being angled into position it is necessary to lightly plane or sand off a bit of the locking profile of the groove and tongue.

Position the panel onto the already installed row; slide the panel under the obstruction. It's a good practice to pre-fit the panel to make certain it will slide back into place before applying adhesive.



Separate the panels to completely expose the groove. Apply a light coat of Mannington MegaGlue™ onto the groove; slide the last row panel back into position. If necessary use a last board puller to position the panel and lightly tap panel to close any gap. Wipe off any excess glue.



Remove spacers and install appropriate trims and moldings.

