

Oak Traditional sizes



Information sheet

Multilayer engineered hardwood floor, state of the art technology and high performance, available with special varnishing or natural oils finishing, interlocking tongues and grooves for easy and precise installation.

Product	Width	Assorted lengths	Total thickness	Top layer
Listone 125	125 mm	from 800 to 1500 mm	14,0 mm	5,0 mm
Maxi	90 mm	from 490 to 1200 mm	14,0 mm	5,0 mm
Listone 90	40 mm	from 490 to 1000 mm	11,0 mm ⁽¹⁾	3,5 mm
Original	70 mm	from 350 to 800 mm	11,0 mm	5,0 mm
Corona 70	70 mm	from 350 to 600 mm	9,5 mm ⁽¹⁾	3,5 mm

⁽¹⁾Material is supplied in random lengths subject to availability.

All shipments may have about 10% lengths shorter than the standard ones.

Listone 90 may occasionally be supplied in the length 1200 mm.

Corona 70 may occasionally be supplied in the length 800 mm.

SPECIFICATIONS

Top layer

Available in the Oak from Fontaines wood species.

To verify the availability of the various versions of Listone Giordano® products, consult the current Price List.

Support base

Made up of various layers of birch plywood all bonded with moisture resistant adhesives ("**marine**" plywood). The first layer is laid at a right angle to the fibre of the top layer to guarantee greater stability of the transversal section.

The top layer is joined to the base using special adhesives which conform to the *JAS Type II (Japanese Agricultural Standard)* requirements, and also to those of the class D4 of the UNI EN 204 regulation, not noxious, formaldehyde and VOC free.

Locking system

The boards interlock on all four sides and have two tongues and two grooves.

Finish

Listone Giordano® Classica Oak Traditional sizes is available with XPlus, NaturPlus2, Invisible Touch, Oleonature, and Natif finish.

XPlus

Eight layers of acrylic, U.V. cured, 100% dry residue (solvent free) varnish are applied; these varnishes are specifically designed to obtain the best results in terms of resistance to surface abrasion (over 30.000 Taber rotations - test performed by CS10 grindstone, abrasion until the wood is exposed), elasticity of the varnish, adherence to the wood and transparency.

The XPlus finish ensures an extremely easy maintenance and excellent results in terms of resistance to household liquid penetration.

The surface reflectance, which is obtained after the XPlus finish has been applied, is satin opaque, with a value of approximately 25 gloss.

XPlus version has a *smooth* surface.

NaturPlus2

High protection, acrylic, U.V. cured, 100% dry residue (solvent free) varnishes are

applied; these varnishes are specifically designed to obtain excellent results in terms of resistance to surface abrasion (over 10.000 Taber rotations - test performed by CS10 grindstone, abrasion until the wood is exposed), elasticity of the varnish, adherence to the wood and transparency.

The NaturPlus2 ensures a very easy maintenance and very good results in terms of resistance to household liquid penetration.

The surface reflectance, which is obtained after the NaturPlus2 finish has been applied, is natural opaque, with a value of approximately 7 gloss.

NaturPlus2 finish is only available with a *brushed* finish: a special treatment is performed on the wood's surface before the varnish is applied in order to accentuate the appearance of the wood's natural pores and fibres.

The NaturPlus2 version, compared to NaturPlus version, highlights a sculptural pore effect and a less glossy surface.

Invisible touch

Special water-based finish, has the characteristic of protecting the wood whilst maintaining the typical appearance and colour of an untreated hardwood floor: for this reason it is possible seeing on the surface of the boards some pleasant colour variation and natural marks not visible usually on surfaces with other kinds of finishes.

The specific application technique, along with the quality of the especially created blend, allows the varnish offering the most natural appearance, both visual and tactile.

The Invisible touch finish ensures a very easy maintenance and very good results in terms of resistance to household liquid penetration if quickly removed.

Invisible touch finish is only available with a *brushed* finish: a special treatment is performed on the wood's surface before the varnish is applied in order to accentuate the appearance of the wood's natural pores and fibres.

Oleonature

Natural oils-based finish air-dried, applied to a brushed surface, sometime containing colour pigments.

Thanks to a special treatment as last coating application the Oleonature finish ensures a very easy maintenance and very good results in terms of resistance to household liquid penetration if quickly removed.

Natif

It is an essential vegetable oils based treatment.

The specific application technique, along with the quality of the especially created blend, allows the oils to penetrate deeply into the wood, offering the most natural appearance, both visual and tactile, whilst enhancing the characteristic grain of the wood and camouflaging the small marks caused by normal every day use.

The Natif finish requires more specific cleaning and maintenance and ensures good results in terms of resistance to household liquid penetration if very quickly removed.

The natural oil finishing has the characteristic to continue over time to permeate the wood fibres even while the material is still inside the packaging. The possible appearance of *surface dryness* that you should notice on newly laid planks, will be *reset with the application of the specific product for periodic maintenance*.

Light colour wood floors and white pigmented areas with natural oil finishes may appear with a *slightly yellowish tone* when wood is kept in boxes or it is not

exposed to the light and the air for a long time. This may be considered as an utterly natural and temporary phenomenon for natural vegetable oils.

By exposing the boards to direct sun light and to the air will gradually restore the original and acknowledged appearance of the product within a few hours; whilst indirect exposure to the light, as a domestic environment, can take up to a few weeks time before utter restoring.

Listone Giordano® Classica Oak Traditional sizes is also available in the *Michelangelo version in the Listone 90 versione, only with NaturPlus2 finish and in the Tamarindo colour tone.*



Tamarindo

Wood is a raw material that naturally offers different absorption of the finish also in various areas of the same board according to the variation of its fibre.

Because of the treatment with colour pigments is made on the wood, the finish process of the hardwood floors can create *non homogeneity of the colour treatment* that cannot be considered to be a defect, but a natural feature of these hardwood floors.

Grades

Elite/Elegant

Mixed grain, substantially homogeneous colour in relation to the characteristics of the species. In some woods possible presence of small knots.

Fibramix

Mixed grain. Some boards may have variegated colour and knots. In the collection "Extra-wide boards" filled and open knots may be included.

Dekora

Mixed grain, variegations of colour, presence of knots.

LAYING

Make sure that all work on site (decoration, installation of sanitary fixtures, etc.) has been completed.

Maintain the humidity level between 45% and 65% and the temperature between 16 and 25°C: because outside of these ranges, adhesives and other chemical products may be affected during drying/curing.

We recommend the boxes of hardwood flooring are stored in secure, dry and weather proof rooms and not placed directly on the ground (i.e. should be placed on dry pallets).

Open the boxes only as the flooring is being installed and no more than one box at a time as needed.

Subfloor

The subfloor on which the hardwood flooring is to be installed must be smooth, level, and have a compact surface so as to guarantee the best possible contact between the underside of the planks and the subfloor itself.

We recommend the following checks are carried out before installation:

Smoothness/Flatness of the subfloor

A 2 metre long straight edge should be placed on the subfloor, the maximum allowable tolerance is 2 ÷ 3 mm.

Concrete subfloor superficial structural strength

When hammering the surface no marks or deep cracking should appear.

Concrete subfloor superficial compactness control

It should not be possible to create deep scratches or excessive dust when scrapping the surface of the subfloor with a nail.

Fissuring

Small fissures created as a result of the normal shrinkage of the cement are allowable, but excessive cracks, in particular those which permeate throughout the complete thickness of the subfloor, must be properly consolidated by suitable and permanent means.

Cleaning

Before the installation begins it is very important to carefully clean and check the surface of the subfloor.

Make sure that the moisture content of the subfloor is within the recommended limits for the specific thickness and type of subfloor.

The subfloor residual moisture control has to be executed only using calcium carbide hygrometer and the maximum values allowed for the installation are:

- 2,0% for a concrete slab (max. thickness 80 mm);
- 0,4% for anhydride slab;
- 10,0% for Wooden panels.

The laying of Listone Giordano[®] can also be carried out on pre-existing flooring, provided that they are checked all the conditions of rigidity, flatness, solidity, compactness, the absence of residual moisture or lift necessary to ensure proper contact at every point of the surface and the protection from external side. For installation over existing hard flooring (ceramic, stone, etc.), should in particular ensure that the surface is likely to ensure proper bonding. Where necessary action must be taken with a preliminary treatment of deep cleaning, degreasing, scratch the surface by mechanical means and/or suitable chemicals.

The glued installation is not compatible with pre-existing type textile floor coverings (i.e carpets) or resilient (linoleum, PVC, etc.), which must therefore necessarily be removed.

Installation

Choose an adhesive that is compatible with the characteristics of the sub-floor and that won't transmit humidity to the wood (do not to use adhesives that contain water).

Ecolfit[®] Listone Giordano[®] is the one component adhesive recommended for all the range of our hardwood floors. The residues of the adhesive can be removed both during the installation and after the hardening of the glue.

We do not recommend the use of Puliplus[®] Listone Giordano or aggressive solvents to remove adhesive residues on oil finished hardwood floor especially if stained.

Spread the adhesive on the subfloor only using a suitably notched trowel and lay the boards on top by interlocking them, if possible, using only your hands. The use of

other tools (for instance the mallets) can create damages on the surface of the boards. The planks should also be locked together, taking care not to allow adhesive into the joints.

Listone Giordano® can only be installed by fully adhering it to a suitable subfloor.

Around the entire perimeter of the environments, including the point of junction with thresholds of other flooring materials, *it is compulsory to form an expansion joint amplitude of about 10 mm* (or higher when the size of the premises are consistent), to be filled with appropriate skirting along the vertical walls and thresholds in connection with other joints in the floors.

The glue down installation of Listone Giordano® on an area with an **underfloor heating system** confers greater dimensional stability on the planks while the perfect adherence of the wood to the sub-floor guarantees the best conduction of heat into the rooms.

Note that in this condition Listone Giordano® is able to offer a limited thermal resistance as reported in the following table:

Product	Total thickness	Thermal resistance R [m ² K/W]
<i>Listone 125 and Maxi</i>	<i>14,0 mm</i>	<i>0,081</i>
<i>Listone 90</i>	<i>11,0 mm</i>	<i>0,062</i>
<i>Original</i>	<i>11,0 mm</i>	<i>0,065</i>
<i>Corona 70</i>	<i>9,5 mm</i>	<i>0,054</i>

When the glue down installation is over an underfloor heating system, it is necessary first of all to make sure that the heating system is one that functions at a low temperature, then that the distance between the wood and the heating pipes or cables embedded in the screed is at no point less than 30 mm, and finally that the contact temperature of the hardwood floor surface will not exceed 26/27°C

Should these indications not be fully complied the floor could suffer some damages such as dimensional deformations, gapping between the boards, checks and/or cracks on the top layer.

The construction characteristics of the sub-floor must be determined; it must be protected against the possibility of moisture intrusion and must be level, solid, clean and, in the case of concrete slab, have a maximum residual humidity of 1.7% CM.

For any further information about installation see the sheets PO 1 - Listone Giordano® over underfloor heating system and PO 5 – Installation of Listone Giordano®.

Operations to be performed during and at the end of the laying

For XPlus, NaturPlus2 and Invisible touch finishes for protecting and water-proofing the floor apply **Sigilplus®** Listone Giordano.

This treatment is recommended for use on all types of wood in rooms with a higher incidence of fallings or leakages of liquids (bath-rooms and kitchens).

Only for NaturPlus2 and Invisible Touch finish treat the floorboards before they are installed by applying the product directly onto the sides of the boards using a small paintbrush.

For any proper information more see information sheet PM 6 – Sigilplus.

For all the finishes at the end of the laying, first of all, *remove the dust found on the floor's surface by cleaning with a vacuum cleaner* equipped with a brush suitable for hardwood floors.

For Oleonature finish wash the floor with **Green Listone Giordano®** diluting half a cup (approximately 100 ml) of product in a 5 l bucket of water.

For Natif finish apply **Oleonetto®** Listone Giordano water down in double dose (2 caps diluted in 1 litre of clean water) passing it over the floor's surface using a soft cotton cloth well-wrung according to the instructions on the tin.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Maintain the humidity level of the atmosphere between 45% and 65% and the temperature between 15 and 30°C. This is also the same environmental conditions recommended for ensuring people's comfort and health.

Use protective felt pads for furniture, chair legs, etc.

Any armchair on castors should be covered with suitable rubber.

We recommend the use of a proper door-mat to clean the shoes.

Rugs and carpets should be removed from time to time. Leaving a rug on the same spot for a long time, especially soon after hardwood floor installation, may create an area of different colour tone.

Objects with weight concentrated over small surface areas can cause localised indentations in the surface of the wood.

Rubber shoes soles may leave dirty marks on the surface which could prove hard to remove.

Not to use sticky tape and adhesives materials on the surface because in case of remaining for a prolonged time or with high temperature, they can leave marks difficult to remove.

After a long period of time a *slight darkening effect can appear in the deeper parts of the wood* (brushings, sawings, etc.) due to the accumulation of the dust. Regular maintenance of the floor will reduce this appearance.

Never wash the floor with water only: it will not efficiently clean the surface of the floor and, moreover, the minerals contained in water may leave behind a residue that could affect the surface appearance of the floor.

Do not use liquids containing acid or basic concentrations, such as bleach or ammonia, which could create marks/halos on the wood that would be impossible to remove.

We advice to only use products recommended by ourselves for the various finishes.

Finish	Daily cleaning	Deep cleaning	Periodical care
XPlus	<i>Deterplus</i>	<i>Extraclean</i>	<i>Vitaplus</i>
NaturPlus2	<i>Deterplus</i>	<i>Extraclean</i>	/
Invisible Touch	<i>Green</i>	<i>Green (double dose)</i>	/
Oleonature	<i>Green</i>	<i>Green (double dose)</i>	<i>Revivo</i>
Natif	<i>Oleonetto</i>	<i>Extraclean</i>	<i>Oleovivo</i>

Deterplus

*Remove the dust found on the floor's surface by cleaning with a vacuum cleaner equipped with a brush suitable for hardwood floors; then wash the floor with **Deterplus®** Listone Giordano: pour a cap per each litre of water and pass it over the*

floor's surface using a soft cotton cloth well-wrung according to the instructions on the tin. No need to rinse.

Extraclean

For periodical care, in case of presence of tough dirt, wash the floor with **Extraclean** Listone Giordano®, a product for the deep cleaning of the varnished and oiled hardwood flooring.

Shake well. Water down the **Extraclean** Listone Giordano® *at the 50% or 66% (2 parts of Extraclean and 1 of water)*.

Poor onto the floor and wipe by a cotton cloth in typical action of deep cleaning of a surface in order to remove the dirt by means of chemical and mechanical action.

This operation can be done also by a single-brush buffer machine fitted with a white pad and a soft cotton cloth.

After the application of Extraclean Listone Giordano®, you will have a liquid contaminated with the dirt that you will have to remove very carefully avoiding that it remains on the floor (dry this liquid by means of soft cotton cloths or extractor liquids fan). Leave the floor dry not using any product nor buffing.

In case of need repeat the cleaning operations two times consecutives.

For Natif finished hardwood floors, after the application of **Extraclean** Listone Giordano®, particularly if applied all over the parquet surface, it is recommended a periodical care treatment with **Oleovivo**® Listone Giordano (see direction for use below).

A 1 litre bottle of Extraclean diluted with water is generally sufficient for treating a surface area of approximately 40–50 m².

Vitaplus

After a long period of use, if the floor's surface needs to be protected and transparency and shine need to be restored, it is recommended that the floor be treated with **Vitaplus**® Listone Giordano; its regular use creates a surface film that slows natural wear caused by foot traffic and restores the varnish's transparency and shine.

The use of Vitaplus® Listone Giordano must be scheduled based on the intensity of the floor's use; it is estimated that *it must be applied every 1-2 years*.

Remove all dirt and impurities from the hardwood floor's surface using a vacuum cleaner.

Shake well; pour a small amount of Vitaplus® Listone Giordano solution pure directly onto the floor. Distribute evenly and rub the surface lightly with a soft cloth.

It is important that only a thin layer of product be applied to ensure the proper execution of the steps to follow in the treatment process.

After **max 15 minutes** from the application of the Vitaplus®, homogenize and polish with a **domestic floor buffing machine equipped with felt pads** (do not use bristle brushes), or mop with a soft rag pushed along by a long-handled floor brush.

Wait 1 hour from when the solution is applied *before step on the floor*.

A 1 litre bottle of Vitaplus® treats a surface area of approximately 50-60 m².

Be certain to follow the necessary precautions for inflammable products when using Vitaplus®.

Vitaplus® also cleans the surfaces it is applied to; therefore, the rubbing action removes the traces of dirt (especially grease, oil, etc.) that were not removed during surface cleaning.

Green

*Remove the dust found on the floor's surface by cleaning with a vacuum cleaner equipped with a brush suitable for hardwood floors; then wash the floor with **Green Listone Giordano®**, a product specially formulated to gently clean the surfaces.*

Shake well.

Dilute half a cup of Green Listone Giordano® (100 ml approximately) in a 5 l bucket of water. Immerse a lint free soft cotton rag in the solution, wring well and pass it over the floor's surface using a long-handled floor brush/mop.

Use a cloth that will not leave fibre residues. No need to rinse.

1 litre of product is sufficient for washing approximately 10 times a surface area of 100 m².

In case of tough dirt wash the floor with Green Listone Giordano® in double dose. ***Never exceed this concentration.***

Revivo

If the surface of the floor shows evident signs of wear and tear, especially in higher traffic areas and washing with Green Listone Giordano® is no longer sufficient to restore its appearance, the use of **Revivo Listone Giordano®** is needed.

Before applying it, thoroughly clean the surface of the floor using Green Listone Giordano® in double dose according to the above instructions.

Always use Revivo Listone Giordano® at temperatures above + 15°C.

Wait the floor will be well dry.

Shake well.

Spread homogeneously a thin layer of Revivo Listone Giordano® pure as if to clean, using a **soft lint free cotton cloth that will not leave fibre residues** underneath a long-handled floor brush or by hand.

We recommend *to apply a limited quantity of Revivo Listone Giordano®* because it could permeate the brushings making it difficult to be removed.

Once the product is applied, the floor's surface should have a slightly wet appearance.

After 1-2 hours the floor is dry and can be walked upon.

The application of Revivo Listone Giordano® helps to homogenize the floor; no other application is therefore required.

Use this product approximately every 6-8 months in the first year after the installation of the hardwood flooring and every 10-12 months from the second year on. We recommend more frequent maintenance operations in case of average and heavy-duty traffic environments.

1 litre of product is sufficient for spreading a coat on a surface area of approximately 30 m².

Oleonetto

Remove the dust found on the floor's surface by cleaning with a vacuum cleaner equipped with a brush suitable for hardwood floors.

Shake very well.

Then wash the floor with **Oleonetto**[®] Listone Giordano: pour a cap per each litre of water and pass it over the floor's surface using a soft cotton cloth well-wrung according to the instructions on the tin. No need to rinse.

In case the cotton-cloth touches other surfaces dry quickly to avoid marks or halos.

Oleovivo

For periodical care apply **Oleovivo**[®] Listone Giordano, a solution natural oils based specially formulated to restore the surface film of protection when it begins to lose its uniform appearance due to foot traffic and general wear.

The use of **Oleovivo**[®] Listone Giordano must be scheduled based on the intensity of the floor's use. It is estimated that *it must be applied every 6-12 months*; however it is advisable to *apply the product for the first time 3-6 months after the installation*.

Remove the dust found on the floor's surface by sweeping with a broom or, better yet, clean with a vacuum cleaner equipped with a brush suitable for oiled hardwood floors.

The floor should firstly be cleaned with Extraclean Listone Giordano[®], according to the instructions above, in order for the application of **Oleovivo**[®] to be more effective.

Shake very well.

Pour **Oleovivo**[®] Listone Giordano *pure* directly on the floor, a small amount at a time. Using a cotton cloth, spread the solution over the floor as if to clean, always wiping in the direction of the wood grain (this operation can be performed either by hand or with a large brush).

Once the product is applied, the floor's surface should appear to be slightly wet.

Wait some minute (anyway no longer than 10-15 minutes).

Polish the floor's surface using a domestic buffer fitted with a felt pad or other soft material (do not use brushes). If you do not have a buffer, the floor can be polished by hand using a soft cloth underneath a long-handled floor brush.

While *the floor can be walked upon as soon as the treatment has been completed*, it would be best to wait a few hours to ensure the best results.

Immediately after these operations have been completed, hang the cotton rags used during the application process in fresh air or soak in water. Rags that are left to pile up in poorly ventilated areas may spontaneously combust.

A 1 litre bottle of **Oleovivo**[®] Listone Giordano is generally sufficient for treating a surface area of approximately 80–100 m². By taking into account possible waste, ***it is recommended that you order 1 litre of product each 60 m² of parquet.***

Fire reaction Certification

Product	Finish	Fire reaction class (according to the requirements of the EN14342 regulation on the CE mark)
<i>Listone 125 and Maxi</i>	<i>XPlus and NaturPlus2</i> <i>(transparent and stained)</i>	Cfl-s1
<i>Listone 125 and Maxi</i>	<i>Invisible Touch,</i> <i>Oleonature, Natif</i> <i>(transparent and stained)</i>	Cfl-s1
<i>Listone 90</i>	<i>XPlus and NaturPlus2</i> <i>(transparent and stained)</i>	Cfl-s1
<i>Listone 90</i>	<i>Invisible Touch,</i> <i>Oleonature, Natif</i> <i>(transparent and stained)</i>	Dfl-s1
<i>Original</i>	<i>XPlus and NaturPlus2</i> <i>(transparent and stained)</i>	Cfl-s1
<i>Corona 70</i>	<i>XPlus and NaturPlus2</i> <i>(transparent and stained)</i>	Cfl-s1
<i>Corona 70</i>	<i>Invisible Touch,</i> <i>Oleonature, Natif</i> <i>(transparent and stained)</i>	Dfl-s1

Characteristic of the free class grade

(according to EN13489 - Wood and parquet flooring - Multi-layer parquet elements)

Characteristic	Elite/Elegant	Fibramix	Dekora
Sound sapwood	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>
Knots sound and intergrown	<i>Permitted if :</i>	<i>Permitted if :</i>	<i>All permitted without limits</i>
Light color tone	<i>Diameter < 9 mm</i>	<i>Diameter between 5 and 12 mm</i>	
Medium color tone	<i>Diameter < 4 mm Not</i>	<i>Diameter between 5 and 12 mm</i>	
Knot unsound	<i>permitted</i>	<i>Diameter < 12 mm</i>	
Yellow stain	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>
Checks	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>
Bark pockets	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>
Lightning shake	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>
Curly grain	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>
Slope of grain	<i>Permitted without limit</i>	<i>Permitted without limit</i>	<i>Permitted without limit</i>
Sound heart	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>
Colour variation (including blackheart, red heart, etc.)	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>
Stick marks	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>
Medullary ray	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>	<i>Permitted</i>
Biodeterioration	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>	<i>Not permitted</i>
Non-visible parts			
All features permitted without any limitation as to size or quantity if these do not impair the strength or wearing quality of the parquet flooring.			

All dimensional estimation are optically done without using any measurement device. For this reason allowance are permitted in the above dimensional data.

CERTIFICATIONS



Biosphera

Biosphera is a marking system based upon Listone Giordano's green procurement policy.

All the products of the collection Listone Giordano® Classica Oak Traditional sizes offer in their top layer in the wood species Oak from Fontaines and in their support the Biosphera controlled mark that identifies raw materials whose legal sourcing and forestry management, although not yet certified, is backed up by specific audit and related papers.



CE certifications

All the products of the collection Listone Giordano® Classica Oak Traditional sizes strictly comply to all CE rules.



Solvent free

No emission of solvents, as resulting from the analyses conducted on Listone Giordano® by the SERECO BIOTEST chemical laboratory.



Formaldehyde

All the products of the collection Listone Giordano® Classica Oak Traditional sizes fully comply to the class E1, which is amongst the strictest European regulations (UNI EN 14342).



Anti-bacterial finish CrystalCare

The XPlus, NaturPlus2 and Invisible touch finishes are antibacterial certified by CATAS S.p.a laboratories according to ISO 22196:2007 regulation.



ISO 9001

Quality Management System certification.



ISO 14001

Environmental Management System certification for the Miralduolo di Torgiano (PG) factory.

Made in

All the products of the collection Listone Giordano® Classica Oak Traditional sizes are Made in Italy.

Important information about hardwood floors



We invite you to read this page which contains important information on the basic characteristics and natural performance features of hardwood floors

Wood is a "living" material. For this reason it is susceptible to changes caused by external factors such as sunlight, temperature, humidity and everyday use.

It's important to know that:

- **the colour** of a hardwood floor depends not only on the wood fibres, but also on other substances that are naturally found in the wood itself, known as *extractives*. Since the colour of these substances may vary based on exposure to air and light, the hardwood floor's original colour will naturally and inevitably change over time, generally towards darker colour tones.

This behaviour is the same in *stained versions*, in direct proportion to the colour tone.

- Due to their elevated content of extractives, **tropical woods** are particularly susceptible to chromatic changes. Over time, they generally take on a brownish-dark tone. This phenomenon is most commonly seen in *Iroko and Doussié* wood. Intense and rapid oxidation may rapidly occur in localized areas, particularly in Doussié wood, which may cause different types of colour variations even on elements that were originally similar. In certain conditions, this oxidation process can make the silica traces naturally found in the structure of the wood species appear even more evident.

Teak, on the other hand, is characterised by its typical colour variations in its natural state. When exposed to sunlight, Teak's colour tends to lighten and become more uniform with a medium-light tone, reducing or even eliminating the differences that may have initially appeared to be evident.

- On the contrary **long exposure of the floor to the sunlight** (maybe through windows), can create a discolouring of the floor (U.V. sun rays are able to discolour also materials other than wood). To prevent this phenomenon we advise to use suitable curtains, blinds or special protective film coverings to the windows to filter U.V. rays.

- The natural characteristics of the extra wide wood boards combined with the typical varied grain of the tangential cut *might show minor fractures in correspondence to the medullary rays*.

These standard features of the product may become marked should the wood floor be exposed to particularly severe climate conditions.

- in certain wood species (particularly Oak and Beech) the strips of wood that are taken from a perfectly radial section of the log, are characterised by a striped grain along with shinier band and flecks known as **silver figures and ray fleck** (visible also in coloured finishes).

Woods with these characteristics, which indicate an intersection with medullary rays, constitute an increasingly sought-after feature.

These characteristics clearly distinguish the more valuable strips in terms of both aesthetic appearance

(fibre regularity) and technical performance (dimensional stability, impermeability, etc.).

- **wood is naturally susceptible to dimensional variations** that depend on room temperature and humidity. To prevent these factors from generating undesirable effects on the floor, the room's climate must always be kept within the recommended limits (**air temperature between 15°C and 30°C and, most importantly, air humidity between 45% and 65%**).

What's more, these temperature and humidity ranges are the same ones recommended for people's comfort and health.

Despite of the stabilising effects given by the flooring support, *prolonged exposure to an excessively dry climate* can lead to the appearance of **small gaps between strips** even on multilayer products. However, these gaps will tend to diminish, until disappearing completely, once the proper climatic conditions are re-established.

- On the other hand, *extremely humid or dry conditions* may generate tension inside the wood that may even be elevated at times; in more severe cases **micro-fractures may appear on the top layer of the wood** (due to the shifting of the interface between the growth rings once the elastic compression limit has been surpassed).

For these reasons it is important that the proper climatic conditions be guaranteed, both during the installation process and later on, even if the areas are not inhabited.

- *The hardwood floor finish serves a protective function*. Over time, foot traffic and maintenance lack may cause the floor to lose its homogeneity and shine, the extent of which depends on the intensity of the solicitations received and the maintenance executed.

- All of the wood species used for manufacturing hardwood floors Listone Giordano® are **hard enough to fully guarantee the required performance characteristics for its specific use**.

However, damage caused by blows or fallen objects, along with highly concentrated loads (high heels, work ladders, etc.) can leave marks on the surface.

- Wood does not have the same uniform appearance as synthetic materials. For this reason no two floors in the same wood will ever be exactly identical.

For the same reason **a sample consisting of just a few strips will give a general idea of how the entire floor will look**. However, it can never fully represent the floor's final aesthetic result.

The phenomenon described above constitute the natural features of hardwood floors.

For this reason these characteristics cannot be considered to be defects.

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