

Quick Step Studio Laminate Flooring on Wall Install Instructions

Although originally designed as a durable floor covering, many consumers have started using Quick Step Studio® laminate flooring on walls to give their rooms more character and to create a feature or accent wall.

Laminate can be utilized as a decorative covering over an existing clean, dry, secure and vertical wall that meets building codes. The wall substrate should be primed or painted drywall (gypsum board) only. Do not install directly over wallpaper or paneling. Laminate is not intended to be used on ceilings, countertops or as any type of structural material.

The installation wall should only run vertical to the floor. Sloping walls and surfaces that are parallel to the floor, such as ceilings or soffits, should not be selected. Limit vertical installations to a maximum of 40 feet in length and a maximum of 1 plank length in height. Limit horizontal installations to a maximum of 40 feet in length and a maximum of 10 feet in height.

Laminate is suitable for an accent wall when used in climate controlled (35-65% RH and 60-85° F) indoor installations only. Acclimate unopened product lying flat in the room where it is to be installed for at least 48 hours. Mix planks from different cartons as you install to maximize the natural appearance.

Check wall for moisture, visible water stains or leaking windows. Do not install laminate over a wall with known moisture damage. Do not install in areas near water sources such as a backsplash over a sink or bathtub. Acceptable job site conditions, including relative humidity and wall moisture conditions, must be maintained throughout the life of the laminate application.

Check wall for flatness within 3/16" over 10 feet. Correct any unevenness before installing to allow the laminate planks to lie flat without rocking.

The following requirements are not intended to supersede federal, state or local building codes, but as with many other interior finish products, may require modifying existing structural components for successful installation. Owner assumes responsibility for compliance with all building codes, including maintaining the required distance from heat sources such as fireplaces.

WARNING: For a safe and secure installation, this product **MUST** be installed in accordance with these installation instructions.

Tools Required for Installation:

- Caulk gun
- Utility knife
- Stud finder (electronic)
- Carpenters level or laser level
- Chalk line
- 18 gauge brad nail gun (electric or air)
- Tape measure
- Pencil
- Screw gun or drill driver (for horizontal installation only)
- Safety glasses
- Dust mask
- Gloves

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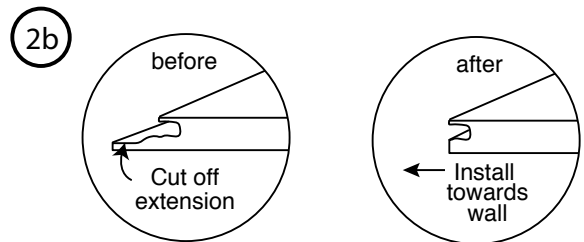
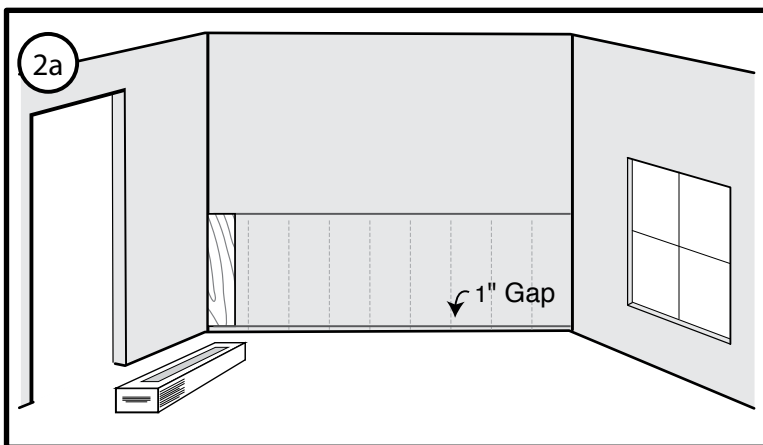
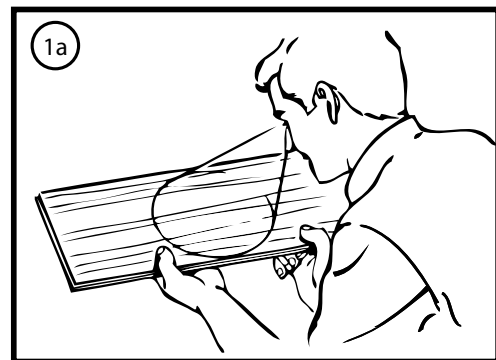
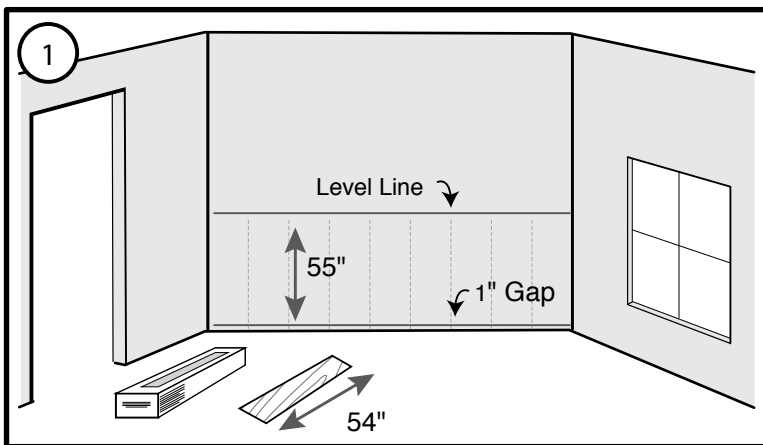
- 1 1/2" - 1 3/4" brad nails
- 100% silicone adhesive caulk (clear)
- 1 1/2" - 1 3/4" dry wall screws (for horizontal installation only)
- Painters tape (for horizontal installation only)

Other Tools and Materials:

- Step ladder (for horizontal installation only)
- Hammer
- Unilic® appropriate tapping block
- Pull bar
- Saw for cutting laminate planks
- Pry bar (for removing existing base or trim)
- Chair rail (for vertical installation only), wall base and quarter round moldings (to frame out accent wall)

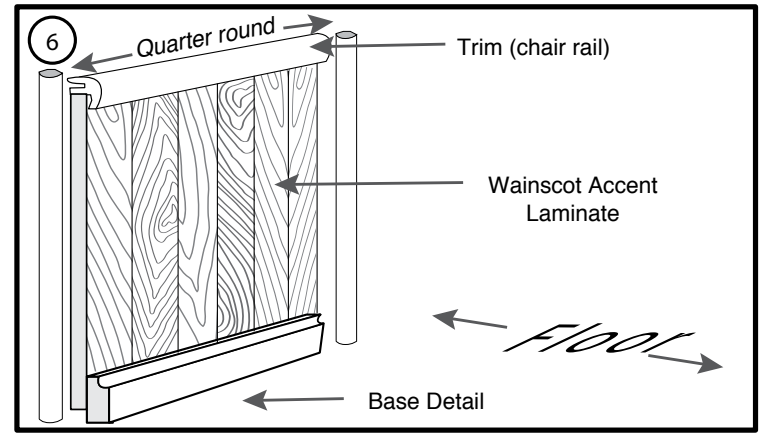
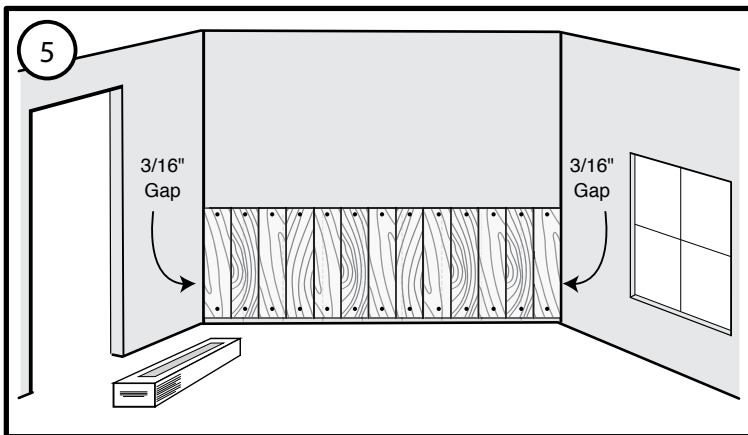
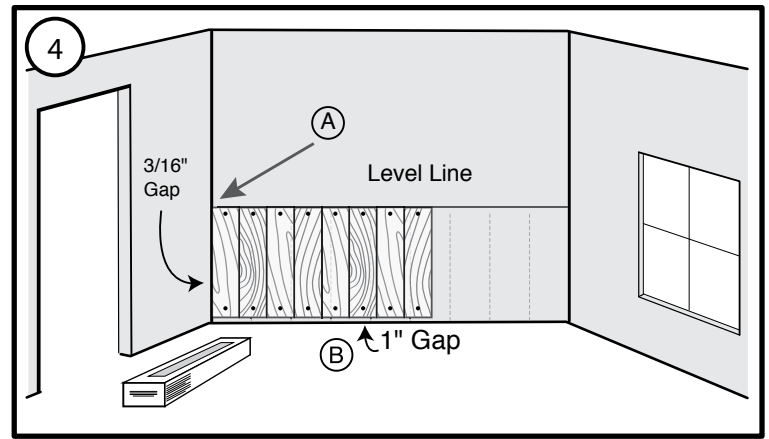
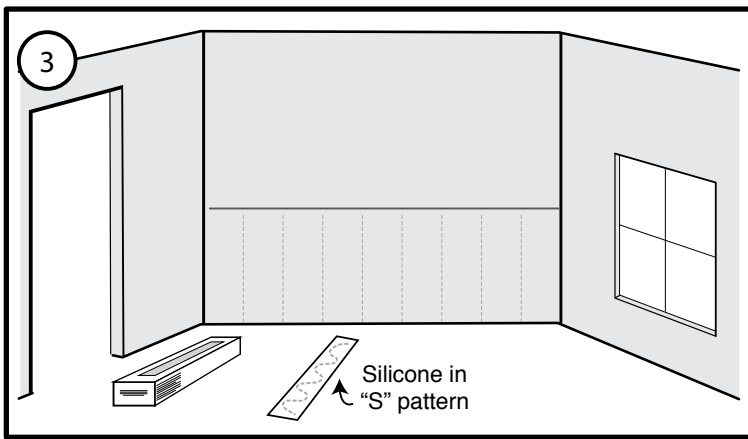
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1. Measure the length of your laminate plank and the length of the wall area to determine the total square footage area. Order that amount of flooring plus an additional 10% for incorrect cuts. Limit vertical installations to a maximum of 40 feet in length and a maximum of 1 plank length in height.
2. Remove all base and trim from accent wall. Measure from the floor a distance equal to your laminate plank plus one inch then level and mark the wall with a chalk line. With an electronic stud finder locate and mark wall studs. (Figure 1)
3. Turn off power while working around wall outlets and light switches. Pay special attention to avoid contact with electrical wiring.
4. Inspect each plank for damage before installing. (Figure 1a) Do not install damaged planks. You can use laminate planks with or without an attached pad. There is no need to remove the pad, so treat the installation the same for both types of planks.
5. Start from the left side with the short side tongue up and long side groove toward the wall. Place one plank against the wall and align at the top to test fit. You will want a 1" gap at the bottom of the plank. (Figure 2a)
6. Determine the appropriate number of vertical planks to fill the wall. For the best appearance, the first and last planks should be approximately the same width. Cut them as needed based on the width of your installation and the width of your planks.
7. If you don't need to cut the first plank, remove lower extension of long side groove with saw or utility knife. (Figure 2b)



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8. Apply silicone adhesive to the back side of the plank in an "S" pattern. If you're using a laminate plank with an attached pad, apply the silicone directly to the pad on the back of the plank. (Figure 3)
9. Adhere the plank to the wall leaving a $\frac{3}{16}$ " gap (A) from the corners of the wall and a 1" gap (B) at bottom. Drive brad nails $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top and bottom of each plank to secure to wall. Place nails where the trim will cover. (Figure 4)
10. Continue with the installation for each subsequent plank by first applying silicone adhesive to the back side of the plank in an "S" pattern. Then angle the groove over the tongue of the previous plank and wiggle into place. Tighten joints as needed with a tapping block or pull bar. Finally, drive brad nails $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top and bottom of each plank to secure to wall. Place nails where the trim will cover. Be sure to drive the brad nails into a stud whenever possible. (Figure 4)
11. Finish wainscot accent to ending wall. (Figure 5)
12. Install trim (chair rail) over the top edge. Install quarter round in the corners. Finish by installing the baseboard of your choice. (Figure 6)



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Care and Cleaning

Dry wipe as primary cleaning method. Occasionally damp wipe with water only. **NO wet washing.** If needed, use 1 cup of vinegar per gallon of water OR 1/3 cup non-sudsing ammonia per gallon of water. **DO NOT** use detergents, abrasive cleaners, soaps, waxes or polishes. Wipe off spills immediately.

DO NOT attach objects such as pictures, shelves or television mounts directly to the laminate wall. **DO NOT** apply adhesive backed hooks or install screws on or into the laminate wall for hanging objects. Instead drill clearance holes through the laminate and mount these objects directly to wall studs with screws or nails. Drill the clearance holes through the laminate at least 1/2" larger than the diameter of the fastener that will be used.

Precautionary Measures

Power tools should be equipped with a dust collector. If high dust levels are encountered use an appropriate NIOSH designated dust mask. Avoid dust contact with skin and eyes. First Aid Measures in case of irritations: In case of irritation flush eyes and skin with water for at least 15 minutes.

⚠ **WARNING:** DRILLING, SAWING, SANDING OR MACHINING WOOD PRODUCTS CAN EXPOSE YOU TO WOOD DUST, A SUBSTANCE KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER. AVOID INHALING WOOD DUST OR USE A DUST MASK OR OTHER SAFEGUARDS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WWW.P65WARNINGS.CA.GOV/WOOD.

IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE FOR MINNESOTA RESIDENTS ONLY:

THESE BUILDING MATERIALS EMIT FORMALDEHYDE. EYE, NOSE, AND THROAT IRRITATION, HEADACHE NAUSEA AND A VARIETY OF ASTHMA-LIKE SYMPTOMS, INCLUDING SHORTNESS OF BREATH, HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS A RESULT OF FORMALDEHYDE EXPOSURE. ELDERLY PERSONS AND YOUNG CHILDREN, AS WELL AS ANYONE WITH A HISTORY OF ASTHMA, ALLERGIES, OR LUNG PROBLEMS, MAY BE AT GREATER RISK. RESEARCH IS CONTINUING ON THE POSSIBLE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO FORMALDEHYDE. REDUCED VENTILATION MAY ALLOW FORMALDEHYDE AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS TO ACCUMULATE IN THE INDOOR AIR. HIGH INDOOR TEMPERATURES AND HUMIDITY RAISE FORMALDEHYDE LEVELS. WHEN A HOME IS TO BE LOCATED IN AREAS SUBJECT TO EXTREME SUMMER TEMPERATURES, AN AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM CAN BE USED TO CONTROL INDOOR TEMPERATURE LEVELS. OTHER MEANS OF CONTROLLED MECHANICAL VENTILATION CAN BE USED TO REDUCE LEVELS OF FORMALDEHYDE AND OTHER INDOOR AIR CONTAMINANTS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF FORMALDEHYDE, CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR OR CALL LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

Quick Step Studio Limited Lifetime* Residential Warranty for Wall Installations Only

Quick Step Studio laminate flooring comes with and is subject to the terms of this Limited Lifetime Residential Warranty for wall installations. This Limited Lifetime Warranty covers defects in material and/or workmanship which relate to staining and fading during normal residential use when written installation and maintenance instructions are followed.

Stain Resistance

Quick Step Studio flooring will resist staining.

Fade Resistance

Quick Step Studio flooring will resist fading from exposure to sunlight or artificial light.

To qualify for any repair or replacement, you will need to provide the original dated sales receipt or other documentation to demonstrate proof of purchase.

For your records, fill in the following information and keep in a safe place with your original documentation.

Lowe's store number _____

Lowe's store address _____

Purchase date _____

Product name _____

General Terms and Conditions for Laminate Warranties

All areas must be assessed prior to installation to determine if other surface measures need to be taken or conditions addressed, including, but not limited to requirements for static control, state health and building codes, high impact use and moisture/water exposure. Other than the specific warranty identified above, Quick Step provides no additional warranties and Quick Step does not warrant that any of the uses identified above are in compliance with any applicable building, health, inspection, and/or other municipal regulation or codes. Quick Step is not responsible for usage that is not in compliance with any regulation or code. Proper assessment of location and usage must be applied. Contact your Quick Step Studio representative for questions on performance in specific locations.

Quick Step Studio laminate flooring carries the specific wall installation warranties listed above which are subject to the following general terms and conditions:

1. This warranty applies only to the person stated as the buyer on the purchase document(s). This warranty applies only to first quality Quick Step Studio brand product purchases made after the edition date of this warranty when the product is installed in an indoor, climate controlled private residence and according to the Quick Step Studio's written installation instructions. Product must be maintained in accordance with Quick Step Studio's written instructions.
2. This warranty only applies to defects inherent to the material supplied. Quick Step will repair or replace the area of defective product, at its option. When replacement of the flooring is made, only new planks from the current product range at the time the complaint is upheld will be supplied. There will be no other form of compensation. Responsibility under this warranty only applies to defects that were not visible before or during the installation of the product. If the product was originally professionally installed, Quick Step will cover reasonable labor costs for repairing or replacing any defective product.
3. This warranty does not cover damage to the product caused by installation errors. Flooring planks must be checked carefully for material defects before and during installation and under sufficient lighting. Products with visible defects must not be installed under any circumstances. The retailer must be informed in writing of such defects within 15 days. After this time has elapsed, no further complaints will be accepted. Color and gloss differences resulting from material added to an existing installation at a later date and from non-warranty repairs are excluded from coverage.

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4. This warranty does not apply to laminate flooring that has been put to abnormal use or conditions or abused in any way, which includes, but is not limited to moisture damage from plumbing, storm, flood or pet urine; damage from smoke, fire or other casualty events; damage caused by negligence; improper alterations of the original manufactured product; damage from use of the flooring that is unreasonable considering the normal and expected uses of a laminate floor in a residential environment; damage of mechanical nature, severe impact or scratches (caused by dragging objects or furniture) or cutting; damage caused by water or moisture trapped beneath the floor due to improper walls or underlayment, including but not limited to damage from hydrostatic pressure (water or moisture on the wall behind the product that is transmitted to the surface through exerted pressure) or other conditions that result in water or moisture behind the floor; or damage caused by moisture left on the floor around the wall base and trims. Do not use this product as a backsplash or otherwise install near sinks or other wet work areas. The damage to the product must be evident, measuring per product unit (plank, accessory, etc.) at least 1.40 square centimeters or 0.5 square inch.
5. These limited warranties apply to vertical wall installations only. They do not apply to floor installations. Other horizontal uses of this product are not covered by these limited warranties. Never install this product on a ceiling or as a countertop.
6. This warranty applies only to Quick Step Studio brand product installed according to the manufacturer's recommended wall installation instructions in indoor climate controlled residential spaces. The use of accessories other than Quick Step approved items may cause damage to the Quick Step Studio floor. Proof of compliance with the installation and maintenance instructions must be provided if a claim is filed.
7. This warranty does not apply to damage from exposure to extreme heat, dryness, or stains as a result of chemical or industrial products (other than recommended cleaning products). The flooring may not be installed in damp and/or humid areas, in extremely dry areas, or areas where there are extremely high temperatures (such as saunas or swimming pool areas).
8. **Pro Ration of Warranty Period:** The Limited Lifetime Residential warranty period is prorated. The prorated warranty is one that provides for a refund or credit that decreases according to a set formula as follows:

Material Proration			
1st year 100%	6th year 100%	11th year 80%	16th year 30%
2nd year 100%	7th year 90%	12th year 70%	17th year 25%
3rd year 100%	8th year 90%	13th year 60%	18th year 20%
4th year 100%	9th year 90%	14th year 50%	19th year 15%
5th year 100%	10th year 90%	15th year 40%	20th year 10%

No Implied Warranties/Special Damages

ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES WHICH MAY ARISE BY IMPLICATION OF LAW OR APPLICATION OF COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE—INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE— ARE EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED. NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, EXTEND BEYOND THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS WARRANTY BROCHURE, AND ALL SUCH WARRANTIES ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. Implied warranties refer to ones that the law presumes to have been given by the seller even though they are not set out in writing. **QUICK STEP SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR AND WILL NOT PAY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL OR SPECIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER UNDER THIS WARRANTY. PLEASE NOTE:** Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. Except for these rights, the remedies provided under these warranties state the entire limit of Quick Step's responsibilities.

For service under this warranty please contact your local Lowe's store. Describe the problem and in many cases, they can provide you with a solution.

For installation, maintenance and technical questions please call (888) 387-9882.

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