

Buying Your Oak Floor

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Types Of
Oak Floor



Oak Floors Online

A Simple Introduction To Oak Flooring

“We understand that there are often overwhelming choices and difficult decisions to make when in the early stages of choosing your oak floor.

We hope this guide helps you on your way...”



“**#1 Types Of Oak Floor** is the first in a five part beginner series to help you through the many choices available when purchasing an oak floor.

Please keep a look out for the next guide in the series. These will be published on our website and social media channels.”

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Understanding
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Get The Right
Look – Width
And Thickness



Get The Right
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Types of oak flooring

“Which oak flooring will suit both my style and practical needs?”

Oak flooring generates an undeniable character, warmth and rich fabric to any room, whilst also being able to stand up to the daily demands of a busy household.

To make this decision simpler, first be aware that there are two clear varieties within the oak flooring range: **Solid and Engineered**

5 facts to start you off

- 1** As the name suggests solid oak boards are made from **100% natural solid wood**.
- 2** Our boards are skilfully cut and gauged from a single oak log. They are then dried and precision machined to the section required, making it the **easiest and fastest form of oak flooring to install**.
- 3** Typically, solid oak flooring is more sensitive to environmental changes and will **expand and contract more than engineered flooring**. As such it may not be suitable in certain situations.
- 4** Solid oak flooring is supplied in two ways. **Unfinished and Pre-finished**. More information about can be found in Chapter 4.
- 5** Solid oak boards can be sanded and refinished many times allowing it to **maintain its quality and appearance** for many years.



“ A Lifetime Of Satisfaction ”

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- 1** Engineered Oak flooring is constructed using **two types of materials**. The top visible “wear layer” is comprised of 100% solid oak and is pressure bonded to a plywood backing.
- 2** Engineered Oak boards retain the desired quality in appearance that is seen in our solid oak boards and **looks identical when laid**.
- 3** Contrary to what some people believe, you can sand scratches and dents out of engineered wood as long as the **wear layer is above 3mm thick**.

Top Tip!

“Our preference of quality Plywood or 100% Birch backing material, gives superior stability and strength.”

- 4 Compared with solid oak, engineered oak flooring is less restrictive in terms of where it can be laid. Due to less risk of dimensional movement in areas susceptible to varying levels of humidity it is **a perfect choice for cellars, kitchens and bathrooms.**
- 5 We recommend this type of flooring for use with **Under Floor Heating (UFH)**. The thickness of the board you choose will affect how much heat is transmitted up through your UFH system and into your room.

We hope you enjoyed a little taster of the types of oak flooring available. **Want to learn more?**

Check out our **solid oak** and **engineered oak flooring** ranges or click our videos below

Solid Oak Video
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Engineered Oak Video
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“Currently we see the demand as 70/30 in favour of engineered oak flooring”

Take the next step.

The only way to see and feel the difference in our quality and construction is to get your free sample.

For example, you now know that it is the wear layer of oak that provides the durability with any engineered floor, and thus the value for money it provides. This wear layer can vary in thickness from supplier to supplier. We're proud that in the case of our engineered oak flooring, we only use quality plywood backing bonded to a minimum 4mm 100% oak wear layer. We encourage you to compare our sample with our competitors.

Oak flooring lasts a lifetime. Get your free sample today and be confident in your decision that the natural beauty of oak flooring is the perfect choice for your home.

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5 Beginner Topics To Consider When Buying Your Oak Floor is intended as an introductory guide to oak flooring. Due to oak flooring being a natural product, we advise that you contact your supplier in order for them to gain further knowledge of your specific situation and requirements so they can help you make a comprehensive decision when purchasing an oak floor.

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