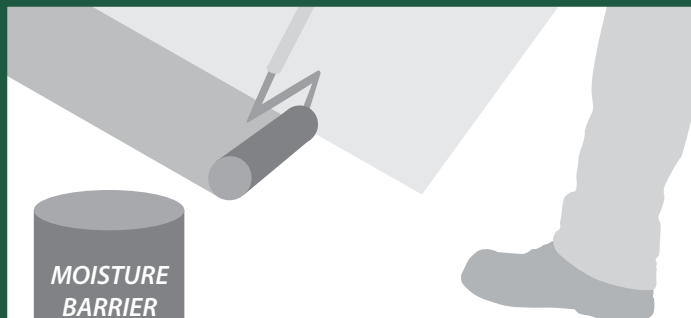




**Meritage P.A.C.E.
Pre-Installation
Checklist**

Before you begin installation, remember to P.A.C.E. yourself with the checklist below. Full installation instructions and maintenance guidelines can also be found online at www.CaliBrands.com

PACE PREPARE THE SUBFLOOR

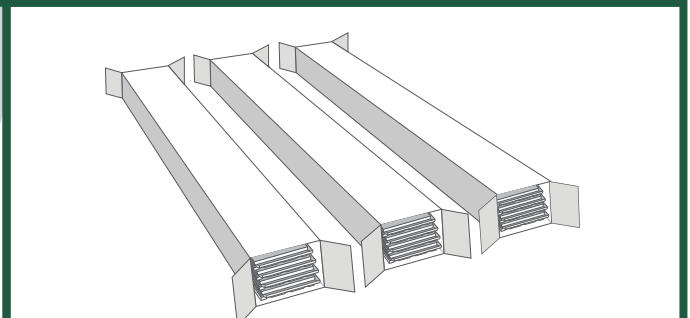


MOISTURE BARRIER

Use a Moisture Barrier on Concrete

Make sure the subfloor is flat, level, clean and free of debris. New concrete must be cured for at least 60 days. Test the subfloor moisture prior to installation and apply an appropriate moisture barrier. CALI recommends Titebond® 531+ on concrete subfloors. Although, other moisture barriers are available.


PACE ACCLIMATE FLOORING



Acclimate Your Engineered Flooring For 72 Hours

For Engineered flooring, lay boxes on the floor and only open box ends as shown above. Acclimate your floor as close to the installation area as possible, for 72 hours in normal living conditions.

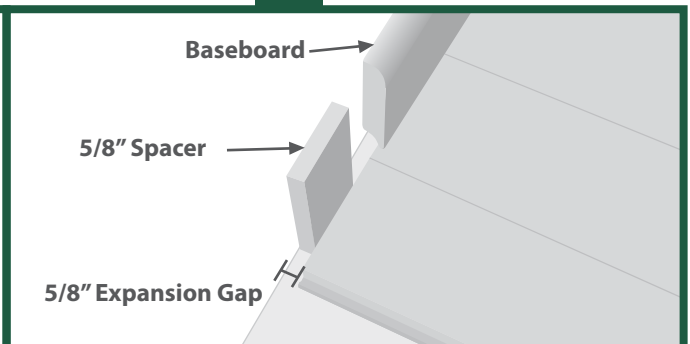
PACE CONTROL ENVIRONMENT



30-55% RH

Engineered flooring can be used in areas ranging from 30% to 55% relative humidity.

PACE EXPANSION GAPS



5/8" Expansion Gap

Leave at least 5/8" expansion spaces between flooring and ALL vertical objects (walls, cabinets, pipes, etc.) Large flooring runs may require additional expansion space. For floating floors, use transition moldings between rooms and doorways 3ft. or less. Undercut door jambs and casings to provide adequate expansion space. Do not screw or nail cabinetry or other permanent fixtures to a floating floor.