



TECHNICAL BULLETIN #5

GET GOOD ADVICE

When it comes to achieving a quality Wood Floor Installation, it pays to make sure that you get “sound” advice, for at the end of the day, most people end up with, exactly what they pay for:-

CHECK LIST OF IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- A. Make sure that you are dealing with a **WOOD FLOOR “SPECIALIST”** who has a long standing reputation for delivering **quality**.
- B. Understand what **“GRADE”** of timber is specified.
- C. Ensure that timber flooring is **“Kiln Dried” “SELECT”/“STANDARD”/ FEATURE Grade**
OR
Is this Supplier making up their **“own grades”** to confuse the Client.
- D. If you think that you may save money by buying the wood yourself, just understand that you will have **ZERO** Warranty.

If *someone* supplies
If *someone* installs
If *someone* sands and finishes

You have **ZERO** Warranty

The only way to obtain a **“WARRANTED”** installation is for one (1) Organisation to effect the complete installation as a **“supply and install”** contract.

- E. To ensure against **“EDGE BONDING”** insist on only using **“High Solid”** Oil Based Finishes.

Do **not** use any polyurethane finishes on any T&G or mechanically jointed wood floors.

“Edge Bonding” is the phenomenon that takes place when the coating system welds adjacent boards together, such that when “movement” takes place, the coating system “bonds” the boards, such that grooves are torn off boards or boards are torn in half.

See photos of “typical” edge bonding destruction of floors, not correctly installed.