



## ROYAL OAK FLOORS

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How to best protect a newly installed floor at a building site:

Between the installation of any pre-finished floor and the final hand-over of a new build or renovation it is vital to protect the floor from the rigors of building.

First clean the floor with Woca Wood Cleaner (available from us) and inspect for glue residue. Remove glue spots using a citrus solvent such as “Dissolve IT” available from Bunnings and general hardware stores. Using a coarse textured cloth such as a nappy helps.

- It is vital that there is no grit on the floor before installing this system!
- Tape to the edges: Use Thor Membrane Tape. This is a very “low tack” tape that comes at 100mm wide x 91 metre long roll. If caulking has not been completed tape up to the caulking gap, if skirts are still to go on leave just enough space so that the tape will meet the skirt. This tape will also aid caulking and painting of skirts etc.
- First protective mat: Use Thor 905 Form-A-Grade soft protective mat. Fit so that it is approx. 50mm from the edges. Rolls are 1500mm wide x 50 metres long.
- Fixing mat to membrane tape: Use Thor Joining Tape which is 48m wide x 100 metres long. Tap the protective mat to the membrane tap only. This tape is very sticky, make sure the joining tape is never used on the finished timber floor it will damage the finish.

- Final “hard” protection: Onto the protective mat lay either 3 or 4mm thick sheets of MDF. If the site has a lot of heavy traffic you may want to tape the sheets together. These sheets will protect the floor from heavy fallen objects and stop the soft protective mat from being torn.
- Note the MDF and the protective soft mat can be recycled and reused.

Once the job has finished remove all and if needed clean again with the Woca Wood Cleaner. Do not leave this product on site as it is a strong cleaner and not meant for continual use, we have a whole range of other Woca products for that.

Prices and availability of these items:

Thor Products are distributed by Alpha Pak in Melbourne 03 9735 9133. Their website has a list of stockist around Australia [www.alfapak.com.au](http://www.alfapak.com.au).

Approximate trade prices as per Jan 2017 are:-

- Thor Membrane Tape \$32.25 per roll inclusive
- Thor 905 Form A Guard \$205.20 per roll inclusive
- Thor Joining Tape \$9.50 per roll inclusive.
- Woca Wood Cleaner \$39 1 litre or \$69 per 4 L inclusive.