#### GENERAL INSTALLATION

**GUIDE #6** 

### Prefinished Wood Medallions Installed into Floating Floors

## Supplies included in this carton:

- · Prefinished medallion
- · Plywood installation template
- Adhesive 3M tabs
- Formica pieces

#### Additional tools needed:

- A plunge router with a .25 in. (6.3 mm) collet (not to exceed 2 hp)
- Router bit (1/4" shaft with 1/2" diameter bit and 3/8" cutting length, with a top guide bearing)
- Sharp chisel and/or utility knife
- Hammer
- Two-part epoxy adhesive with mixing tips
- Eye and ear protection

### California Proposition 65 Notification Raw Wood Product Exposure

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



Read instructions completely before starting installation.

It is the responsibility of the installer and/or homeowner to inspect all products prior to installation. If, before installation, you discover any product with perceived defects, please contact Oshkosh Designs immediately. Oshkosh Designs accepts no responsibility for cost of products or labor when products with perceived defects have been installed.

#### PREPARING FOR INSTALLATION:

This product must be protected from adverse moisture conditions. Interior environment must be controlled and humidity levels must be maintained between 30-50%. It should be stored above ground level and allowed to acclimate for **at least one week** prior to installation. Open the boxes and spread out the product. Avoid laying directly on concrete. Check NWFA guidelines for acclimation levels or requirements for your region.

#### INSTALLATION OF TEMPLATE TO FLOATING FLOOR:

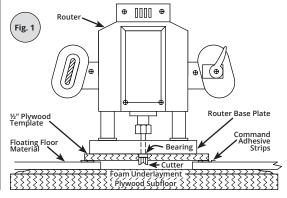
Consult your local hardwood flooring distributor for the proper acclimation levels or requirements for your area.

1. Position template on flooring so you eliminate small pieces. To secure plywood template to the floating floor, wipe clean the corners of plywood and the floor where adhesive tabs are to be applied. Apply the adhesive 3M tabs to side of the template marked "this side down."

**Note:** Small tab should stick out beyond edge of plywood template for removal when routing is completed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Attach the router bit with bearing to plunge router. Set router bit so bearing is exposed below the router plate base. This setting will plunge cutter knives into floating floor about ¼ in. (6.35 mm) for first pass around template.

**Note:** Router should cut in a clockwise direction.



2. Start router about 1 in. (25.4 mm) away from edge of template and pull or cut back to template cut out area so bearing is riding against inside of template. Plunge or gradually cut down to foam pad using several passes around template. Do not cut through foam, cork, or floating floor pad. Carefully remove template by pulling back on the tape tabs, and clean out routed area thoroughly.

**Note:** To dry fit medallion into area, apply some clear shipping tape to back, then up the sides creating handles for easy removal after fitting. Medallion should be flush with surrounding floor.

**3.** Apply five-minute, two part epoxy to one half of the  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. (1.59 mm) Formica piece and secure to underside of floating floor inside opening. Half of the formica will still be exposed inside opening. Position these  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. (1.59 mm) Formica pieces around opening a few inches apart. Let dry for five minutes. Before gluing in medallion dry fit or place into cut out area for fit.

# INSTALLATION OF WOOD MEDALLION INTO FLOATING FLOOR:

- **4.** Please note that there should be some type of soft foam under the flooring, so that the shims can embed down into the foam. This will allow the floating floor and the medallion to stay at the same height.
- **5.** If the shims aren't able to squash down into the foam or material under the floor, they will create a hump at the joint of the floating floor and medallion.
- **6.** Remove tape and apply five minute, two-part epoxy on second half of 1/16 in. (1.59 mm) Formica pieces and set medallion on pieces flush to surrounding floating floor.

**Note:** If small gaps or cracks appear around medallion to finished floating floor, it will be necessary to apply color matching soft filler or color matching color sticks (crayon type) around medallion. Please follow directions for the product you are using and wipe off with clean rag.

**7.** For border installation follow the same gluing steps as discussed previously for medallion installation.

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the working lines. Be sure to "seat" each unit in the adhesive. Adjust the units as you go and stay within the limits of the adhesive. If the product requires rolling, do so within the time frame of the adhesive.

- **5.** Add transition strips in doorways, if necessary.
- **6.** Cut and fit the final row at wall lines, being certain to allow the required expansion for solid floors. The mastics we recommend are soft and the wood floats. Our solid parquets must have expansion.