



Performance Superiority

3-Layer Engineered Wooden Flooring with

PlankL

™ Technology

Over Tongue & Groove Locking





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Other than looking for different variations, compositions, and designs the fitting mechanisms also matter while looking for new Engineered Wooden Flooring. Generally speaking, two main choices fall into this category: Tongue & Groove and Click Locking. Let's find out-which one comes out on the top?

The more traditional method of fitting floors is Tongue & Groove. A protruding edge (the tongue) fits into a perfectly-sized gap (the groove) to allow two planks to slot together. Mikasa introduced revolutionary PlankLOC[®] Technology, which is prominent in modern wood flooring. A simple mechanism makes for easy DIY fitting, with two planks fitting together and 'clicking' in place. This ensures a secure fit and locks the flooring together for quick installation.

Let's take a deeper look into the pros and cons of both Tongue & Groove and PlankLΪ Click Lock Flooring, and how they work when it comes to fitting?



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Tongue & Groove

Each wooden plank features two 'tongue' sides and two 'groove' sides-one long and one short side of each. Essentially fitting together like a conventional jigsaw puzzle, the Tongue & Groove slot together on each plank while installing.

Pros

- Widely used as this was the first locking system ever developed.
- Lower cost of manufacturing for Tongue & Groove as compared to the click system.
- Tongue & Groove flooring can be installed over any subfloor, including joists.

Cons

- Repairing Tongue & Groove boards can be relatively difficult. Multiple boards will need to be removed, due to the glue and/or nails, especially if you're replacing a board that sits in the middle of your flooring.
- Installation takes longer than Click Flooring due to glue and nailing requirements. This may also increase costs if you're hiring a professional wood flooring installer.
- If the Tongue & Groove system isn't held together properly, such as using too little glue, boards can separate over time. It's important to use a sufficient amount to keep your flooring look pristine for longer.



PlankL@'

PlankL® Flooring is a modern twist on the traditional Tongue & Groove system. Its rising popularity comes from how easy it is to install, especially for those who are trying their hand at a DIY fitting.

Pros

- Incredibly easy to fit, perfect for DIY installations.
 If using a professional installer, savings will be made due to reduced labour costs; on an average, these savings total around 20%.
- Faster installation as these floors are perfect to be laid floating, making the whole process less messy and faster.
- Eliminates the need for nails and glue, as the flooring locks in place, thanks to the PlankLŒ system.
- Easy to replace a damaged board, simply by clicking the board out and replacing it with a new one.

Cons

- The flooring itself can be more expensive due to higher manufacturing costs.
- In case it is laid floating installation, it requires an underlay to reduce noise.



