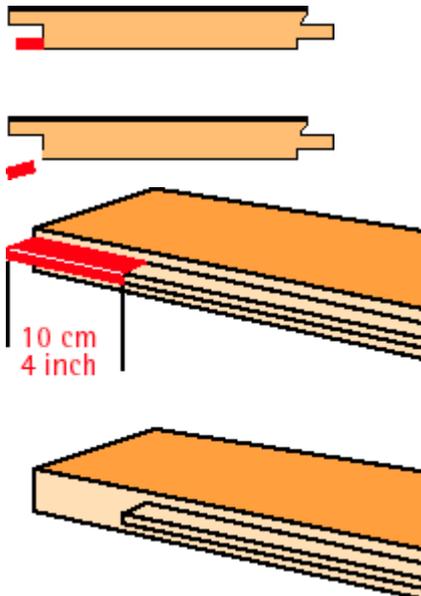




Board Replacement



Another advantage of Readyflor is that isolated boards can be replaced should they become damaged. This task is usually completed by a professional Readyflor installer and takes approximately 2 hours per board. The process of replacing a board involves the following steps.

■ Acclimatise the New Board

The new board needs to be stored in the room in which it is to be installed for a period of 2 to 3 weeks prior to the replacement taking place. This will ensure that by acclimatising the new board to its new environment, it will approximate the size of the boards already installed.

■ Prepare the New Board

Preparing the new board involves removing the bottom of the groove (as seen left) from both short and long edges of the board. This should be done using a table saw with the blade depth set low so that only the bottom of the groove is removed.

■ Remove the Damaged Board

To remove the damaged board, draw a visible line approximately 20mm inside the edge of the board. Using a circular saw with the blade depth set to 14mm, carefully cut along the line drawn. Remove the middle of the board that you have just cut out, leaving another 20mm of the existing board still to be removed. Carefully cut or chisel to the corners of the board. Using a sharp chisel and a steel hammer, strike the edges of the board, starting on a long joint, with sharp blows until the glue bond is broken. Using the chisel and hammer, remove the remaining sections of the damaged board.

■ Prepare the Existing Boards

The old adhesive needs to be sanded out of the groove and from around the tongue of the boards already installed to make way for the new board and adhesive. This should be done carefully with a fine sandpaper. You should now be ready to install the new board.

■ Fitting the New Board

Carefully apply a generous bead of adhesive to the groove and the top of the tongues of the boards already installed. Apply additional adhesive to the bottom of the groove of the new board. Using a timber tapping block and claw hammer, gently knock the new board into place, attempting to knock the new tongue/tongue intersection into the existing groove/groove intersection. By tapping gently at the ends and sides of the board, you will be able to knock the board into place. Using a cloth under the hammer is advisable while tapping to minimise the risk of scratching the existing floor throughout the process. Apply a heavy weight to the new board so that it sits flat and level with the existing floor. Remove the weight after 3 hours, at which point the Premium Floating Floor Adhesive will be dry and your board replacement will be complete.



Repairing Deep Scratches

Deep scratches that penetrate into the timber itself need to be repaired as soon as possible. In essence, there are three basic ways to repair deep scratches.

■ Fill the scratch

A matching timber putty which provides moisture resistance can be used to fill deep scratches in your Readyflor. Use Timbermate Waxsticks or Fullers Caulk in Colours to fill as directed on the pack.

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If the scratch is isolated to one or two boards, you can replace the affected boards. This process is best left to a professional Readyflor installer and usually takes a couple of hours.

■ Re-sand the floor

If your floor has a number of deep scratches, it may well be advisable to have it re-sanded. This involves sanding all of the finish from the floor, removing most deep scratches and applying three new coats of an approved coating. This process is usually carried out by professional floorsanders using a large belt floorsander. Whilst re-sanding your Readyflor will remove most deep scratches, it is important to note that some scratches may not be removed without sanding too much timber off the top surface. A good floorsander will be able to assess which scratches will be removed by re-sanding.

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Repairing Fine Scratches

Fine scratches refer to scratches that have not gone through to the timber, only scratching the coating. In most cases, fine scratches are removed when re-coating your floor as part of maintaining your Readyflor's coated surface. Simply washing your floor when dirty using a well wrung mop will cover many fine scratches.

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Repairing Deep Indentations

Dropping something heavy or sharp onto any timber floor will usually create an indentation and Readyflor is no different. While most minor indentations that do not break the surface coating are considered characteristic of a timber floor, deeper indentations may need repairing.

If the indentation has torn or broken the coated surface, the indentation can usually be filled using a Timbermate Waxstick in a matching colour. Timbermate Waxsticks are available in the paint department of most local hardware stores. If filling is considered inappropriate, the board can be replaced by a professional Readyflor installer. For more information on board replacement, see the Board Replacement page in this section.

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