

## Choosing the Right Floor in Three Easy Steps!



### STEP 1 - THE FOUNDATIONS

- Environment
- Subfloor
- Use

Once you've decided whether to go with solid or engineered flooring, you'll need to think about use. What's your lifestyle? Do you have kids? Pets? No hardwood floor is 100% scratch proof, but some textures will lessen the appearance of everyday wear and tear. Brushed-texture floors are a good example.

### STEP 2 - STYLE MATTERS

- Colour
- Width
- Texture and gloss

Next, choose a style that appeals to you. There's a full range of hues available, from natural to almost black. Board width also makes a big difference to how your floor looks.

Do you like brushed textures? A very low level of gloss (10%) will keep wood from looking plasticky. Smooth textures are a question of personal preference. Our floors' standard gloss is 45 %, but lower gloss levels are available on special order.

### STEP 3 - WHAT ABOUT INSTALLATION?

Many retailers offer to install your floor for you. But you can also do it yourself. Your installation guide is available at [www.dubeaufloors.com](http://www.dubeaufloors.com). Make sure you have the right equipment, and always ask for advice when you need it. A hygrometer is important, so you can control humidity levels. We recommend hardwood floor cleaners for cleaning your floor, but the important thing is—no water!

## Solid Hardwood Flooring

Dubeau prefinished solid hardwood flooring is unmatched for its extraordinary beauty and timeless elegance. The precise milling and expert craftsmanship of a Dubeau solid hardwood floor will ensure problem-free installation when installed on and above grade level.



### WIDTHS

2 1/4" (57 mm), 3 1/4" (82,5 mm) and 4 1/4" (108 mm), depending on product

### LENGTHS

High average length

### EDGES

4 sided Micro-V grooves

### TEXTURES

Smooth and Wire Brushed

### GLOSS

Satin (45%), matte (20%) and ultramatte (10%)

### RADIANT HEAT

Not compatible with radiant heat

### INSTALLATIONS

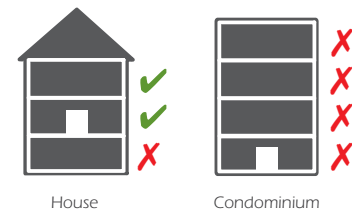
Nailed or stapled

### RELATIVE HUMIDITY

45% to 55%

### LEVELS

Main and upper floors



## 3/4 Engineered Hardwood Flooring

Our 3/4" 2-ply engineered hardwood floor combines the rich look of solid hardwood flooring with the stability of an engineered hardwood floor.



### WIDTHS

3 1/8" (79,4 mm), 4 1/8" (104,8 mm)

### LENGTHS

High average length

### EDGES

4 sided Micro-V grooves

### TEXTURE

Smooth and Wire Brushed

### GLOSS

Matte (20%)

### RADIANT HEAT

Radiant heat compatible

### INSTALLATIONS

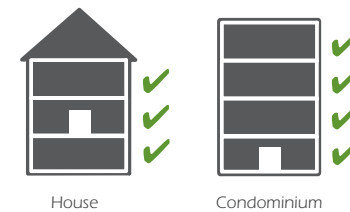
Stapled or glued

### RELATIVE HUMIDITY

30% to 80%

### LEVELS

Basement, main and upper floors



## Species



Hard Maple



Red Oak



Yellow Birch

## Wood Hardness International Janka Scale

*Canadian Hard Maple	1450
*Northern Red Oak	1290
*Yellow Birch	1260
Red Maple or Plain	950
White Birch	910
Silver Maple	790
Red Pine	560

\*Domestic species sold by Dubeau

The test measures the force required (pounds-force) to push a steel ball with a diameter of 0.444 inches into the wood to a depth of half the ball's diameter. The stronger the force required to indent the floor, the harder and more resistant the species.

Please note that this document contains general information on our solid and engineered constructions. For precise product information, please refer to our website or visit a Dubeau retailer near you.