

Installing a Square Nose Molding

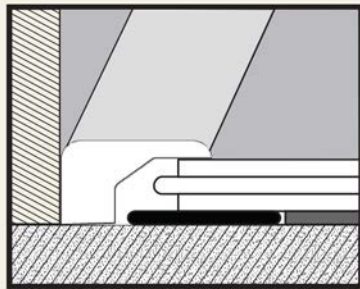
When installing Square Nose moldings on a floating floor, it is important not to attach the molding directly to the hardwood floor as the hardwood floor must be able to expand or contract under the lip of the molding per the manufacturer's recommendations.

Square Nose - Start the installation by installing shims wherever you plan to install a Square Nose. The shim should be placed approximately 1-1/2 inches from the edge of the floor to which you are transitioning. Secure the shim in place by either nailing or gluing it down. Install the pad with the edge of the pad placed directly against the shim. Next, install the floating floor over the shim so that only 1/4 to 3/8 inch of shim is showing under the floor. The shim serves to stabilize the floor from compressing under weight. Lay the Square Nose molding in place.

Note: The shim should not extend under the base of the Square Nose. Lay the Square Nose in place. The Square Nose should overlap the flooring by 1/2 to 3/4 inch, leaving the balance for required expansion or contraction. To attach the molding, apply one or two 1/4 inch beads of construction adhesive to the subfloor and seat the molding in place. If nailing, pre-drill the molding to prevent splitting and nail to the subfloor behind the lip of the molding. Be sure when nailing, not to obstruct the floor's expansion space under the molding.



(Fig. R)



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