

CSI 3-Part Product Specification
AMBIENT SOLID VERTICAL/HORIZONTAL BAMBOO FLOORING
SECTION 09 62 23

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PART 1 – GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

A. Ambient Solid bamboo flooring and matching accessories should be installed by the glue down method however, nailing down is a suitable option.

ANY METHODS OF INSTALLATION OF AMBIENT SOLID BAMBOO OTHER THAN GLUE DOWN SHOULD BE CONSULTED WITH THE MAUNFACTURER. INCLUDE SECTION NUMBER AND TITLE BELOW FOR OTHER TYPES OF FLOORING MATERIALS BORDERING THE BAMBOO FLOORING.

B. Related Sections: LEED®: US Green Building Council, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System™.
Ambient Solid bamboo flooring contributes to LEED® MR Credit 6 Rapidly Renewable Materials.

1.02 SUBMITTALS

A. Reference Section 01 33 00–Submittal Procedures; submit following items:

1. Samples:

- a. 6 or 12 inch long piece of flooring plank, with the supplier/manufacturer identified.
 - b. One of each specified accessory, minimum 4 inches long.
- 2. Shop Drawings: Include direction of flooring, fastening method to be used, patterns and transition accessories. Include large scale details of accessories and details of all transitions.
- 3. Product Data:
 - a. Flooring Specification Sheet. Include:
 - 1. Finish specs: finish type, composition and manufacturer
 - 2. Proof of supplier's legal right to provide product
 - 3. Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
 - 4. Certified Hardness Tests, Janka results
 - 5. Manufacturer's installation guidelines and installation requirements
 - 6. NWFA Technical Reference Manual
 - b. Accessories. Include:
 - 1. Finish specs
 - 2. Accessory profiles
 - c. Installation adhesive:
 - 1. Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
 - d. Warranty
- 4. Quality Assurance/Control Submittals:
 - a. Qualifications:
 - 1. Documented proof for legal right of supplier to provide product
 - 2. Proof of installers' qualifications.
 - b. Test Report: Copy of name and contact information of manufacturer for specified Physical Property Performance Requirements.
 - c. Manufacturer's Installation Guidelines.

B. Closeout Submittals: submit following items:

- 1. Maintenance instructions.
- 2. Warranty information.

1.03 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Qualifications:

- 1. Manufacturer Qualifications:
 - a. Minimum 10 years experience in manufacturing and distributing bamboo flooring.
 - b. Proof of legal right to provide product.
 - c. Member: U.S. Green Building Council, Business for Social Responsibility, National Association of Floor Covering Distributors, National Wood Flooring Association, World Floor Covering Association.
- 2. Installer Qualifications:
 - a. Minimum three years experience in bamboo/hardwood flooring installation.

B. Pre-Installation Meeting:

- 1. Convene meeting at project site within one week of scheduled start of installation with representatives of the following in attendance: Architect, Owner, General Contractor, and Sub-Contractor.
- 2. Review project/site conditions, requirements of related work, requirements for

operation of HVAC system, installation guidelines, storage and handling procedures, and protection measures.

3. Keep minutes of meeting including responsibilities of various parties and deviations from specifications and guidelines for installation.

4. Distribute minutes to attendees within 48 hours.

1.04 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

A. Deliver flooring to project site in original boxes.

B. Allow no less than 5 days prior to start of installation for flooring to arrive.

C. Check with manufacturer for acclimation instructions. Let the flooring acclimate to site conditions accordingly.

1. Do not store boxes directly on concrete or near outside walls.

1.05 PROJECT/SITE CONDITIONS

A. Environmental Requirements: Room temperature and humidity of all installation spaces, flooring and adhesive must be maintained at normal occupancy (40% - 60% humidity), room temperature (60 - 70 degrees F) for a minimum of 72 hours prior to installation. HVAC systems must be operational and controlling site temperature and humidity.

1.06 WARRANTY

A. Warranty for Prefinished Solid Bamboo Flooring:

1. Ambient Residential Structural Warranty: Lifetime warranty against de-lamination, separation, buckling or cupping as a result of a manufacturing defect. Please see www.AmbientFloors.com for our current product warranty.

2. Ambient Commercial Structural Warranty: 15 years against de-lamination, separation, buckling or cupping as a result of a manufacturing defect. Please see www.AmbientFloors.com for our current product warranty.

3. Ambient Residential Finish Warranty: Lifetime against wear through to the underlying flooring or separation from the flooring as a result of a manufacturing defect. Please see www.AmbientFloors.com for our current product warranty.

4. Ambient Commercial Finish Warranty: 5 years against wear through to the underlying flooring or separation from the flooring as a result of a manufacturing defect. Please see www.AmbientFloors.com for our current product warranty.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.01 MANUFACTURER

A. Ambient Bamboo Products (Phone: 800-710-7070)
8291 Patuxent Range Rd. Fax: 301-498-0238)
Jessup, MD 20794 (Email: sales@AmbientFloors.com)
Website: <http://www.AmbientFloors.com>

B. Bamboo Flooring Solid Type:

1. Solid bamboo slats are laid out in either a horizontal, or vertical grain, pattern and adhered together using a low VOC compound.

a. Color: [Natural] [Carbonized] [Mosaic]

b. Grain: [Horizontal] [Vertical] [Edge]

- b. Thickness: 5/8 inch (15 mm)
- c. Joint: Tongue and groove joint.
- d. Edges and ends: micro bevel.

C. Substitutions: None Permitted

2.02 MATERIALS

A. Solid Bamboo Flooring:

- 1. Specie: Moso Bamboo.
- 2. Size: 3-3/4 inches (96 mm) wide by 5/8 inch (15 mm) thick by 76 inch (1930 mm) length.
*Mosaic size: 3-3/4 inches (96 mm) wide by 5/8 inch 915 mm) thick by 36 (965 mm) length
- 3. Milling: Tongue and groove with micro-bevel edge.
- 4. Back: Channeled and sealed with factory-finish seal coat.
- 5. Finish: German Klumpp UV cured, solvent free, non-off gassing 8-Coat Factory Finish with aluminum oxide.

6. ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials International

Physical Property Performance Requirements:

- a. Hardness: ASTM D 1037 Standard Test Method for wood-based fiber and particle panel materials
Janka: Natural 2,352 LBF; Carbonized 2,117 LBF; Mosaic 2,117 LBF
- b. Dimensional Stability at 20% RH: ASTM D 1037 Standard Test Method for wood-based fiber and particle panel materials:
Dimensional change coefficients:
-0.03 parallel / -0.20 perpendicular / -0.30 thickness
- c. Slip Resistance: Coefficient of Friction: ASTM D2394 Standard Test Methods for Simulated Service Testing of Wood and Wood-Base Finish Flooring
Static: .36 Friction Coefficient: .383
- d. Abrasion Resistance: ASTM D 4060, CS-17 Taber abrasive wheels. Standard Test Method for abrasion resistance of organic coatings by the Taber Abraser:
Final wearthrough:
Minimum 26,000 cycles
- e. Moisture Content: ASTM D 4442, Oven Dry Method Standard Test Method for direct moisture content measurement of wood and wood-base materials:
7.1 percent, average (at 90% RH)
- f. Formaldehyde Emissions: ASTM E 1333 Standard Test Method for determining formaldehyde concentrations in air emission rates from wood using a large chamber:
0.02 ppm
- g. Thermal Resistance: ASTM C 518-04 Standard Test Method for steady-state thermal transmission properties by means of the heat flow meter apparatus:
R value of 0.60
- h. No added urea formaldehyde.

B. Installation Adhesive: One-part water-free ultra premium urethane wood floor adhesive or equivalent.

C. Nails or Staples:

Below are the nail guns/staplers that have been tested with our Ambient Solid bamboo and proved to work. If taking this route, please always test your nail gun/stapler on a test plank to ensure proper pressure.

1. **Powernail**

- Model 200** (pneumatic)
- 1-1/2 inch long, 20 gauge cleat with a (U-1) adapter pad and no shims
- Manufacturer suggested psi setting of 85*

It is the sole responsibility of the installer to find the correct level of psi per installation conditions, the numbers listed are manufacturer recommendations provided to Ambient

D. Subfloors

Please test your subfloors to ascertain the need of a moisture barrier, or not. While Ambient strongly recommends the use of a moisture barrier underneath this product, it may not be needed if you can be certain that the subfloor, in entirety, will not emit moisture vapor in excess of 3 lbs per 1,000sq. ft. (15g per m2) within a 24 hour period.

1. Concrete subfloor

- a. Concrete shall be checked for flatness prior to installation, low spots and voids shall be filled to a minimum of 3/16" in a 10 ft. radius or 1/8" in a 6 foot radius.
- b. Surface should be smooth, clean and free of debris or protruding fasteners.

2. Wood subfloor

- a. 3/4 inch CDX plywood for 24 inch on center floors.
- b. 5/8 inch CDX plywood for 12 inch on center and 16 inch on center floors.

2.03 ACCESSORIES

A. Stair Treads: 11-3/4 inches (298 mm) wide by 1 inch (25 mm) thick in 48 inch (1219.2 mm) lengths [_____ inches (_____ mm) wide by _____ inches (_____ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish. **Available in custom length, widths and heights**

B. Stair Riser: 7-1/8 inches (189 mm) wide by 9/16 inch (14 mm) thick in 48 inch (1219.2 mm) lengths [_____ inches (_____ mm) wide by _____ inches (_____ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish. **Available in custom lengths and widths**

C. Stair Nosing: [2-3/4 inches (70 mm) wide by 5/8 inches (15 mm) thick] [_____ inches (_____ mm) wide by _____ inches (_____ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish. Available in 72" length

D. Floor Reducer: [2 inches (50 mm) wide by 5/8 inch (15 mm) thick] [_____ inches (_____ mm) wide by _____ inches (_____ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish. Available in 72" length

E. T-Mold: [2 inches (50 mm) wide by 5/8 inch (15 mm) thick] [_____ inches (_____ mm) wide]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish. Available in 72" length.

F. Base Shoe: [5/8 inch (15 mm) high by 3/4 inch (19 mm) thick] [_____ inches

(_____ mm) wide by _____ inches (_____ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish. Available in 72" length.

G. Base Molding: [3-1/8 inches (79 mm) high by 1/2 inch (12 mm) thick. [_____ inches (_____ mm) wide by _____ inches (_____ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish. Available in 72" length.

H. Baby Threshold: [2 inches (50 mm) wide by 1 inch (25 mm) thick] [_____ inches (_____ mm) wide by _____ inches (_____ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish. Available in 72" length.

I. Floor Vent: [7 9/16 inches (192 mm) wide by 5/8 inches (15 mm) thick by 12 13/16 inches (325 mm) long.] Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates upon which the flooring will be installed.
1. Verify that the subfloor is clean, dry, and free of contaminants or protruding fasteners.
 2. Test subfloor for moisture vapor emissions using a Calcium Chloride or equivalent test. Do not install flooring if vapor pressure exceeds 3 lbs per 1,000sf (15g per m²) within a 24 hour period.
 - a. In multiple story buildings, test each floor level scheduled to receive bamboo flooring.
 - b. Mark test location(s) on As-Built Drawings.

Please test your subfloors to ascertain the need of a moisture barrier, or not. While Ambient strongly recommends the use of a moisture barrier underneath this product, it may not be needed if you can be certain that the subfloor, in entirety, will not emit moisture vapor in excess of 3 lbs per 1,000sq. ft. (15g per m²) within a 24 hour period.

- B. Verify that HVAC system is operating and maintaining an occupancy level temperature and humidity conditions.
- C. Coordinate with responsible entity to correct unsatisfactory installation conditions.
- D. Commencement of work by installer is considered an acceptance of substrate conditions.
- E. Prior to installation, the installer shall examine all material and determine that it matches the work order.

3.02 PREPARATION

- A. Acclimatization: Open flooring boxes, remove shrink wrap and foam packing at a minimum of 3 days prior to start of installation.
- B. Grind and or fill subfloor using methods and materials appropriate to the subfloor construction to eliminate humps and depressions.
- C. Because bamboo is a natural fiber, variations in color naturally occur from plank to plank. Each box should be inspected for differences in color with color variation staggered throughout the floor. To ensure the best results, work out of several boxes simultaneously.

3.03 INSTALLATION

- A. Ambient Solid bamboo flooring: Please reference the Installation and Maintenance Guidelines.
- B. Install flooring planks by gluing to substrate. Flooring may be glued, or nail, on or above grade.
- C. Lay flooring perpendicular to the flooring joists or in the direction(s)/pattern(s) as shown on Drawings.
- D. Accessories: Install using methods appropriate to the accessory and flooring system.

3.04 CLEANING

- A. Reference Section 07 14 00 Cleaning.
- B. Clean products according to manufacturer regulations.

3.05 PROTECTION

- A. Cover already installed floors with heavy paper or cardboard to keep debris from foot traffic from damaging floor. Tape together if necessary.
- B. Avoid foot traffic as much as possible until proper cure time has passed.
- C. Do not move heavy furniture on floors for no less than 24 hours or in accordance with the manufacturer.

END OF PRODUCT SPECIFICATION