



FINE BAMBOO FLOORING, PANELS & VENEER

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PREFINISHED 36" [900mm] SOLID-STRIP BAMBOO FLOORING
Teragren® ELEMENTS



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NOTES TO SPECIFIER:

THIS SPECIFICATION SECTION HAS BEEN PREPARED TO ASSIST DESIGN PROFESSIONALS IN THE PREPARATION OF PROJECT OR OFFICE MASTER SPECIFICATIONS. IT FOLLOWS GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE, AND THEREFORE MAY BE USED WITH MOST MASTER SPECIFICATION SYSTEMS WITH MINOR EDITING.

EDIT CAREFULLY TO SUIT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS. MODIFY AS NECESSARY AND DELETE ITEMS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE. VERIFY THAT REFERENCED SECTION NUMBERS AND TITLES ARE CORRECT. (NUMBERS AND TITLES REFERENCED ARE BASED ON MASTER FORMAT, 2004 EDITION)

THIS SECTION ASSUMES THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL CONTAIN COMPLETE DIVISION 1 DOCUMENTS INCLUDING SECTIONS 013300 -SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES, 016000 -PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS, 017700 -CLOSEOUT PROCEDURES. CLOSE COORDINATION WITH DIVISION 1 SECTIONS IS REQUIRED. IF THE PROJECT MANUAL DOES NOT CONTAIN THESE SECTIONS, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE ARTICLES.

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes: Prefinished solid bamboo strip flooring and matching accessories installed by the [nail or staple down method.] [glue down method.] [nail or staple and glue-down method.]

INCLUDE SECTION NUMBER AND TITLE BELOW FOR OTHER TYPES OF FLOORING MATERIALS BORDERING THE BAMBOO FLOORING, AND FINISHED TRIM SUCH AS BASEBOARDS IF NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION.

- A. Work in other sections:
a) For project sustainability requirements, See 018113 "Sustainable Design Requirements"

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1.02 SUBMITTALS

A. Submit the following items:

1. Product Data:
  - a. Flooring Specification Sheet.
  - b. Finish data: finish type, composition and manufacturer (See summary in section 2.02).
  - c. Proof of supplier's legal right to provide product
  - d. Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (keep in only if required for LEED submittal)
  - e. [FloorScore®](#) certification #SCS-FS-01878: Air quality certification from Resilient Floor Covering Institute - [www.rfci.com](http://www.rfci.com)
  - f. Certified Hardness Tests, Janka results (See summary in section 2.02).
  - g. Manufacturer's installation guidelines and installation requirements.
  - h. ISO-9001 and 14001 factory certifications.
  - i. FSC Chain-of-Custody Certification #SCS-COC-002912.
2. Accessory profiles (See specification in section 2.03).
3. Installation adhesive.

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**NOTE:** IF INSTALLATION IS "GLUE DOWN" REQUEST A SUBMITTAL ON THE INSTALLATION ADHESIVE.  
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4. Warranty for Architect's review.
5. 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. Make shop drawings in module required by Architect or electronically using Architects' format.
6. Samples:
  - a. 4 inch (100 mm) long strip of flooring plank, with manufacturer identified.
  - b. Fasteners.
  - c. One of each specified accessory, minimum 4 inches (100 mm) long.
7. Quality Assurance/Control Submittals:
  - a. Test Report: Electronic copy of lab reports including name and contact information of certified lab.
  - b. Manufacturer's Installation Guidelines

B. Closeout Submittals, submit following items:

1. Maintenance instructions
2. Special Warranties for use in Owner's manual.

1.03 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Qualifications:

1. Manufacturer Qualifications:
  - a. Minimum 10 years experience in manufacturing and distributing bamboo flooring.
2. Installer Qualifications:
  - a. Minimum three years experience in bamboo / hardwood flooring installation.
  - b. Minimum three years experience in installation of bamboo / hardwood flooring over radiant heating systems. (use only if necessary)

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- 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, 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. Discuss 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 not less than 5 days prior to start of installation. Allow sufficient time for flooring to acclimate to site conditions.
- B. Store flooring materials in conditioned space at all times, and do not allow to freeze or get wet.

1.05 PROJECT/SITE CONDITIONS

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**RADIANT HEAT NOTE:** SELECT "5 DAYS" IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH IF FLOORING IS TO BE INSTALLED OVER A RADIANT HEAT SYSTEM; OTHERWISE, SELECT "72 HOURS."

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- A. Environmental Requirements: All installation spaces, flooring and adhesive must be maintained at normal occupancy temperature and humidity levels for a minimum of [72 hours] [5 days] prior to and continuously following installation. HVAC systems must be operational and controlling site temperature and humidity.

1.06 WARRANTY

- A. Special Warranty for Teragren *Elements* Prefinished Solid Strip Flooring:
  1. Teragren Structural Warranty: Lifetime against delamination, separation, buckling or cupping as a result of a manufacturing defect. Please see [www.teragren.com](http://www.teragren.com) for current product warranty.
  2. Teragren Commercial Finish Warranty: 3 years against wear through to the underlying flooring or separation from the flooring as a result of a manufacturing defect. Please see [www.teragren.com](http://www.teragren.com) for current product warranty.

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USE ABOVE FINISH WARRANTY FOR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS. USE FOLLOWING FINISH WARRANTY FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS.

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- 3. Teragren Residential Finish Warranty: 7 years against wear through to the underlying flooring or separation from the flooring as a result of a manufacturing defect. Please see [www.teragren.com](http://www.teragren.com) for current product warranty.

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PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 MANUFACTURER

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INSERT NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS OF LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR/DEALER BELOW.  
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1. Distributor/Dealer:

B. Builder's Grade Bamboo Flooring Strip Type:

- 1. Vertical Grain: Bamboo strips laminated together with edges exposed to the wear surface to form a solid bamboo plank without internal voids.
  - a. Color: [Natural] [Caramelized]
- 2. Flat Grain: Bamboo strips laminated together face up to form a 3-ply solid bamboo plank without internal voids.
  - a. Color: [Natural] [Caramelized]

C. Substitutions: None Permitted.

2.02 MATERIALS

A. Bamboo Flooring:

- 1. Species: Moso (Phyllostachys Pubescens).
- 2. Bamboo Harvest: Bamboo harvested between 5-1/2 to 6 years to ensure color clarity, hardness and stability of fiber.
- 3. Size: 3-5/8 inches (96 mm) wide by 5/8 inch (15 mm) thick by 36 inch (900 mm) length.
- 4. Edge: Tongue and groove with micro-bevel edge.
- 5. Back: Channeled and sealed with factory-finish seal coat.
- 6. Chemical Treatment: Natural borate solution and hydrogen peroxide to eliminate pests and mildew at time of manufacture. Note: Treatment is only applied to Flat Natural (FGN) and Vertical Natural (VGN) traditional bamboo.
- 7. Finish: Seven-coat, 100 percent solids, non off-gassing, water-based system with aluminum oxide including two top coats of scratch-resistant polyurethane.

B. Physical Property Performance Requirements:

- 1. Hardness: ASTM D 1037, Janka Ball: Minimum 1984 Flat Natural; 1950 Vertical Natural; 1825 Flat Caramelized; 1747 Vertical Caramelized.
- 2. Dimensional Stability: ASTM D 1037: Dimensional change coefficient: 0.0004 parallel / 0.0027 perpendicular / 0.003 thickness
- 3. Abrasion Resistance: ASTM D 4060, CS-17 Taber abrasive wheels: Final wear-through: Minimum 27,500 cycles.
- 4. Slip Resistance: ASTM D2394, Coefficient of Friction Average; Static 0.592; Sliding 0.62.

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5. Moisture Content: ASTM D 4442, Oven Dry Method: 6-8 percent average.
6. Formaldehyde Emissions: ASTM E 1333: 0.021 ppm average.
7. ASTM C 518-04: R value of 0.51.

C. Installation Adhesive: One-part moisture-cured urethane premium wood floor adhesive.

D. Nails or Staples:

1. 1-1/2 Inch (38 mm) Thick Subfloor: 2 inch (50 mm) nails or staples.
2. 3/4 Inch (19 mm) Thick Subfloor: 1-1/2 inch (38 mm) nails or staples.
3. 1 inch (25 m) Thick Plywood Subfloor over Concrete: 1-1/4 inch (32 mm) nails or staples.

## 2.03 ACCESSORIES

A. Stair Treads: 11-1/2 inches (292.1 mm) wide by 1-1/16 inches (26.98 mm) thick in both 48 inch (1219.2 mm) and 96 inch (2438.4 mm) lengths [\_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) wide by \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) thick by [\_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) long]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

B. Stair Riser: 7-1/2 inches (190.5 mm) wide by 5/8 inch (15.87 mm) thick in both 48 inch (1219.2 mm) and 96 inch (2438.4 mm) lengths [\_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) wide by \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) thick by [\_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) long]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

C. Stair Nosing: [3-1/2 inches (88.9 mm) wide by 1-1/8 inches (28.575 mm) thick] [ \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) wide by \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

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 IF TRANSITION STRIPS TO OTHER FLOORING MATERIALS ARE REQUIRED, VERIFY WHICH FLOORING INSTALLER SHOULD PROVIDE THE TRANSITIONS AND INCLUDE BELOW OR IN ANOTHER SECTION AS APPROPRIATE.  
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E. Clamshell Floor Reducer: [2-3/8 inches (60.325 mm) wide by 5/8 inch (15.875 mm) thick] [ \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) wide by \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

F. T-Mold: [2 inches (50.8 mm) wide by 15/16 inch (23.81 mm) thick] [ \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) wide]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

G. Base Shoe: [3/4 inch (19.05 mm) high by 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) thick] [ \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) wide by \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

H. Base Molding: [3-1/2 inches (88.9 mm) high by 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) thick. [ \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) wide by \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

I. Baby Threshold: [2 inches (50.8 mm) wide by 1 inch (25.4 mm) thick] [ \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) wide by \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

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- J. Architectural Molding: [2 inch (50.8mm) & 3-5/8 inch wide by 3/4 inch (19.05 mm) thick] [ \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) wide by \_\_\_\_\_ inches ( \_\_\_\_\_ mm) thick]. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

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 FLOOR VENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL STANDARD SIZES AND CUSTOM SIZES. VERIFY THAT APPROPRIATE VENTS ARE NOTED ON THE DRAWINGS .  
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- K. Floor Vent: Size and type as shown on Drawings. Match flooring grain, color, and finish.

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 INCLUDE ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES SUCH AS METAL OR WOOD FEATURE STRIPS IF USED IN THE PROJECT.  
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PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates upon which flooring will be installed.
1. Verify that subfloor is clean, dry, and free of contaminates 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 m<sup>2</sup>) 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 Record Drawings.

**Teragren strongly recommends the use of a moisture barrier underneath this product unless the subfloor can be guaranteed, in perpetuity, to 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. For best results neither humps nor depressions shall exceed 1/8 of an inch (3 mm) within a 6 foot (1830 mm) radius or 3/16 of an inch (4.7 mm) within a 10ft (3048 mm) radius.

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- C. Because bamboo is a natural fiber, variations in color naturally occur. Each box should be inspected for differences in color with color variance staggered throughout the floor.

### 3.03 INSTALLATION

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MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION GUIDELINES ARE ADEQUATE FOR NORMAL INSTALLATION CONDITIONS. UNUSUAL CONDITIONS MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THIS ARTICLE.  
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- A. Bamboo Flooring: Install in accordance with manufacturer's installation guidelines.
- B. Install flooring planks by [gluing and stapling to substrate] [gluing to substrate] [stapling to substrate] [nailing or stapling and gluing to substrate] [nailing or stapling, gluing, or nailing or stapling and gluing to substrate at Contractor's option].
- C. Lay flooring in the direction(s)/pattern(s) as shown on Drawings. Where not identified run plank length to match longest room dimension.
- D. Accessories: Install using methods appropriate to the accessory and flooring system.
- E. Accommodate thermal expansion. Install transitions, trim and base molding, as identified in manufacturer's installation guidelines and as required to accommodate site conditions.

### 3.04 CLEANING

- A. Remove all debris left from flooring installation; vacuum and leave flooring in clean, debris-free condition.

### 3.05 PROTECTION

- A. Cover installed flooring with heavy Kraft-paper or other suitable covering. Do not use non-breathable sheet or film that could cause condensation to form. Maintain covering throughout remainder of construction period.

END OF SECTION<sup>1</sup>

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