

HOW TO CHANGE A WOOD FLOORING BOARD WITH LOC SYSTEM

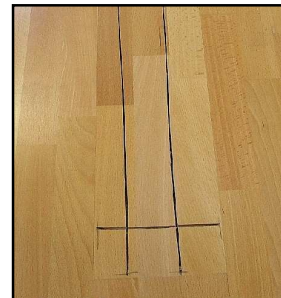
In a wood floor with loc system bigger damages requiring reparation are on first place recommended to be repaired by taking off part of the floor and changing a single board. The board change can be done by a skilled wood flooring installer with authorization of Upofloor's importer.

For a satisfying result you should be sure of the floor's characteristics like e.g. the assortment, colour tones and the suitability of the board's dimensions in comparison to the existing floor. Start the work by removing the skirtings and, when necessary, by marking the boards to be removed with adhesive. Removal of an installed floor will be started by the wall, close to the damaged area, thus you will not need to remove more single boards than necessary. Check the necessary expansion gaps by the walls after installation.

▪ *Changing a board in the middle of a floor*

When necessary you can change a single board without having to remove the whole floor. For changing a board you need hand and table circular saw, vacuum cleaner, hammer, chisel, knife, tapping block, measure, pencil, glue, suitable putty according to the wood, humid and dry cleaning cloth, suitable weights and a suction head to remove a board from its place.

1. Mark the board to be changed and draw lines to the ends of the board to make sure that you will not saw a wrong board.
2. The damaged board will be sawn in the middle on the long side, approx. 3 to 5 cm from the board's sides. Pay special attention for not damaging the boards in adjoining rows. NOTE! Lay the depth of the cutting tool so that it corresponds with the board's thickness.
3. Remove the loose part of the board in the middle.



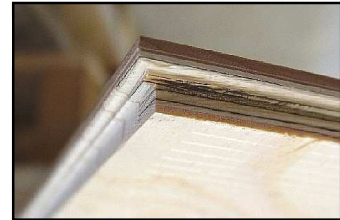
4. Open all the angles of the cutting with a chisel or a knife and remove all the long parts stuck in the adjoining boards by turning the pieces carefully. If needed, push the adjoining board with your knee.



5. Remove both ends using a chisel or a hammer.
6. Use a chisel for removing the rest of the groove from the floor.
7. Clean the tongue-and-groove and the floor base with care from loose wood material. If necessary, use adhesive to correct eventual damages in the under layer material.



8. Saw out the groove (= longer of the locking elements) in the short and long sides of the board to be installed.



9. Use lime or chisel to sand necessary space for glue to the surface to be put together.

10. Check the board's dimensions and fitting before gluing.
The best way to remove the board is to use a suction head of glass professionals.

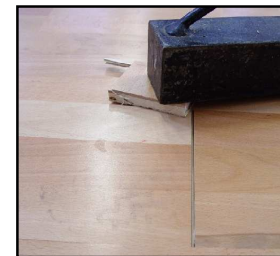


11. Put glue on three sides of the boards in the existing floor: both short ends in tongue.



12. Start with the installation of a new board by pushing and knocking carefully with a tapping block the tongue of the short side into its place. For correct steering you can use a weight on the other side.

13. Push the long-side tongue of the new board into its place.
Use a tapping block, if needed.



14. Knock the board from its sides onto its place, to the same level with the adjoining boards. Wipe the glue marks immediately with a damp cloth. Set weights on the glued sides until the glue is dried.



15. Finish with a suitable putty, if necessary.