



## Technical Newsletter #30 1.7

### Subject: Criteria for selecting fasteners (nails and staples) to install Mirage flooring

This newsletter provides the criteria for choosing the right nails and staples to install Mirage flooring as well as a few rules of thumb to ensure the installation is just right.

#### Fastener selection criteria

Product	Fastener gauge		Minimum length	Space between fasteners	Distance of fastener from the ends
	U-shaped staple	L- or T-shaped nail			
<b>Mirage Classic</b> 3/4" (19 mm)	Min: 17 ga Max: 15,5 ga	Min: 18 ga Max: 15,5 ga	1-3/4" (44 mm)	6 to 8" (150 to 200 mm)	3" (75 mm)
<b>Mirage Engineered</b> 1/2" (13 mm)	Min: 19 ga Max: 18 ga	Min: 20 ga Max: 18 ga	1-1/4" (32 mm)	4 to 6" (100 to 150 mm)	Between 2" and 3" (50 and 75 mm)
<b>Mirage TruBalance</b> 3/4" (19 mm)	Min.: 18 ga Max.: 15,5 ga	Min.: 18 ga Max.: 15,5 ga	1-1/2" (38 mm)	4 to 6" (100 à 150 mm)	Between 2" and 3" (50 and 75 mm)

#### Fasteners (nails and staples)

Make sure each fastener is placed in exactly the right spot. If it's off just a few millimeters, the surrounding wood fibers will be subjected to excessive pressure and stress.

- > Fasteners should be driven in at a 45° angle.
- > Fastener heads should be positioned in the provided slot in the board.
- > Fasteners should not be driven too deep into the tongue and should not interfere with board positioning on the next row.

#### Tool maintenance

Installation tools should be regularly inspected and maintained to avoid any damage.

- > The tools should not damage board sides or tongues.
- > Tools may need to be adjusted for proper positioning.
- > Striking force and/or air pressure may need to be adjusted for proper anchoring.

#### Notice

Install a vapor retardant if required. Please refer to our [Technical bulletin #27](#) for more information. Local building codes do prevail over any guidelines including any installation instructions supplied by the manufacturer.

Do not use a compressible acoustic underlay pad since it would create excessive noise when used with a mechanical fastener.

Installing floors with nails or staples may lead to slight shifting, causing creaking. Minor dimple effect near the fasteners is also normal. Using a fastener gauge of 18 ga could reduce this phenomenon.

MIRAGE will not accept any claims for damage caused by the use of improper or defective installation tools.

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