

# **Installation on Radiant Heating Systems**



# **System Compatibility**

Allinwood® engineered hardwood flooring is fully compatible with radiant heating systems, both hydronic (water-based) and electric. Its multi-layer construction provides outstanding dimensional stability, allowing safe installation where traditional solid wood would risk excessive movement, gapping, or warping.

### Thermal Performance and Limitations

For optimal results and longevity:

- The subfloor surface temperature must never exceed 27 °C (80 °F).
- · The temperature increase should be gradual not exceeding 2–3 °C (5 °F) per day when turning the system on or off.
- · Maintain relative humidity between 35–55 % to preserve wood balance and minimize shrinkage or checking.

## **Recommended Adhesives for Radiant Heat Installations**

Use only flexible, high-quality adhesives specifically formulated for heated substrates. We strongly recommend silanebased (MS polymer) adhesives, which remain elastic under temperature fluctuations and ensure long-term bond integrity, and are VOC-Free.

They bond well to both concrete and plywood substrates without releasing solvents.

Why silane adhesives are ideal:

- Remain elastic under heat cycles.
- Allow natural wood movement without delamination.
- No isocyanates or solvents (VOC-Free).
- Compatible with most radiant floor heating systems.

## Professional products:

- SikaBond®-T55 / T54 FC / T52 FC high-performance MS polymer adhesive designed for radiant and wood subfloors.
- Bona Quantum / Quantum T silane adhesive with hard-elastic properties, excellent for heated floors.
- UZIN MK 200 / MK 250 premium European silane polymer with low emissions (EC1 Plus, M1).
- Stauf SPU-570 / PUK 455 elastic silane adhesive designed for high-temperature environments.
- Wakol MS 260 / MS 262 highly flexible MS polymer adhesive, EC1 Plus rated.

## **Important Considerations**

Radiant heat significantly accelerates the natural aging process of any wood flooring. Over time, exposure to continuous warmth can:

- · Dry out adhesives faster, reducing elasticity and bond life.
- · Soften or dull the surface finish more quickly due to heat and low humidity.
- · Increase moisture loss, leading to minor hairline surface checks if humidity control is neglected.

#### To minimize these effects:

- · Use VOC-Free, European-certified adhesives and coatings supplied or approved by Allinwood®.
- · Allow full acclimation of flooring to room conditions before installation.
- · Run the radiant system at normal operating temperature for at least 7 days before installation to stabilize the substrate.
- · After installation, do not shock-heat the system; increase temperature gradually.

Allinwood® Engineered Hardwood is the ideal choice for radiant heating systems — combining luxury, comfort, and technical performance. With correct installation practices, flexible silane adhesive, and consistent climate control, it will provide decades of reliable, elegant service.



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