

Toolbox News

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Power Plank Flooring

LVP is short for Luxury Vinyl Plank flooring. It is by far the most popular for rentals and high end luxury homes alike. It simulates a wood look and comes in many different sizes. It's fairly easy to install as long as you prep the existing floor for perfectly level. Many installers skip this step and thus you may hear a hollow sound on some sections.

Vinyl Plank Particulars

When shopping for vinyl plank you must know your motivation. If your installing in wet areas like baths and kitchens you must make sure it is waterproof. Some are not fully waterproof. Secondly, thickness is the #1 thing that I look for to ensure a great floor. What you spend on the flooring will reflect the thickness and quality. Don't go with the cheapest as you will end up spending a lot of money prepping the floor instead of buying quality product.



Vinyl Gotta have's

Since the thickness is everything, you must pay attention to the underside of the vinyl. An absolute must is the attached padding on the back. This eliminates the need for padding on the slab floor. My favorite brands include Lifeproof by Home Depot. I know that doesn't seem so special to shop there for flooring but by far it gives a lot of bang for the buck! 7MM thick with the tremendous backing.



Pro's and Con's

With so many vinyl plank choices there are definite pros and cons. For a higher end vinyl plank consider Shaw or Armstrong at specialty flooring stores. The Depot plus's are price and thickness, the con's are that all the pieces are the same length so installing a great pattern is key. Higher end vinyl can have a variety of widths and lengths for a more interesting floor pattern. You will tradeoff price here. The nice thing about vinyl is there is almost no waste when installing.



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No Glue Needed!

The installation is great for DIY'ers or flooring specialists. First step level your floor with a cement leveler product from Depot or Lowe's There is absolutely no glue needed because the locking system with a tongue and groove style secures the floor in place. The top layer is called the plank thickness. The wear layer is sandwiched between the design layer and urethane finish layer. That determines how well the floor will hold up. If you cannot tell I do love vinyl plank!



Perfect for Bathrooms

The beauty of vinyl plank is that it is affordable, easy to install (about \$2-3 dollars per square foot) and it is very durable in the wet areas. Thus your beautiful floor can run throughout your home for a seamless look. Products have gotten so good that often you can't tell real wood from vinyl plank.

Where do I start?

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Dawn's Corner

My work ethic and belief in my team of guys/gals is what really fires me up. I love the united States of America the love of my family and the magnificent opportunities that we all have if we can 'see' them. I believe people are generally good and kind and that if given the chance they will always choose greatness.



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