LP LEGACY® PREMIUM SUB-FLOORING
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

DESCRIPTION
- Single-layer sub-flooring designed for residential and commercial construction, including manufactured and modular home applications.
- Features a self-spacing tongue and groove system that is specially engineered to fit together with ease.
- Features panel end RainChannel® notches that allow trapped water to drain from floor joists.

BASIC USES
- When fastened over appropriate framing, panels provide a structural floor deck that serves as a suitable surface for additional framing or underlayment. When properly installed, panels will provide a surface that is appropriate for the direct application of carpet over pad, and of thick wood strip or parquet flooring. Some wood flooring manufacturers may require additional underlayment. Consult manufacturer’s installation instructions for details.
- Panels may be used in combination with an underlayment approved by the manufacturer to provide a surface that is suitable for the installation of resilient tile, sheet vinyl, or other finish flooring materials. Refer to flooring manufacturer’s guidelines for specific information related to the use of adhesives and proper installation details.

LIMITATIONS
- Not designed for unprotected exterior use. Exposure to reasonable precipitation during normal construction delays will not damage the panels. ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY DURING EXTENDED EXPOSURE OR ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.
- Do not install directly over concrete or masonry.

STORAGE AND HANDLING
- Store panels in clean, dry areas and off of the ground. If possible, store indoors.
- If stored outside, cover panels with plastic sheets or tarps. Keep cover open and away from the sides and bottom of the panels to allow for air circulation.
- Protect edges to avoid damage to the tongue and groove profile.
- Space units at least 4” on all four sides.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN
- Before installation, allow panels to acclimate to existing job site moisture conditions.
- Be sure to allow wet wood framing to dry before sub-flooring installation.
- Refer to the following LP Legacy® sub-flooring installation instructions or the current APA Engineered Wood Construction Guide (Form E30). To obtain installation information from the APA, call (253) 565-6600 or visit www.apawood.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION
- Easy to handle, cut and nail. Can be routed and drilled with standard woodworking tools.
- Fasten with conventional nailing and gluing techniques.
- Code-approved screws may be used. Refer to screw manufacturer’s installation instructions for sub-floor applications.
- Install panels directly over floor joists. Support joists may be I-joists, structural composite lumber (LSL or LVL), conventional solid sawn lumber, light gauge steel, or manufactured trusses made of either wood or metal chords. LP I-Joists are recommended; they are available in depths of 9-1/2” to 24” with lengths up to 48’.
- Install panels continuously over two or more spans with long dimension or strength axis across supports.
- Panels must be installed with APA® trademark stamp facing down.
- Provide adequate ventilation and use ground cover vapor retarder in crawl spaces.

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FLOOR CONSTRUCTION

1/8˝ spacing is required at all end and side joints

Self-spacing tongue and groove (1/16˝ gap)

Spread glue in groove of one or two panels at a time before laying. Apply a continuous line of glue but avoid squeeze-out by applying a thinner line (1/8˝) than on joists. Lay first panel with tongue side to rim band and align edge with snapped chalk line. Initially nail into place to prevent movement.

Stagger end joints in each succeeding row. A 1/8˝ space between all end joints is recommended. Use a spacer tool to assure accurate and consistent spacing.

On each successive row, slide panels into place. If necessary, tap panels into place using a block to protect groove edges. Do not force panels together or overdrive; the tongue and groove profile is self-spacing, allowing for just over 1/16˝ gap along the panel edges. The tip of the tongue should touch the back of the groove, but not be overdriven.

Complete all nailing of each panel before glue sets (See Fastening Schedule). Check the manufacturer’s recommendations for allowable time. Keep in mind that warm weather accelerates glue setting.

Use 6d ring- or screw-shank nails or 8d common nails for panels 3/4˝ thick or less and 8d ring- or screw-shank nails or 10d common nails for thicker panels.

Drive nails 3/8˝ from panel edges and space nails according to the Fastening Schedule. Closer nail spacing may be required by code or for diaphragm construction.

Finished deck may be walked on and will carry construction loads without damage to glue bond.

Note: Provide adequate ventilation and use ground cover vapor retarder in crawl space. Panels must be dry before applying finish flooring.

Note: For buildings with wood or steel framed walls provide 3/4˝ expansion joints with separate floor framing members and discontinuous wall plates over the joists, at intervals that limit continuous floor areas to 80 feet maximum in length or width, to allow for accumulated expansion during construction in wet weather conditions.

RECOMMENDED GLUE-NAIL APPLICATION

• Use of the APA® Glued Floor System is highly recommended. It ensures greater floor stiffness and helps reduce nail popping and floor noise. Refer to the most current APA Engineered Wood Construction Guide (Form E30).

• Snap a chalk line across length of floor 4´ in from rim band for panel edge alignment and as a boundary for spreading glue.

• Wipe any mud, dirt or water from joists before gluing.

• Spread only enough glue to lay one or two panels at a time, or follow specific recommendations of the glue manufacturer.

• Apply a continuous line of glue, about 1/4˝ diameter, to framing members. Apply glue in a serpentine pattern on wide areas.

• Apply two lines of glue on joists where panel ends butt to ensure proper gluing of each end. CAUTION: Excessive use of glue may interfere with drain notches.

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### LP Legacy® Sub-Flooring Fastening Schedule\(^{(a)}\) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)

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(a) Code approved screws may be used. Refer to screw manufacturer's installation instructions for sub-floor applications.

(b) Special conditions may impose heavy traffic and concentrated loads that require construction in excess of the minimums shown. See APA Engineered Wood Construction Guide for heavy duty floor recommendations.

(c) Increased fastening schedules may be required where floor is engineered as a diaphragm.

(d) Use only adhesives conforming to ASTM D3498 or APA Specification AFG-01, applied in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

(e) Performance category is linked to the nominal panel thickness designations used in the International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC).

(f) 8d common nails may be substituted if ring- or screw-shank nails are not available.

(g) 10d common nails may be substituted with Performance Category 1-1/8 panels if supports are well seasoned.

(h) Maximum nail spacing at intermediate supports may be increased to 12” for floor joists or trusses spaced 32” oc or less.

### LP Legacy Sub-Flooring Over Metal Framing

- For metal framing application, fasten panels with hardened screw-shank nails or with self-drilling, self-tapping screws plus adhesive. Consult metal framing manufacturer for recommended fasteners and adhesive products.

- Fasten the panel to the metal framing system following the fastening schedule required for wood framing applications.

### Lightweight Concrete Over LP Legacy Sub-Flooring

- For gypsum concrete recommendations, contact manufacturer of floor topping.

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**WARNING:** Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/wood.

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