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Secret nailing

Welcome to the art of secret nailing. This is a simple method of floor fixing, with very little fuss or mess and well within the grasp of most DIY enthusiasts.

This method is one of the most common fixings available for fastening solid wooden floors securely to a baton, plywood or joist subfloor. This system utilises a 38 or 50mm L or T nail, which is fired through the boards tongue into the subfloor, (dia, a) which makes for a secure and stable fixture. We here at Mick Jones Timber recommend that this method is used on boards with a surface width of no more than 160mm, as this reduces the risk of cupping to the boards, should they possibly becoming exposed to low levels of moisture.

METHOD.....Once direction of lay has been established you will find it necessary to screw the first row down as this gives you a firm fixing to work against. Remember a 12/15mm expansion gap needs to be left all around the outskirts. Then you can then begin secret nailing of the floor. Place your next row in place by lightly tapping the tongue and grooves together with a non marring mallet. Your now ready for nailing, placing the nail gun in position on the end of the board, (as shown in dia, b) strike the plunger repeatedly until it springs out again, (this is normally 2 / 3 strikes), the first action locks the boards tight, whilst the second drives in the nail. Repeat this action again about every 400mm, until you get to the end of the run, then restart the process with the next run, remembering to stagger the joints in the boards as you go until you reach the end of the project. This method offers a simple, fast and precise action, whilst providing a ergonomic stand up working position while fixing takes place. For more information on nail fixing, purchase or hire of nail guns, please contact staff at Mick Jones Timber Ltd...

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