



T&G PORCH FLOORING INSTALLATION TIPS

A period of acclimation should be given to both the porch framing components and the T&G porch flooring. Upon completion of the porch framing, it is common for builders to allow 1-2 weeks for the framing materials to reach equilibrium moisture content (ECM) with exterior conditions, prior to flooring installation. This practice will reduce potential problems of buckling or separation of the flooring if installed on the framing too soon.

It is recommended that all tongue-and-groove exterior porch flooring installations be in a covered environment and be installed with a slight pitch to allow for proper drainage. Please refer to your local building code for specifics on pitch requirements. If the material needs to be finished on all six sides for water repellency, it should be done before the application to prevent moisture from collecting on the underside of the project. Tongue-and-groove products do not allow for spacing for ventilation and drainage as S4S deck boards do, which is why only covered installations are recommended. Fastening should be done with stainless steel fasteners only.

Attention to proper porch design is as important to the longevity of the structure as are the details of the T&G porch flooring specification and installation. Inadequate air circulation beneath the porch and trapped moisture between framing components will greatly reduce the serviceability and long-term performance of the porch.