



*Custom Handcrafted European  
Hardwood Floors  
&  
Supplies*

*Collections Specification Guide*

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*Vintage French Oak Hardwood Flooring Collections*  
*Golden Acacia Collections*  
*Custom Handcrafted Wood Floors*

*Company Overview*  
*Our Mission Statement*

*As a manufacturer and direct importer of the finest European hardwood flooring, Signature Innovations is dedicated to providing you with the utmost in quality and selection through our exquisite and exceptional variety of rare European species.*

*It is our demand for using only the finest of woods with constant attention and care for the environment coupled with the art and tradition of highly skilled European craftsmen that set our company and products apart.*

*It is through our passion for perfection and ongoing product innovation that we continue to maintain our reputation for satisfying even the most discriminating of clientele.*

*As we strive to provide you with only the best in quality, you and your clients can be assured that the beauty that is today will remain and endure for tomorrow.*

*Our aspirations have been accomplished in being able to provide high quality European hardwood flooring and impeccable service to clients who can appreciate the timeless beauty of their floors.*

*The passion and dedication poured into the design can easily be seen in each and every piece of our exquisite hardwood floors.*



### *French Oak Lumber*

Our French Oak – not to be confused with Domestic Red or White Oak comes from responsibly managed forests in France and Eastern Europe. The boards are produced from mixed straight sawn, rift and quarter-sawn lumber. The lumber is first naturally air aged outside for a period of 3 to 5 years, than slow kiln dried for 4 to 6 weeks for added stability. No chemicals or stains are used in this process.

Next, the lumber is selected for character marks that include closed and open knots, natural splits and color variations. Our floors are manufactured from Character lumber, named by our company as “Vintage” grade.

Our Vintage French Oak wide plank flooring has the blend of old-world character and country elegance, making it the connoisseur’s choice for flooring. It conveys a bit of timeworn sophistication that will give an old world European flair and a French decor feel to your home.

An integral part of the French Country design is a French Oak floor, boasting an effortless grace to all who view it. The hallmark of the French Provence style may be best described as graceful with a country patina.

French Country decorating often incorporates the relaxed warmth and comfort of the American country decor, and places a touch of elegance into the mix. It is a style that features both taste and character.

French Oak is a great favourite chosen for its durability, beauty, and practicality. It is the oldest and most versatile flooring material; much prized for its beautiful warm colour, fine, uniform texture, and tight, straight grain.

These well-known qualities are ideal for new developments, commercial/retail units, and private residences.

French Oak flooring is a natural product. Each tree, each board, is unique. It has its own individual character, which is after all, the attraction of real wood, and therefore, will never date.

Over the years French Oak floor will mature and the colour will deepen, increasing richness and depth.

We are sure you will find our products will help to compliment and enhance the character and warmth of your home.

#### **Benefits of Vintage French Oak flooring:**

- Warm to the touch
- Hardwearing and long-lasting
- Hygienic – Prevents dust allergies
- Easy to clean and maintain

- Timeless – Improves with age and due to a natural character marks hides accidental dents and scratches
- Versatile (stain, oil, wax, polyurethane or water-based lacquer finishes can be applied).

French Oak flooring is a stunning feature in any room and will increase the value of your property providing you and your family with lasting pleasure.

You will have the look and feel of a genuine hardwood floor affordably priced, without the maintenance issue associated with most new aged wood floors.

**Some of our customers have expressed concerns about sustainability. There is no such thing as a 200-year-old sustained forest in Australia today, while in the Old World ...for your delight, here is the story...**

...In the year of our Lord 1291, in a time when talking about Terra Australis would have taken you straight away to the hearty bonfires of the inquisition, the French King “Philippe le Bel” created the “Administration des Eaux et Forêts” (Administration of Waters and Forests), an institution that survived every hardship of the French history until 1966, when it was replaced by the ONF (National Forestry Office).

Although the first French forestry code was written in 1346, modern day management really started under Louis the 14<sup>th</sup>, Prime Minister, Mousier Jean Baptiste Colbert who, between 1661 and 1669 restructured all royal domain forests. The jewel in the crown was, and still is the “Tronçais” forest. This certainly is the finest oak forest in Europe.

Of course in the 17th century sustainability was not such a popular topic. However, readily available timber for the purpose of building warships was of more importance. Unlike UK tapping freely into Tasmanian Huon pines for towering masts, France had to rely on local supply, therefore planning and management was the way to go. Some awesome fellows, well over 200 years old are here to remind us the job was well done, the older ones planted circa 1580/1630.

Nowadays 50% of commercial French Oak comes from ONF managed national or local communities forests, a mere 12 million hectares out of the 17 million hectares of forests representing 30% of the French territory, are still expanding. Our main supplier operates under a PEFC agreement; the European equivalent of the FSC. They are based in Burgundy, where French Oak barrels are no strangers to the reputation of the local wines.

As far as French Oak flooring is concerned, the point we want to make is that our flooring, be it narrow or wide boards, comes from trees up to 200 years old, and this is a sustainable supply. 200 years ago there were people out there making sure these trees would not be the last...



*Vintage French Oak Flooring Collections*  
*&*  
*Golden Acacia Flooring Collections*

**OVERVIEW:**

Our French Oak floorboards are designed to emulate a Vintage French Oak floor. Open and closed knotholes, natural cracks, natural splits, and dings, all are part of the character of these boards. It is the installer's responsibility to select and cut the boards prior to installation. If any boards are deemed un-suitable, these should be installed in less conspicuous areas.

Our Golden Acacia flooring is available in Natural and character Rustique grades. The Natural grade is designed to emulate the elegant "natural" character of the wood floor, where as the Rustique grade wood planks are filed with open and closed knotholes, natural cracks, and natural splits, all of which are full of the true Old World persona. If any boards are deemed un-suitable, these should be installed in less conspicuous area.

All of our flooring planks are precision milled with a tolerance in the edges of plus or minus 3/32". There might be small gaps between the boards when installed of up to approximately 3/16". If a tighter joint is desired the boards can be cut shorter at the job site.

The open and cracked knotholes and large splits can be filled if desired at job site by the experienced Installer, using a quality wood filler or wood floor cement, which should be mixed with a pigment or stain to match the color of the floor.

Our French Oak and Golden Acacia wide plank floorboards must be installed using the glue and nail method. They may also be glued directly to the sub floor (assuming it is flat, leveled clean and dry) using our exclusive, German made, environmentally friendly, polyurethane adhesive Uzin® MK-97. The installer should closely follow manufacturer instructions for correct application. A bead of glue should be also used at the butt joints for added stability. For more information, please refer to our Installation Manual and Limited Lifetime Warranty & Quality Assurance policies.

If our Vintage French Oak or Golden Acacia flooring is ordered unfinished, the Flooring Installer will be responsible for staining and finishing the floor.

If our Vintage French Oak or Golden Acacia flooring has been ordered waxed, the Flooring Installer will be responsible only for installation, protection of the floor and application of an optional final coat of wax.



### *The Vintage French Oak Collections:*

*Take a step back in time with our Vintage French Oak Collections.*

*Inspired by French Chateau's, Italian Villas and English Manors, the Vintage French Oak Collection includes naturally aged and distressed French Oak flooring that looks and feels naturally worn presenting an authentic antique Old World appearance.*

*Our Vintage French Oak is available unfinished only in our Estate Collection, and unfinished or waxed in Villa, Tuscany and Victorian Collections.*

*The Vintage French Oak flooring is available in the following widths and lengths:*

*3-1/4-inch width, random lengths 1 ft. to 8 ft. planks*

*5-inch width, random lengths 1 ft. to 8 ft. planks*

*5-inch width, 8 ft. or 10 ft. long planks*

*6-3/4-inch width (17 cm), random lengths 1 ft. to 8 ft.*

*6-3/4-inch width, 8 ft. or 10 ft. long planks*

#### ***Vintage French Oak Herringbone***

*6-3/4-inch x 28.5-inch Vintage French Oak Herringbone pattern (left & right planks) are available upon request via Special Order only.*

### *The Golden Acacia Collections:*

*The Golden Acacia represents a very rare and exclusive European specie.*

*Since biblical times, the Acacia Tree has been a symbol of stability and resilience. The wood of the tree was used to build the Ark of the Covenant. This luscious wood rich in color is perfect for the most discriminating of tastes. As the light of day changes so does the appearance of color in this breathtaking wood.*

*Our Golden Acacia Collection glistens with elegance and grandeur. This stylish flooring will present an atmosphere of progressive ambiance to distinguish your refined living space with quintessential sophistication.*

*Our Golden Acacia is available in Natural or Rustique grades, unfinished in Estate Collection, or unfinished and waxed in Villa, Tuscany, and Victorian Collections.*

*The Golden Acacia flooring is available in the following widths and lengths:*

*3-inch width, Natural Grade, random lengths 1 ft. to 6 ft.*

*3-inch width, Rustique Grade, random lengths 1 ft. to 6 ft.*

*5-inch width, Natural Grade, random lengths 1 ft. to 6 ft.*

*5-inch width, Rustique Grade, random lengths 1 ft. to 6 ft.*

***All of our Wood Flooring Collections are also available upon request in domestic species e.g. Red & White Oak, Walnut, Hickory, Maple and Cherry. Please contact us for special pricing.***

# Estate *Collection*

An **Estate** comprises the houses and outbuildings as well as supporting farmland and woods that surround the gardens and grounds of a very large property. Quite like a country house or a mansion, typically built for the wealthy. In Europe, the word "Estate" may often refer to all other cottages and villages in the same ownership as the mansion itself. An example of such an estate is Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire, England. Our inspiration of **Estate Collection** flooring comes from English estate mansions where wood floors are flat, straight and beautiful. Each wide plank is laid flush with the next, allowing easy cleaning and maintenance.

*The Vintage French Oak Estate Collection is available unfinished only.*

*After the installation is completed, the entire floor must be sanded before any stain or finish is applied.*

### **Recommended on site finishes for Vintage French Oak Estate Collection:**

- three (3) coats of Dura-Sea® Oil & Wax, which requires a minimum once a year maintenance program
- two(2) coats of Osmo® Polyx-Oil Hardwax, which requires a minimum once every 3-year maintenance program
- three (3) coats of Pallmann® Pall Oil 2K, commercial oil & wax combination, which requires a minimum once every 3-year maintenance program.
- three (3) coats of polyurethane finish
- one (1) coat of Pallmann® PallX 340 Water-based primer and two (2) coats for Pallmann® PallX-96 Water-based commercial finish
- three (3) coats of acid cured finish e.g. Synteco®

### **Recommended on site finishes for Golden Acacia Estate Collection:**

- three (4) coats of Dura-Seal® Oil & Wax, which requires a minimum once a year maintenance program
- two(3) coats of Osmo® Polyx-Oil Hardwax, which requires a minimum once every 3-year maintenance program
- three (3) coats of polyurethane finish
- three (3) coats of acid cured finish e.g. Synteco®
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**Please note: NO WATER BASED SEALERS OR FINISHES SHOULD BE USED ON GOLDEN ACACIA FLOORING. IT MAY CAUSE A CHANGE IN NATURAL COLOR & DAMAGE THE FLOOR.**

*All applications listed above are valid for Residential use only.*

*The installation and finishing must only be performed by an authorized professional Flooring Installer.*

# Villa *Collection*

*In old Rome, the Villas represented the rich farmer's homes surrounded by acres of beautiful gardens. The Villa style homes were also popular in many Italian cities. The city Villas were called Villa Urbana and the farmer's Villas were called Villa Rustica.*

*Our inspiration of **Villa Collection** flooring comes from Villa Rustica, - the original Italian farmer's home. The wide plank flooring has a 2-sided small handcrafted bevel, giving an illusion of flooring being assembled from many single long planks.*

*The **Vintage French Oak Villa Collection** is available unfinished or waxed in four colors:  
**Antique, Bronze, Bordeaux and Chocolate.***

*The **Golden Acacia Villa Collection** is available unfinished or waxed.*

*Full board Hand-Scraping is available upon request.*

*Hand Distressing is available upon request.*

*Custom Colors are also available.*

*Our waxed floors are available sealed with the one of the following wax sealers*

- *two (2) coats of Dura-Seal® Oil & Wax - will require a minimum once a year maintenance program*
- *two(2) coats of Osmo® Polyx-Oil Hardwax, which requires a minimum once every 3-year maintenance program*

*All applications listed above are valid for Residential use only.*

*An authorized Flooring Installer should provide the final, third application of chosen sealer once the flooring installation is completed.*

# Tuscany *Collection*

*The gorgeous appearance of Tuscany hills filled with endless wineries and olive gardens is the primary inspiration for our **Tuscany Collection**. Our **Tuscany Collection** is influenced by the Renaissance era where beautiful estates had their walls dressed with oil paintings by famous Italian and French artists who created rich colours, and captured elegance for centuries. Our wide plank flooring is enhanced with bold and curvy hand crafted, four-sided bevel. The natural splits, open knots, and color variations enhance the rich and bold appearance. This exclusive collection is quite unique and adds to the distinguished look of this spectacular hardwood flooring.*

*The **Vintage French Oak Tuscany Collection** is available unfinished or waxed in four colors:  
**Antique, Bronze, Bordeaux and Chocolate.***

*The **Golden Acacia Tuscany Collection** is available unfinished or waxed.*

*Full board Hand-Scraping is available upon request.*

*Hand Distressing is available upon request.*

*Custom Colors are also available.*

*Our waxed floors are available sealed with the one of the following wax sealers*

- *two (2) coats of Dura-Seal® Oil & Wax - will require a minimum once a year maintenance program*
- *two(2) coats of Osmo® Polyx-Oil Hardwax, which requires a minimum once every 3-year maintenance program*

*All applications listed above are valid for Residential use only.*

*An authorized Flooring Installer should provide the final, third application of chosen sealer once the flooring installation is completed.*



The logo features the word "Victorian" in a large, elegant, cursive script font. Below it, the word "COLLECTION" is written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.

**Victorian**  
COLLECTION

*The Victorian era is known for its eclectic revival of historic styles of furniture, fittings, and Interior decoration. In the late Victorian period, the Arts and Crafts movement, the aesthetic movement, and Art Nouveau styles were born. This is the name given to the time of when Queen Victoria ruled Britain. Many Victorian style buildings, rich in detailed ornaments, were houses. There is a large population of these houses in San Francisco. Rich dark colors such as ruby reds and earth browns dominated in furniture and home décor through this historic era...*

*Our Victorian Collection represents the true Old World hand-scraped flooring. This flooring is customized and handcrafted to perfection by our Master Craftsmen, using only hand tools, secret dyes and stain recipes. Each floorboard can be oiled and hand waxed before installation. The final result will surpass your expectations.*

*The Victorian Collection includes full board hand scrape, handcrafted four-sided bevel, carved open knots and carved natural splits, hand distressing.*

*The **Vintage French Oak Victorian Collection** is available unfinished or waxed in four colors: **Antique, Bronze, Bordeaux and Chocolate.***

*The **Golden Acacia Victorian Collection** is available unfinished or waxed.*

*Custom Colors are also available.*

*Our waxed floors are available sealed with the one of the following wax sealers*

- *two (2) coats of Dura-Seal® Oil & Wax - will require a minimum once a year maintenance program*
- *two(2) coats of Osmo® Polyx-Oil Hardwax, which requires a minimum once every 3-year maintenance program*

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## *Additional Options & Supplies*

### ***Vintage French Oak Long Length Flooring Planks***

*5-inch and 6-3/4-inch wide Vintage French Oak flooring is also available in 8 and 10 feet long planks.*

### ***Vintage French Oak Herringbone***

*6-3/4-inch x 28.5-inch Vintage French Oak Herringbone pattern (left & right planks) are available via Special Order only.*

### ***Stair Nosings***

*3-1/2" French Oak Stair Nosing, Random Length  
Available unfinished or waxed*

*3-1/2 Golden Acacia Stair Nosing, Random Length  
Available unfinished or waxed*

*Custom moldings and stair treads are available upon request. Please contact us for special pricing.*

### ***Wood Floor Registers***

*French Oak Trimline Wood Floor Register, Flush Mount with Metal Damper  
4" x 10" unfinished or waxed  
4" x 12" unfinished or waxed*

*Custom sizes are available upon request. Please contact us for special pricing.*

*Golden Acacia Trimline Wood Floor Register, Flush Mount with Metal Damper  
4" x 10" unfinished or waxed  
4" x 12" unfinished or waxed*

*Custom sizes are available upon request. Please contact us for special pricing.*

### ***Professional Wood Flooring Adhesives***

#### ***Uzin® MK-97***

*Uzin MK-97, Environmentally friendly, water & solvent free, 1-Component, moisture-cured, highly flexible polyurethane adhesive, 13 kg (28.5 lbs) 3.2 gallon bucket, coverage: 160 sq. ft.*

#### ***Uzin® MK-92S***

*Uzin MK-92 S, water & solvent free, 2-component, fast drying polyurethane adhesive, 10 kg (22 lbs) 2.8 gallon bucket, coverage 120 sq. ft.*

#### ***Adhesive trowels***

*21 cm Base Spatula*

*B-11 - 1/4" V-shape carbonized steel trowel insert: \$7 ea.*

#### ***Adhesive Clean Box***

*Uzin Wood Flooring Adhesive Remover, 72 pre-moistured towels box.*

## ***Professional Wood Flooring Sound Control Underlayment***

### ***FlexiKork®***

*FlexiKork® is a flat, resilient underlayment that is used directly under a variety of floor finishes, yielding exceptional results even under hard surface flooring and over concrete and wood joist construction. Made from resilient 100% recycled rubber and cork, FlexiKork® is compatible under most types of grouted and non-grouted flooring installations including solid and engineered hardwood, laminates, ceramic tile, stone, brick, vinyl and carpet. FlexiKork® has proven performance ratings with many types of popular surfaces, and therefore it has been a preferred choice of architects, builders, developers and flooring companies.*

***FlexiKork® is available in 3mm and 6 mm thickness.***

*3mm FlexiKork® available in 100 and 300 sq. ft. rolls*

*6mm FlexiKork® available in 120 sq. ft. rolls*

## ***Professional Wood Flooring Finishes & Supplies***

### ***Pallmann® Pall Oil 2K Commercial Wax***

*Pallman® Pall Oil 2K, 2-in-1 Oil + Wax Combination for Heavy Traffic Commercial Floor finish, Satin Available in 0.9 liter container + 0.1 liter hardener, coverage 1,000 sq. ft.*

### ***Pallmann® Pall Oil Care***

*Care product for initial maintenance and cleaning of wood flooring impregnated with Pall-Oil 2K Commercial Wax, concentrate, available in 0.2 gallon bottle.*

### ***OSMO® Polyx-Oil Hardwax***

*OSMO® Hardwax is a clear, satin matte floor finish rich in natural oils & waxes, as durable as polyurethane. Our favorite finish for all wood floors. Available in 0.75-liter container, coverage 500 sq. ft.*

### ***OSMO® Wash & Care***

*Care product for initial maintenance and cleaning of wood flooring impregnated with OSMO® Polyx-Oil Hardwax, concentrate, available in 0.2 gallon bottle.*

### ***OSMO® Liquid Wax Cleaner***

*Maintains and refreshes finish on wood floors finished with OSMO® Polyx-Oil Hardwax, available in 1 liter can, coverage 1,000 sq. ft.*

### ***Pallmann® Pall X 325 Water-based Sealer***

*Pallman® Pall X 325 Environmentally friendly, Water-based, Color Unifier Hardwood Floor Sealer to be used with PallX 96 finish only. 1.5-gallon container, coverage 700 sq. ft.*

### ***Pallmann® Pall X 340 Water-based Sealer***

*Pallman® Pall X 325 Environmentally friendly, Water-based, Color & Grain Intensifier Hardwood Floor Sealer to be used with PallX 96 finish only. 1.5-gallon container, coverage 700 sq. ft.*

### ***Pallmann® Pall X 96 Water-based Finish***

*Pallman® Pall X 325 Environmentally friendly, Water-based Hardwood Floor Finish. Available in Semi-Gloss (Satin) or Matte. 1.5-gallon container, coverage 700 sq. ft.*

*Additional Care Products and Care Products Recommendations Are Available Upon Request.*



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