

Alternative Solution for E3/AS1 Amendment 7

Marchand's Engineered Oak flooring's "Luxury European Oak Collection" when installed following our pre-finished engineered flooring installation guide and along with the following requirements will comply as an alternative solution in kitchens and laundries where there are sanitary fixtures and sanitary appliances. Marchand Engineered Oak Flooring is not recommended for installation in bathrooms. Installation in these areas will void the warranty.

The amendment states: "other floor finishes may also be capable of satisfying the performance for impervious and easily cleaned, if installed in a manner that prevents gaps or cracks within the finish and at any parts of its perimeter that are exposed to water splash, and/or if the surface is sealed with a suitable durable coating."

The following aspects support Marchand's Compliance:

- All flooring is pre-finished with a 9 coat UV Matt lacquer system. The 9 coat system uses 7 base coats and 2 top coats which repeals waters. All coatings are factory applied during production.
- Waterproof flexible sealant is to be applied to the perimeter where the flooring that meets the cabinetry or skirting if within 1.5m of all sanitary fixtures and sanitary appliances. This prevents water splashes penetrating the surface.
- All flooring should be installed by direct fixing with an elastic flooring adhesive (e.g. BONA R848T)
- Our floorings tongue and groove system and superior 20mm thickness which includes 6mm of solid oak and 14mm of plywood made from Eucalyptus and Black Poplar.
- Our engineered timber flooring is easily cleaned using a vacuum and a damp mop which is comparable to those required for other floor finishes that are still classified as an Acceptable Solution e.g., vinyl.

