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NAILING QUICK GUIDE

Fastening Best Practices for Brazilian Hardwoods

Brazilian hardwoods are beautiful and dense—requiring special attention during installation to avoid damage and ensure longevity. Due to Brazilian hardwoods extreme density, improper fastening can lead to surface dimpling, tongue fracture, and costly callbacks.
USE THIS GUIDE TO GET IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME.

DO THIS

- Use 18-gauge cleats only (no thicker fasteners)
- Set air compressor to 70–80 PSI (test before installing)
- Install under good lighting to spot issues early
- Adjust nailer angle using duct tape or a wider footplate
- Use a slip tongue for reversing board direction (glue + nail it in place)

AVOID THIS

- Do NOT use staples--staples often crack tongues and increase surface damage (i.e. dimpling). Use of staples may void warranty.
- Never mix staples and cleats (inconsistent hold = movement)
- Avoid warped/twisted boards or mallet strikes on edges
- Don't ignore fastener alignment or air pressure issues

SOS IF DIMPLING OCCURS

- Pre-drill with 3/32" bit
- Hand-nail using 6d steel finish nails)

NOT A DEFECT: WARRANTY REMINDER

Surface dimples and tongue fractures are not product defects. These are results of installation technique. Following these guidelines protects your product warranty. Claims related to surface dimples and tongue cracking from incorrect nailing methods will not be covered under warranty.

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