

Notice regarding Colour Variation on Style Strand Woven Bamboo

Natural Colour Variation of Strand Woven Bamboo:

Style's premium strand woven bamboo flooring is a natural product derived directly from the culm (or stem) of the plant. The Moso species of bamboo used grows in sustainable and regulated plantations in the mountainous regions of China which experience extreme seasonal temperature variations. Bamboo grows rapidly in spring and summer, but mainly lies dormant during the colder autumn and winter months. Bamboo harvested in summer is high in moisture resulting in a dark internal colour. Bamboo harvested in winter contains less moisture so internally the colour is lighter. This variation in colour reflects the character and individuality of this stunning natural resource.

Natural Collection

The contemporary blond colour of our Natural colour represents the natural colour of the bamboo itself. The rich brown through-colour in our Coffee and Cappuccino colours is achieved through a sophisticated carbonisation process. The bamboo strands are steamed which causes the natural plant sugars to caramelize resulting in a darker colour. Each board produced by this process is therefore unique. The innate colour variation of bamboo produces a character and individuality unmatched by man-made floors.

Colour Collections (Designer, Elements, Antiquity, Exotic, Oak)

Our range of innovative and beautifully toned stains are created by the topical application of water based pigments to the surface of natural and carbonised strand woven boards using our StyleGuard™ technology to ensure a flawless finish with excellent adhesion to the substrate and superior scratch and stain resistance. The natural variances in colour of the bamboo will also be evident in a subtler manner across our colour ranges, as tones of the original substrate will impact on the finished colour.

Installation Solutions - How to Blend your Floor

A beautiful bamboo floor consists of natural colour variation across each individual floorboard. The installation method is key in ensuring that light, medium and dark boards are installed randomly across the whole floor to leave you with a natural and varied colour.

The best way to achieve this is to work from several opened cartons at one time (4 or 5 is best) and grade them according to light, medium or dark. You then select from the various tones and lay in a random manner across all of the tones. Take care not to lay one dark board in the

middle of light boards as this will stand out. You should also make sure that “fading” from one extreme to the other does not occur. Several lights should be positioned next to several darks and then several mediums and then several lights etc while ensuring a discernible pattern does not occur. We would strongly recommend that you “dry lay” a section of the floor to ensure you have blended the boards to your liking.”

Of course, the actual blending process is a matter of taste and will be up to the actual installer to ensure it is according to the owner’s own preferences.

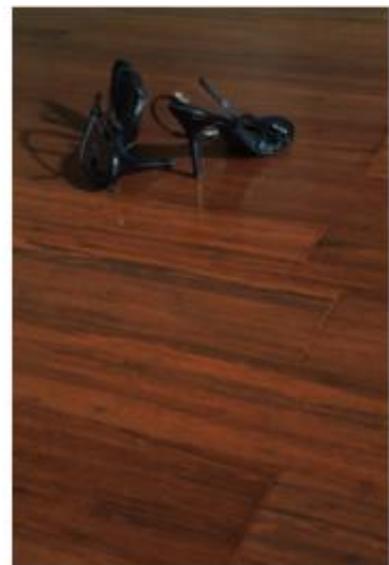
Examples of well-blended floors:



Natural Colour



Coffee Colour



Autumn Colour

Colour Variation Standards

Colour Variation Boards

In order to provide our customers with consistent colour across their chosen product range, we have created Style Colour Variation boards which demonstrate the acceptable range of colour across the Natural Collection (Natural, Coffee, Cappuccino and Antique). These boards are used by our QC teams at our manufacturing facilities to ensure that our product falls within our accepted colour range. We guarantee that all of our products will fall within this given range.



Antique



Cappuccino



Coffee



Natural

Packaging

In addition, while such colour variations are an inherent part of the product, we will be sorting our boards into light and dark categories to assist our customers to blend the boards during installation. Lighter boards will be packaged separately from darker boards and cartons will be clearly marked with an 'L' or 'D' on the end label to signify the contents. Please note that this will not result in colour matching of the boards as there will still be colour variations within the 'L' or 'D' range, and the boards will still need to be blended during installation for best results.



Lighter range boards – marked with 'L'



Darker range boards – marked with 'D'

All cartons will also be marked with the following statement to alert end users/installers of this colour variation:

“Product is subject to natural colour variation. For further information please visit www.stylelimited.com”

Website

Further information can be found on colour variation under the “Technical” section of our website. This section will be continuously updated with further information and tips on how to make the most of the natural colour variations of our Style flooring