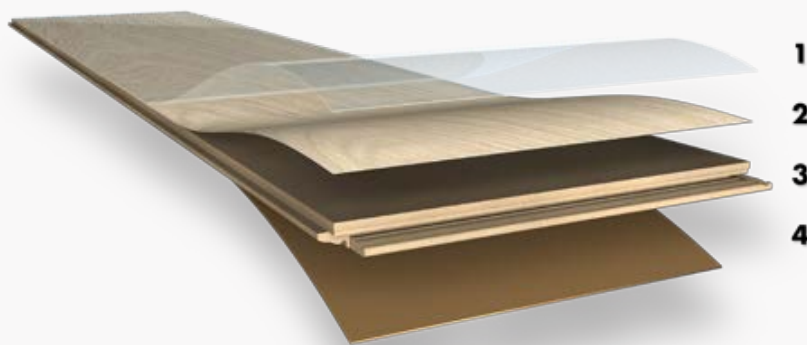




A laminate floor is a layered floor built around a watertight, glued High Density Fibre (HDF) board. All Quick-Step laminate floors consist of four different layers:



1. A TRANSPARENT, WEAR-RESISTANT OVERLAY

This top layer makes your Quick-Step floor resistant to stains, wear, impact, scratches, burns and household chemicals. It consists of several melamine layers that are pressed onto the HDF core board in a press, under high pressure and temperature. The surface layer is finished with a wood or tile texture/structure that is called 'registered-embossed'. This means that this surface structure is perfectly in harmony with the design.

2. A DESIGN LAYER

This is the layer that defines the actual look of your floor. The design layer is a very high resolution photo of real wood or tiles that is reproduced with highly sophisticated printing techniques and finished with melamine resin. The combination of perfect design and surface structure makes the wood or tile imitation look extremely real and natural.

3. A MOISTURE RESISTANT GLUED HDF CORE BOARD

This HDF core board is the heart of a Quick-Step Laminate floor. HDF means 'High Density Fibre Board'. It consists of refined wood fibres and high quality melamine resin. It is a re-composed wood-fibre board which allows using all part of the tree. The board is very homogenous in composition and technical characteristics. It's extremely durable, stable and highly moisture resistant.

4. A BALANCING LAYER

This moisture-resistant backing layer guarantees a perfectly balanced board that will not cup or bow when properly installed and maintained.