

# Australian Chestnut Flooring

Australian Chestnut Flooring is characterised by subtle colour variations from mellow straw brown to light chocolates. Durable eucalypts are blended to provide a sophisticated, natural beauty to any interior.

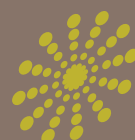
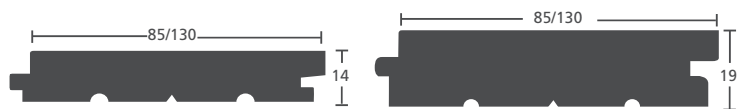
Australian Chestnut Flooring is hard enough to outlast your great grandchildren and is fast becoming the most beautiful and durable flooring product in Australia.

A suitable coating can be applied to enhance the grain and protect the floor, making it easier to maintain. An Australian Chestnut Floor requires minimal maintenance and is the perfect choice for busy lifestyles.

Australian Chestnut Flooring will not collect dust or conceal dirt, making it a natural choice for asthma and hay fever sufferers.

## Technical Information

Species	A blend of species from the East Gippsland region in Victoria, Australia, predominantly <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i> , <i>Eucalyptus sieberi</i> and <i>Eucalyptus fastigata</i>
Common Name	Chestnut
Origin	A native to the south-east of Australia
Colour	Straw brown to light chocolate
Workability	Good to excellent
Durability class	3 (above ground applications)
Hardness	8.1 (value is calculated on mean average for species grouping)
Kiln Dried Density	770-899kg/m <sup>3</sup> at 12% moisture content
Sizes	85x19 Tongue and Grooved Secret Nailed End Matched 130x19 Tongue and Grooved End Matched 85x14 Tongue and Grooved Overlay 130x14 Tongue and Grooved Overlay



## The Sustainable Resource

Auswest Timbers is supplied with logs harvested and sourced from sustainably managed forests by the Victorian Government's VicForests department.

In 2007, VicForests was awarded certification to the Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) for all of its forest management activities. For more information about the AFS, please visit [www.forestrystandard.org.au](http://www.forestrystandard.org.au).

To further assure our customers that all timber supplied from grower to manufacturer is sustainably managed, Auswest Timbers achieved Chain of Custody certification in April 2009.



## Storage, Installation & Care

Auswest Timbers' Australian Chestnut Flooring is wrapped in plastic to protect against moisture damage during transport and storage. Australian Chestnut Flooring is a natural product that expands and contracts with seasonal changes. As timber can be affected by the moisture content of the air, it is important to acclimatise your floor to the local climate prior to installation.

The plastic wrapping should be removed and each board should be exposed to the air conditions in the environment in which it will be installed. The time taken for the flooring to acclimatise varies, but Auswest Timbers recommends that it should be acclimatised for at least two weeks before installation.

Adequate sub-floor ventilation is essential for the successful performance of a solid hardwood floor. If humidity remains high beneath the floor, the boards will absorb the moisture and expand. Excessive humidity in the under-floor area may be caused by a lack of sufficient cross-ventilation or from damp soil conditions arising from inadequate drainage. These conditions lead to swelling of the flooring and can lead to an eventual decay. This can create an unhealthy mustiness within the house, so it is very important to ensure adequate sub-floor ventilation to reduce expansion and cupping of hardwood floors.

It is recommended that hardwood floors be laid by a professional with knowledge and experience in all aspects of hardwood flooring installation, sanding and polishing.

Once the floor has been laid, a number of changes in the climate may occur and determine the degree of movement of the Australian Chestnut Flooring. These include large expanses of glass, fireplaces, fridges, air conditioners and any appliances that vent warm air. If you wish to minimise movement, you must minimise the changes in the climatic conditions that occur.

*You must also avoid exposure of the Australian Chestnut Floor to direct sunlight, heat or excessive moisture (such as excessive wet mopping).*



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