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Introducing:

# Symmetry Bamboo Flooring

Global Access' new engineered strand woven Symmetry Bamboo Flooring delivers unprecedented performance gains over all other bamboo flooring products.

Symmetry Bamboo Flooring is made of a 4mm wear layer of extremely durable strand-woven bamboo, a 6mm cross-ply traditional bamboo core for stability, and a 4mm strand-woven bottom layer, giving it perfect top-to-bottom balance. The traditional bamboo cross layer means a quicker and easier nailing installation, and eliminates the unsightly 'dimpling' that can happen with solid strand-woven flooring. The traditional bamboo middle layer also allows for a strong glue bond for floating applications. This structure also dramatically shortens acclimation time compared with solid strand woven bamboo, which can take up to three weeks for proper acclimation. Inadequate acclimation is a major cause of problems with all hardwood and bamboo flooring.

Global Access' factory's strand-woven flooring won the top quality ranking from the most trusted US consumer magazine, beating out hardwood products from major North American manufacturers, and all other brands of Bamboo.

The hardness of the strand woven wear layer greatly reduces wear and denting as compared to most other hardwood flooring products. Our German commercial grade finish was rated the best overall for strand-woven bamboo flooring in wear, scratch, stain and UV resistance, as confirmed by independent testing. The low sheen of the finish helps reduce the visibility of scratches and dust. We also offer oil finishes which can be reapplied as necessary to rejuvenate the floors and keep them looking new. Which is ideally suited in high traffic applications.

Symmetry Bamboo Flooring only uses 6' long boards, resulting in a more visually appealing floor. Further, here's a little-known fact about how bamboo is processed for flooring: stalks that are warped or have defective qualities are cut to shorter lengths to salvage the usable material. So, shorter planks are often made from inferior raw material. We use strictly full length planks.

Symmetry Bamboo Flooring meets and exceeds the strictest indoor air quality standards in the world. CARB 2012 (California Air Resources Board) compliant, easily meets E1 European standards.



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**Dyed bamboo flooring.** By dyeing our bamboo fibres before pressing them into strand-woven blocks, rather than staining the planks after pressing, we achieve through-and-through colour, ensuring that scratches won't reveal a second colour beneath. Strand-woven material doesn't absorb stain well, so with stained products the pigment obscures the grain and can make the floor look 'painted'. There are also frequent problems with stain accumulating or feathering off at the ends of planks. Through our dyeing process, we create beautiful, natural-looking colours that will survive for the life of the floor, even through multiple re-sandings.

**We have teamed up with one of the foremost experts and one of the top factories in the world.**

We are proud to say that we have aligned ourselves with one of the world's foremost experts in bamboo flooring. He has travelled extensively throughout the world searching for and working with the top factories in the flooring industry, and spent years researching and testing strand-woven bamboo products before forming an alliance with this factory some five years ago. In conjunction with them, he developed a stringent three-phase drying process that ensures that our products are properly dried for use in our North American climate. This point is extremely important and cannot be overstated – most bamboo flooring is not adequately dried, particularly strand-woven products, where the drying takes longer and factories are tempted to cut corners.

An early pioneer in the bamboo flooring industry and respected expert in China, the owner of this factory has dedicated decades of his life to producing the highest quality bamboo flooring products. He has also developed and patented the proprietary dyeing technique which allows the bamboo to be coloured throughout. This is the only factory in the world that has the knowledge and patents to produce this type of flooring, which is ideally suited for both residential and commercial applications.

**Customer Service.** Global Access is committed to providing the highest quality bamboo flooring available, and backing it up with unparalleled customer service. We offer a toll-free line (800.994.7166) for retailers and end users for information regarding our products, and we offer free consultations on any size project. Our team's technical expert has the experience of thousands of bamboo flooring installations in a wide variety of applications, from unique custom residential projects to large high-rise commercial installations. We are also available to conduct educational seminars for staff or special customer events.

**Local no-cost warehousing and in stock selection.** Resulting in shorter lead times and fewer lost sales.

**Accessories.** We carry matching flush mount air grills, stair nosing and transitional accessories for all of our products.



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## Features

## Benefits

Traditional Bamboo cross-ply core allows for easy nailing and gluing	Eliminates unsightly "dimpling" on the floor surface, allows excellent glue bond in floating installations, also reduces acclimation
Engineered Symmetry Structure greatly improves structural stability compared to solid hardwood or bamboo flooring	Reduces unsightly gapping between boards, reduces the possibility of boards pushing against each other, which can cause buckling
Core layer designed to move slightly in conjunction with other layers, helping alleviate stresses between layers	Helps prevent cracking and delamination
Engineered Symmetry Structure (4mm strand-woven top layer, 6mm traditional bamboo cross core, 4mm strand-woven bottom layer)	Helps keep boards perfectly flat
Traditional bamboo middle core drastically reduces acclimation time (5 days as opposed to up to 3 weeks for regular solid strand-woven flooring)	Reduces lost sales due to lengthy acclimation period, reduces claims due to improper acclimation
Highest quality coating based on wear, scratch, stain and UV resistance criteria	Tougher to scratch, minimizes fading from exposure to light
Proprietary German-made flexible resin mix	Eliminates wrinkling and cracking common to most strand-woven products
3 phase drying process includes: Phase 1: drying of raw material Phase 2: drying after the bamboo has been dipped in the resin mix Phase 3: final slow dry of "logs" in conditioning room for several weeks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensures raw material is down to 5-8% MC</li> <li>2. Ensures moisture does not remain in strands before they are pressed, otherwise moisture is trapped in the product during pressing</li> <li>3. Final slow dry ensures final material is in 5-8% MC range, ideal for N. America</li> </ol>
Proprietary, thorough heat cure process ensures 100% even glue curing	Creates more even density and better glue bond within the boards, which prevents wrinkling and cracking of surface
Two-phase quality control check including 40 point final test, which Global Access must approve before product gets shipped	Ensures that you only receive A grade engineered Symmetry Bamboo Flooring
Only 6' long boards ensure easier installation and A grade raw material	Long pieces ensure straighter lines during install, creating fewer joints in the finished floor
Low gloss coating	Tougher to scratch, requires less dusting
Raw material sourced from mountainous regions in Zhejiang and Anhui provinces rather than inferior materials sourced from southern lowlands	Materials from colder, drier areas are denser and more stable