

# Bowens Installation Guidelines

## GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL FLOORING JOBS

All Building procedures effecting flooring installation and finishing should be as per the Australian Standards.

- External drainage and stormwater can cause wet spots which the flooring can absorb increasing the moisture content.
- We recommend the use of **Bostik Moisture Seal and Instant Pro** adhesive. Bostik will guarantee their products for 10 years if used to their instructions (fill in guarantee form).
- The flooring should be acclimatised for at least 2-3 weeks prior to installation in the environment the will exist in. Including air conditioning and heating.
- Joists/batten centres should be no greater than 450mm centres.
- **Do Not** secret nail any flooring over 85mm in width.
- **Do Not** install the flooring until all external doors and windows are fitted.
- Windows, particularly full height facing north, heating ducts and skylights, can cause excessive shrinkage.
- After installation **Do Not** allow the house to stay locked up in the summer months, it may cause excessive shrinkage.
- Wet trades such as Plumbing and Plastering can cause an increase in moisture content of the flooring, if due care is not taken
  - Other sub trades can cause damage to the floor as well.
- DO NOT sand and polish the flooring until all sub trades and finished.
- There are many different finishes available, polyurethane is very popular, however unless used professionally it can have catastrophic effects on the floor. We recommend professional advice to achieve best results
- Caring for the finished floor we recommend:
  - Finish in a dust free environment
  - No forced fan air systems should operate
  - Cleaning techniques should not involve water based cleaners
  - Any spills on the flooring can increase the moisture content – causing the floor to grow
  - Move mats regularly
  - Dry sweep regularly.