

Parquet in the bathroom

- 1. Choice of parquet:** Types of wood that do not swell or shrink much, such as oak, smoked oak and walnut american, are optimal for this, and should be selected. Natural-oiled surfaces by Bauwerk Parkett are the ideal option for bathroom installations. Calmer gradings work better than rustic ones, as larger knots, cracks, and curls in the grain are more vulnerable to moisture.
- 2. Base preparation:** the base must be properly sealed. Observe the applicable country-specific standards and information sheets.
Germany ZDB information sheet/DIN 18195; Austria Ö-standard B 3692; Switzerland SPV information sheet.
The most important task is to protect the base and screed from any ingress of moisture. Install the sealing tape and its inner and outer angle elements according to the manufacturer's specifications; the sealing tape must be suitable for the sealing material. Any seals, adhesives and sealing tapes must be waterproof, crack-bridging and suitable for combined use with each other within the system.
- 3. Materials:** please only use sealant and glues that can be combined with each other within the system, and which are suitable for humid areas. (please follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning humid areas) Observe the manufacturer requirements for humid areas.
- 4. Installation method:** we only recommend full-area bonding, so that no moisture can get under the parquet.
- 5. Initial treatment:** as the installer, you should carry out the initial treatment on the parquet. In doing so, you will better protect the untreated joints and edges against the ingress of dirt and moisture. For our oiled surfaces, we recommend Care Oil Plus or Hard Wax Oil, which provides better edge protection in bathrooms.
- 6. Maintenance care:** oiled surfaces must be re-oiled at least 2–4 times per year.

Important: inform the end customer directly in advance that use of parquet in the bathroom involves a few special rules..

Explain the most important points to your customer:

- *Healthy room climate*
20 to 22 °C, and 35 to 45 % air humidity, with heating.
- *Sufficient ventilation*
Ventilate the room well after showering or taking a bath. Humidity levels above 70 % must be avoided.
- *Wipe up any standing moisture*
Quickly wipe up any water from the water after showering or bathing to prevent swelling and water stains in the wood.
- *Underfloor heating*
The surface temperature must not exceed 29 °C.
The instructions in the 'Information sheet for installation on floors with underfloor heating' must always be followed.
- *Cleaning and care*
In addition to normal cleaning and care, we recommend regular droplet testing for bathrooms (by the end customer).

Bear in mind that the floor's anti-slip class can change if there is standing moisture in the area when walking barefoot. Structured surfaces are preferable here to sanded surfaces. Explain to your client how easy it is to carry out a droplet test: Let a drop of water fall onto your natural-oiled parquet. If the drop remains tense and compact on the surface, then the surface of your parquet is fine. If the drop immediately soaks into the wood (the area where it fell becomes darker), the surface should be re-oiled. The frequency of oiling depends on how much the floor is used. The end customer can do this on their own using Care Oil, or hire the installer to carry out the oiling.

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