

Replacing a Damaged Plank

Please see the instructions below to replace a damaged board in the middle of an installation.

1. Mark the four side of the damaged plank with some tape, so that while removing the and drilling the plank, you don't damage the adjacent planks
2. Drill half an inch hole at each corner of the plank. Make sure the holes are close to the end joints.
3. With a pencil draw a straight line connecting the holes. This line will guide you when you are cutting out the plank.
4. Thereafter drill three more holes on each side of the plank, about 4 -6 inches apart from each other
5. Take an oscillating or circular saw and adjust the depth of the saw to the same thickness as the plank. This will ensure you don't damage the sub-floor.
6. Start cutting the center of the plank and use the lines as a guide.
7. Continue cutting until you reach the holes on both sides.
8. Now all you have to do is lift out the center piece. Pry it out with the help of a utility knife.
9. Carefully remove the remaining parts of the plank by gently moving them back and forth and up and down. One end joint will come out with very little effort. The other end will require more care to make sure you don't damage the existing plank. Make sure the area is clean.
10. Now get the same sized plank as a replacement. You need to shave the lip of the groove on the long and short sides. You also need to cut off the tongue at a slight angle on the long and short sides of the plank to get it to fit into the opening you have made. Depending on the plank, it may be necessary to remove part of the groove to allow you to work the replacement piece into position without damaging the existing planks.
11. Apply Tongue and Groove adhesive similar to WF Taylor 2049 to the edge of the planks that have to be connected to the replacement. Use just a few drops of the glue and drop down the plank.

