



# 8mm or 12mm?

There are mainly two thicknesses of laminate flooring: 8mm and 12mm. Both of them have their own advantages and disadvantages. Buyers can make a decision after learning their characteristics.

- Foot Feel

12mm is thicker than 8mm and therefore will not flex as much when walking on it.

- Noise

Laminate flooring inherently has an echoing quality. This is especially evident when walking with dress shoes or any other hard-soled type of shoe. A 12mm laminate will help to lower this echo, but not entirely. A high-end Acoustical Underlayment from Moulding Direct can nearly eliminate this effect.

- Appearance

Many types of 12mm laminate flooring offer a more realistic, hardwood-like appearance. Few types of 8mm laminate give this kind of appearance.

- Price

12mm is more expensive than 8mm due to its thickness and typically longer warranty period.