

Primers or Sealers: Which One to Use and When?

PRIMERS WILL:

- Provide an absorbent and robust bonding surface for the adhesive to grab
- Prepare a subfloor for adhesives and coatings after scuffing it with a mechanical treatment
- Create a dust-free surface for a solid adhesive bond
- Improve bonding of leveling compounds spread on top of the primer and subfloor
- Prime gypsum-based levelers on concrete for better adhesion
- Prime all radiant heated subfloors for proper adhesion

A PRIMER WILL NOT:

- Provide moisture protection from subfloor moisture penetration
- Adhere over any contamination (i.e., paint, oil, grease, wax, cutback mastic residues)
- Perform as a leveling compound
- Adhere to other manufacturer's primer products
- Be recommended for below-grade installations of solid wood floors

SEALERS WILL:

- Seal off moisture in concrete up to its rated pounds per square foot
- Help protect against future moisture problems in subfloors
- Perform over concrete, stone, terrazzo, and radiant heated subfloors
- Create a dust-free surface for a stronger bond (like a primer)
- Improve the adhesion of all types of wood floor adhesives to approved subfloors

A SEALER WILL NOT:

- Adhere over any contamination (i.e., paint, oil, grease, wax)
- Perform as a leveling compound
- Adhere to other manufacturer's sealer or adhesive products
- Perform over cutback mastic, vinyl, or tile adhesives
- Be recommended for below-grade installations of solid wood floors

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