



DuraGroove® Installation Guide

Compared to drywall (which includes steps of hanging, taping, mudding, sanding, and painting 2-3 times) installing Dura-Groove® is a much easier and cleaner process.

Steps for a typical ceiling or horizontal wall application:

1. Dura-Groove® is intended for interior use, but can be used in an exterior protected area. Upon delivery immediately removed from packaging and move materials indoors where boards can acclimate to the environment where the product will be installed.
2. Allow Dura-Groove® boards to acclimate for at least 72 hours to allow the product to adjust to differences in moisture and temperature.
3. Once Dura-Groove® has been allowed to acclimate it is ready for installation. Prior to installing gather the materials that will be needed to complete your project.

Recommended fastener: Air/Power Finish (Brad) Nailer (16 gauge – 2” long nail for direct install to studs or 2.5” long nail for install over the top of drywall)

Galvanized nails are not recommended. Space nails 16” apart. Nail into studs for secure hold.

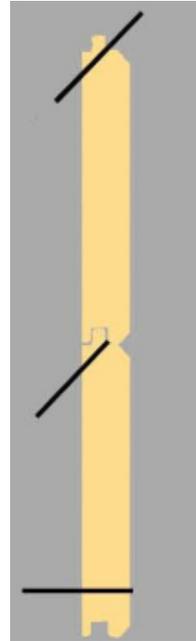
A vapor barrier may be necessary against exterior walls or ceilings. As always please refer to your local building code requirements prior to installation.

4. Lay the first Dura-Groove® board on its groove side – tongue side up – with its side edge against a floor/corner junction. Leave ¼” space from the bottom edge of the board to the floor and 1/8” space from the corners.

It is easiest to begin at the base of the wall or ceiling, so gravity is on your side. It is important to insure that the first board is plumb and level to set up proper installation of the additional boards. Make necessary adjustments for a wall or ceiling that is not perfectly square on the first board installed.

5. Once the first row is secured you can begin to “blind-nail” the boards into place. This is done by nailing down through the crotch of the tongue on a 45-degree angle. Each nail should pass through the crotch and then penetrate a stud or rafter.

6. Each board should slide down to the piece below locking the boards together. You may need to gently tap the boards into place using a rubber mallet or wood block to prevent damaging the material.
7. Check every two to three rows to make sure you are staying level and parallel to the first row. It may be necessary to slightly adjust a row by not butting tight to the previous row to maintain level and parallel during the install.
8. When you reach the final row you will need to rip the last board to fit the opening. Face nail the final board along the top edge.



Dura-Groove® is the best prefinished tongue & groove pine plank paneling you can buy. The product starts with computer measured profiles, then micro-fine sanded, and finished with a 100% VOC free UV-cured furniture grade satin topcoat finish.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Wood	100% Eastern White Pine (kiln dried)
Style	Tongue & Groove V-Groove
Plank Lengths	Random Lengths (8',10',12',14',16')
Finish	100% VOC Free – UV-cured Satin Finish
Nominal Size	1" x 6"
Actual Size	11/16" x 5-7/16"
Exposed Width	5-1/8"
Colors	Natural Clear Warm White Candlelight Chestnut

