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**PALM STRIP FLOORING  
PRODUCT SPECIFICATION  
IN CSI 3-PART FORMAT**

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NOTES TO THE SPECIFIER ARE IN ALL UPPER CASE TEXT AND ARE CONTAINED WITHIN ROWS OF ASTERISKS.

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OPTIONAL ITEMS REQUIRING SELECTION BY THE SPECIFIER ARE ENCLOSED WITHIN BRACKETS, E.G. [35] [40] [45]. MAKE APPROPRIATE SELECTIONS AND DELETE OTHERS.

OPTIONAL PARAGRAPHS AND FEATURES THAT MAY BE SELECTED OR DELETED AS DESIRED ARE SHOWN IN BOLD FACE TYPE. DELETE BOLD FACE TYPE WHEN NOT INCLUDING THESE PARAGRAPHS OR FEATURES.

Specifier Note: Sugar Palm, *Borassus Flabellifer* is not a wood, but a wood-like material .

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SECTION 09 60 00  
Specialty Flooring

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 SUMMARY

A. Durapalm® sugar palm strip flooring **and matching accessories** installed by the [nail or staple down method.] [floating method.]

B. RELATED SECTIONS

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**IN THE "RELATED SECTIONS" PARAGRAPH INCLUDE ALL DIVISION 01 SECTIONS CONTAINING LEED® REQUIREMENTS.**

ADD TO, OR DELETE FROM LIST BELOW TO CREATE AN ACCURATE LIST OF ALL APPROPRIATE SECTIONS FOR MATERIAL INSTALLED IN CONTACT WITH THE DURAPALM STRIP FLOORING.

ADD TO LIST BELOW SECTIONS FOR FINISHED TRIM NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SPECIFICATION.

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1. Section 03 30 00 - Cast-In-Place Concrete
2. Section 06 16 23 – Subflooring
3. Section 06 16 26 – Underlayment
4. Section 06 16 29 – Acoustical Underlayment
5. Section 06 46 19 – Wood Base and Shoe Moldings

1.02 REFERENCED STANDARDS

- A. ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials
1. ASTM E648: Standard Test Method for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor-Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source
  2. ASTM D1037: Standard Test Methods for Evaluating Properties of Wood-Base Fiber and Particle Panel Materials
  3. ASTM D2394: Standard Test Methods for Simulated Service Testing of Wood and Wood-Base Finish Flooring
  4. ASTM D3501: Standard Test Methods for Wood-Based Structural Panels in Compression
  5. ASTM D3359: Standard Test Method for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test
  6. ASTM D4060: Standard Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Organic Coatings by the Taber Abraser

- 7. ASTM D4442: Standard Test Methods for Direct Moisture Content Measurement of Wood and Wood-Base Materials
- 8. ASTM D6007/D5197: Standard Guide for Small-Scale Environment Chamber Determinations of Organic Emissions from Indoor Materials/Products [Guidelines also set by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS)]
- B. NWFA – National Wood Flooring Association: Technical Reference Manual
- C. US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System® (LEED)

1.03 SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

- A. Compatibility with Radiant Floor Heating Systems

1.04 SUBMITTALS

- A. Reference Section 01 33 00; Submit following items
  - 1. Product Data
    - a. Each product specified
    - b. **Installation method**
  - 2. Quality Assurance/Control Submittals:
    - a. NWFA Technical Reference Manual
    - b. Proof of palm flooring manufacturer's qualifications
    - c. Test Reports: Reports for specified Physical Property Performance Requirements
  - 3. Shop Drawings: Show installation details including location, layout, fastening method, and transition of each type of flooring **and accessory**
  - 4. Samples:
    - a. 4 inch (100 mm) long strip of flooring material
    - b. **Fasteners**
    - c. **One of each specified accessory, minimum 4 inches (100 mm)**
  - 5. **LEED® Submittals:**

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**FOR LEED PROJECTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING, AS APPLICABLE.**  
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- a. **Credit IEQc4.3, Low-Emitting Materials – Flooring Systems (no added formaldehyde) [manufacturer's product data]**

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FOLLOWING RELATES ONLY TO ADHESIVES AND FINISHES APPLIED TO UNFINISHED DURAPALM PRODUCTS AND SHOULD BE DELETED IF SPECIFYING PRE-FINISHED PRODUCTS. REFERENCES TO DATA SHOULD BE SUPPLIED BY THE ADHESIVE, SEALANT, OR FINISH MANUFACTURER

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- b. **IEQc4.1, Low-Emitting Materials: Adhesives and/or sealants (manufacturer's product data)**
- c. **IEQc4.2, Low-Emitting Materials: Paints and/or coatings (manufacturer's product data for field finished floor coatings)**

1.05 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Qualifications
  - 1. Manufacturer:
    - a. Minimum 8 years experience in manufacturing and distributing palm flooring products
    - b. Member: National Wood Flooring Association.
  - 2. Installer: Minimum 5 years experience in hardwood flooring installation
  
- B. **Reference Section 01 31 19.33; Pre-Installation Meeting:**
  - 1. **Convene meeting at project site within one week of scheduled start of installation with representatives of the following in attendance: Owner, Architect, General Contractor, Sub-Contractor.**
  - 2. **Review substrate conditions, requirements of related work, requirements for operation of HVAC system, installation instructions, storage and handling procedures, and protection measures.**
  - 3. **Keep minutes of meeting including responsibilities of various parties and deviations from specifications and installation instructions.**
  - 4. **Distribute minutes to attendees within 48 hours.**

#### 1.06 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver flooring materials in original unopened cartons.
  
- B. Reference Section 01 66 00: Product Handling and Storage Requirements
  - 1. Deliver flooring after completion of all wet work and after all moisture has dissipated from this work. Wet work includes, but is not limited to, concrete, plaster, tile, drywall, grouting, and painting.
  - 2. Store flooring in a warm, dry, well-ventilated, and weather-tight location.
  - 3. Open the boxes, acclimate, and confirm moisture content compatibility. Flooring should acclimate for a minimum of 72 hours.
  - 4. Do not store directly on concrete or near outside walls.

#### 1.07 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. The temperature and relative humidity (RH) of the installation area should be stabilized with normal year-round conditions a minimum of one week before installation. For optimum performance manufacturer's recommended temperature of 50-80°F and an RH of 30-50% should be maintained.

## 1.08 SCHEDULING

These items must be completed before delivery and installation of flooring.

- A. Building must be water-tight with all windows and doors installed.
- B. Completion of all wet work and after all moisture has dissipated from this work. Wet work includes but is not limited to: concrete, plaster, tile, drywall, grouting, and painting.
- C. Environmental and humidity control system is operating for 14 days in installation and storage areas at the temperature and humidity of the occupied building.

## 1.09 WARRANTY

- A. Warranty for Smith & Fong flooring referenced at [www.durapalm.com](http://www.durapalm.com)

## 1.10 MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION

- A. Maintain and protect installed work at all times per the manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Do not protect the flooring with plastic sheeting or moisture retardant membranes.
- C. Use hard surface protection such as hardboard over kraft paper. Tape kraft paper and hardboard to prevent grit infiltration.

## PART 2 – PRODUCTS

### 2.01 MANUFACTURER

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### 2.02 MATERIALS

- A. Palm Strip Flooring
  - 1. Species: Sugar Palm (Borassus Flabellifer)
  - 2. Manufactured using ULEF (ultra-low emitting formaldehyde) Adhesives
  - 3. Edge Configuration: Tongue and groove or click profile 4 sides
  - 4. Type:
    - a. Prefinished: 9/16 thick x 3 1/2 inches width by random lengths 1' to 5'  
[14mm x 90mm x 300mm – 1.5m]
      - i. [sugar palm]
      - ii. [flat grain] [natural] [multiple stain options]

5. Physical Mechanical Properties
  - a. ASTM E648: Critical Radiant Flux, Class 1
  - b. ASTM D1037:
    - i. Dimensional Stability, at 20% RH
      - Linear Expansion: Par. -0.01%, Per. -0.30%
      - Thickness Swell: -0.48%
    - ii. Hardness (Janka Ball Test): 1,295 lbf (avg)
  - c. ASTM D2394: Coefficient of Friction
    - i. Static Coefficient / Dynamic (Sliding) Coefficient: 0.437 / 0.376
  - d. ASTM D3501
    - i. Compressive Strength: 5,369 lbs
    - ii. Maximum load 7,496 lbf average
  - e. ASTM D3359: Adhesion by Tape Test, Class 4B
  - f. ASTM D4060: Taber Abrasion (avg)
    - i. Avg. Wear-through / Wear Rate: 22,000 cycles / 4,009 cycles per 0.001 in.
  - g. ASTM D4442: Moisture Content: 6% – 9% (avg)
  - h. ASTM D6007/D5197: Organic Emissions CARB II compatible ULEF emissions.

**Fasteners:**

1. **Comply with Manufacturer’s Installation Instructions, and NWFA’s Technical Reference Manual.**

2.03 ACCESSORIES FOR PALM FLOORING

- A. Baseboard: Unfinished/Prefinished with beveled edge; 3 ½ inches wide by ¾ inches thick by 96 inches in length [20mm x 90mm x 2.438m]
  1. [sugar palm, custom color match]
- B. Stair nosing: Prefinished; 3-1/2 inch wide by ¾ inches thick by 48 inches in length [20mm x 90mm x 1.22m]
  1. [[sugar palm, custom color match]
- C. Threshold: Prefinished; 3-1/2 inches wide by 9/16 inches thick by 72 inches in Length [14mm x 90mm x 1.83m]
  1. [coconut palm, custom color match]
- D. Reducer: 1-3/4 inches wide by 5/8 inches thick by 48 inches in length [44mm x 16mm x 1.22m]
  - 1[sugar palm, custom color match]
- E. Base Shoe: Prefinished; ¾ inch wide by 7/16 inches thick by 48 inches in length [19mm x 11mm x 1.22m]
  1. [sugar palm, custom color match]

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates for compliance with requirements for installation tolerances, and other conditions affecting performance of flooring.
- B. Verify substrate is dry, clean and free of loose material, grease, and other contaminants **which may interfere with bonding of adhesive.**

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Specifier Note: Delete paragraph below and two subparagraphs (section C and subsections 1 and 2) if substrate is not concrete.  
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- C. Substrate Moisture Testing: Use Calcium Chloride Test and tramex moisture encounter meter. Do not install bamboo flooring if vapor pressure exceeds 3 lbs per 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (15 g per m<sup>2</sup>) in 24 hours.
  - 1. In multiple story buildings, test each floor level scheduled to receive palm flooring.
  - 2. Mark test location(s) on As-Built Drawings.

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- D. Do not install palm flooring if there is more than a 2% difference in moisture between the palm floor and the wood substrate, or if the wood substrate exceeds 12% moisture.
- E. Verify HVAC System is operating and maintaining temperature and humidity conditions in compliance with Manufacturer's Installation Instructions.
- F. Coordinate with responsible entity to correct unsatisfactory conditions.
- G. Commencement of work by installer is acceptance of substrate conditions.

3.02 PREPARATION

- A. Humidity: maintain indoor air humidity levels between 30% and 50% for two weeks before installation and continually thereafter.
- B. Temperature: maintain temperature of materials and installation area between 50 degrees and 80 degrees during installation.
- C. Acclimatization: Open flooring boxes and remove packing minimum 3 days prior to start of installation.
- D. Grind and fill subfloor using methods and materials appropriate to the subfloor construction to eliminate high spots and depressions exceeding 3/16 inch (5 mm) inch in 10 feet (3048 mm).

### 3.03 INSTALLATION

- A. Flooring: Comply with manufacturer's installation instructions.  
Available for download at:  
[https://www.durapalm.com/wpcontent/uploads/2019/11/Durapalm\\_Flooring\\_Installation\\_Instructions\\_0.pdf](https://www.durapalm.com/wpcontent/uploads/2019/11/Durapalm_Flooring_Installation_Instructions_0.pdf)

**B. Adhesive: Comply with manufacturer's written instructions.**

### 3.04 CLEANING: Reference Section 01 74 00: Cleaning and Waste Management

- A. Repair or replace damaged installed products
- B. Clean installed products in accordance with manufacturer's instructions prior to Owner's acceptance.

### 3.05 PROTECTION

- A. If glue-down method is used, do not allow foot traffic or heavy furniture on floor for 24 hours or as adhesive manufacturer requires.
- B. Protect installed product from damage during construction by covering with heavy kraft-paper or other suitable covering. Do not use non-breathable plastic sheet or film that could cause condensation to form. Maintain covering throughout remainder of construction period.

END OF PRODUCT SPECIFICATION