



Making the Grade

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What Are Grade Levels?

Grade level relates to the floor/story of a home. A basement would be below grade, the first floor would be on grade, and the second story and above would be above grade.

Why Do The Grade Levels Matter?

While Above Grade installations never require a vapor barrier, many flooring products require a vapor barrier if installed On or Below Grade due to potential damage from moisture.

Do Durato floors require a vapor barrier for On or Below Grade installations?

All Durato flooring is waterproof and will not react to moisture, so in most cases a vapor barrier is unnecessary. However, while our flooring will not react to moisture, **it does not act as a waterproof barrier**. When installing On or Below Grade in areas with hydrostatic pressure or moisture coming from walls or subfloors, a vapor block should be used. In addition, when installed over subfloors with high alkalinity, an alkaline deposit may form. While this can be washed away, we recommend using a moisture barrier in such cases to reduce maintenance following major rain storms. When installing Durato flooring in a bathroom, we recommend a vapor barrier and to silicone the perimeter to prevent moisture from showers and tubs from reaching the subfloor.

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