

*Advantages of parquet*

## PARQUET COMPARED TO OTHER TYPES OF FLOORING

The appearance of a floor is not the only thing that counts: the value inside the floor has a long-term effect on the room atmosphere, our health and well-being.

### **Laminate or parquet**

Laminate floors appear so similar to parquet that they often look almost identical. This is because the visible surface of the material has decor paper printed on top of it. The quality difference is clear not only in the feel and the sheen of the product but also in the acoustics: laminate makes significantly more noise when walked on.

### **Vinyl or parquet**

Luxury vinyl tiling, known as PVC or LVT, is made out of plastic rather than natural raw materials. This type of flooring is resistant to wear and can be used to imitate any other floor. Polymer flooring often contains 10 to 20 % plasticisers, which can emit toxic substances that are harmful to health.

### **Parquet ensures an eco-friendly, healthy atmosphere that promotes well-being**

Parquet has a good ecological balance sheet: it takes relatively little energy to make, has a decades-long service life, and its raw material is renewable. Also, only real wooden floors can create a pleasant, natural atmosphere in any room. Their unique, comfortable feel is particularly noticeable when barefoot. You can also change parquet: beyond sanding it and applying a new surface treatment, professional basic cleaning and oiling of the parquet refreshes its colour and can create a completely new look for the floor. And this doesn't even involve any intrusive procedures to the valuable top layer. Parquet is more durable and easier to care for than many people think, and it is great when it comes to partial repairs: a specialist can easily replace individual planks if necessary.

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# RENOVATION WITH PARQUET

More wellness in your home



GOOD TO KNOW

Warm, natural, robust

# MAKE YOUR HOME BEAUTIFUL WITH PARQUET

Longing for a change within your own four walls? The floor is not just an important visual element in your home, it is also a source of personal wellness.

Bauwerk Parkett only uses materials that are 100% healthy-for-living in its parquet. It also has other advantages, such as the feeling of nature under your feet, its interactions with light, and its pleasant acoustics: parquet is an incomparable experience. Moreover, every natural product is unique, making any home with a wooden floor special.

The original is often copied. Find out more about the advantages of parquet at [bauwerk-parkett.com/en/realwood](http://bauwerk-parkett.com/en/realwood)



Reference: House Burgdorf (CH) | Product: Casapark 181, Oak Tabacco Used-Look | Photo: Giraudi & Partner

Frequently asked questions

## REPLACING YOUR CURRENT FLOORS WITH PARQUET

**Can parquet be installed on top of the floors I already have (tiles, hardwood, vinyl, etc.)?**

Yes, parquet can be laid over almost any current flooring, so removing the previous floor is often unnecessary. A floor installer can quickly determine if a parquet can be laid on top of the current floor, or if it will need to be removed. 2-layer parquet is particularly great for laying on top of other floorings because, thanks to its slim profile, it keeps the reduction of room height to a minimum and simplifies transitions to other types of flooring.

**Is parquet good for all rooms?**

Overall, parquet suits any kind of indoor space. With Bauwerk's diverse formats, you will find the right parquet for any room. The time when parquet could only be installed in living rooms and bedrooms has long been a thing of the past. Parquet feels great in bathrooms and kitchens, adding to the wellness of people in them. With professional installation and proper care, parquet is problem-free in such spaces.

**What should I keep in mind if I want to replace the floor I have with the parquet?**

A specialist can assess the current floor on-site. They first check what the subfloor is like, and if it needs any preparation. The subfloor must be flat: for example, broken or loose tiles must first be removed, and any gaps must be filled with putty. They also check what joints with floors in other rooms and balcony doors look like to plan transitions that are as smooth as possible.

**I have underfloor heating. Can parquet be installed on top of it?**

Parquet by Bauwerk is well-suited for installation over underfloor heating and works well with heating systems that use electricity as well as ones that use hot water for heating. The surface temperature must, however, be adjustable, and never exceed 29°C on the surface of the parquet.

**Do I have to clean out my home completely?**

No, the floor installer can move from one room to another as their work progresses. However, the room where the work is taking place must always be cleared. Built-in wardrobes and kitchen furniture can remain in place (and the parquet will be installed around them).

**How much time should I plan for this? Will I have to move out?**

Floor renovation that includes removing the old flooring, preparing the subfloor and installing the parquet usually takes 2–3 days. Because this work is always done room-to-room, normally you don't need to move out. However, certain phases of work in the entrance area and corridor should be arranged and scheduled precisely with the floor installer. The specialist will take care of the furniture and other items that must be protected or transported. When renovating, professionals always take care to work as quickly and quietly as they can, to inconvenience residents as little as possible. It is also possible to renovate the floor with hardly any dust and to use sustainable, healthy-living installation products, including adhesives and primers.

For more information on renovation of and with parquet, visit [bauwerk-parkett.com/renovation](http://bauwerk-parkett.com/renovation)

### Good to know

- › Sufficient and regular care extends the life of the flooring.
- › According to ISP (Swiss Parquet Market Interest Group), the expected service life of a parquet floor is up to 40 years.
- › Normally, about 0.5 to 0.7 mm of the top layer is removed when grinding. Because of this, every floor by Bauwerk can be ground multiple times.
- › Bauwerk's parquets, with an HDF base structure and a top layer of 2.5 mm, can usually be repaired as often as parquets with classic wooden substrate materials and a thicker top layer.