

# SUSTAINABLE TIMBER FLOORING AT SOLID FLOOR

## Certified Material



Our wooden floors will last you a life time, and let's also make sure that the origins of wood are being preserved for future generations.

Most of Solid Floor's timber collections are available in FSC or PEFC certified timber. FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) and PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) are international organisations promoting responsible forest management.

To carry the FSC and PEFC labels, timber and wood fibre products have to be recognisable as coming from a certified source at all points in the supply chain from raw material to the consumer. Chain of Custody (CoC) certification connects responsible forest management practices with consumers. It provides a consistent, international basis for claims about the sourcing of wood and wood fibre products. There are timber flooring companies claiming to supply FSC or PEFC certified timber, without having been awarded their CoC.

**Solid Floor's FSC CoC certification code is: CU-COC-828136**

**Solid Floor's PEFC CoC certification code is: CU-PEFC-828136**

By selecting timber from responsibly managed forests you are using natural resources without destroying the ecological balance, often even planting more trees than used for your floor. Sourcing FSC or PEFC certified materials is a fantastic first step towards 'green living', but you can do more.

## ETHICAL PRODUCTION

Solid Floor looked at ethical floorboard manufacturing and found two innovative timber mills, based in Europe and South America. Wherever possible, we purchase from these timber mills to ascertain that ecological sustainable production processes are being used in manufacturing your floor.

Some examples (...we know that ethical consumers demand solid facts, and we are very proud and keen to share these with you!)

The European mill is completely energy independent through building its own bio plant.

This energy powers the factory halls and offices and the heat is also used for the mill's huge drying kilns, and as our supplier's energy demands are usually lower than what they produce each day, the surplus energy is pumped back into the national grid, thus supplying up to 3,000 local households daily with green electricity.

The South American mill owns and fully controls 30,000 hectares (approx 80,000 acres) of FSC certified forest in Bolivia.

Each section of this forest is selectively harvested every 25 years only, ensuring a continuing and balanced timber supply.

Through managing their forest, our supplier has also created and maintained roads and bridges to serve their factories as well as neighbouring villages.

The saw mills are fully self-managed and provide employment to hundreds of local people.

Our supplier has established long-term relationships with the native communities to support these people with the financial means and equipment to utilise their forest profitably, and Let's not forget that if we don't promote the demand of sustainable harvested South American timber, more and more small Bolivian land owners will sell their forests to soy plantations. We need to ensure South America's 'green lungs' and its inhabitants are being protected.

We believe that our timber suppliers' on-going investments and innovations will benefit us all and we are proud to be actively supporting their businesses.



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## SEEING THE WOOD FOR THE TREES

It can be hard for ethical specifiers and consumers alike to make informed purchasing choices. More and more retailers are jumping on the green bandwagon and there is a lot of confusing product 'green-washing' out there.

Solid Floor keeps it simple:

Where possible, we use FSC or PEFC certified timber to fulfil your order.

We choose the maximum percentage (aiming for 100%) of certified timber available at the time of your order.

We try to get your order manufactured by one of our two preferred mills to ensure that sustainable production processes are being used.

By not just sourcing the best ingredients (beautiful, high quality timber from sustainably managed and certified forests), but also ensuring that your floor boards have been prepared and finished in earth-friendly ways, we hope we have convinced you to specify Solid Floor.



## SHOW ME - TELL ME

To view our extensive timber collections, please call into our West or East showrooms, or visit our website:  
[www.solidfloor.co.uk](http://www.solidfloor.co.uk)

For more information on FSC and PEFC, please visit their UK websites: [www.fsc-uk.org](http://www.fsc-uk.org) and [www.pefc.co.uk](http://www.pefc.co.uk)



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