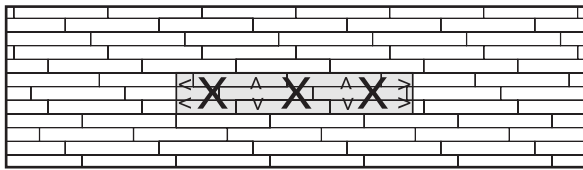


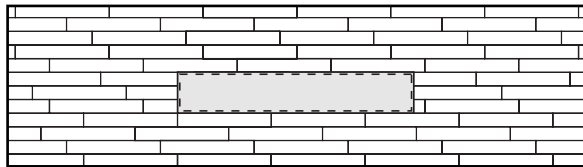
## Replacing or Repairing Shaw Engineered Hardwood Flooring

Most minor damage can be repaired using matching color sticks or putty and/or our SHAW Repair Kit which includes putty, urethane finish and the applicators to apply it. If damage is more severe, you can follow the instructions below to replace damaged planks.

**Important:** Prior to any board replacement make sure you have several new planks to work with for said replacement. Acclimate new planks in area in which you will perform this replacement for 72 hours prior to doing it. Verify size is an exact fit to board being removed (boards may vary in size due to expansion / contraction).



1. Locate the perimeter of the damaged board. Use a marker to indicate the exact board to be replaced and its edges. Confirm you have a suitable replacement board of the same color, size and wood species.



2. Set a circular power saw for a depth  $1/16$ " less than the actual thickness of the board. You do not want the saw blade to contact the subfloor. Cut into the board along its length at least  $1/2$ " from the edge. If the board width is too narrow to make cuts at the ends of the board, cut several more parallel cuts in the center of the board about  $1/2$ " apart between the first two side length cuts.

3. Use a wood chisel and hammer to remove the damaged board. Remove any remaining dried glue from the surrounding wood grooves.



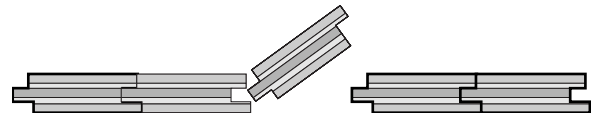
4) Remove from the replacement board, the bottom shoulder of the groove, along the grooved side and grooved end.

5) Dry fit your replacement board to confirm it for fit, appearance and levelness. Use a suction cup or heavy adhesive tape to remove the board. A thin,

strong ribbon of cloth can be placed under the replacement board and the ribbon ends used to pull the replacement board up after the dry fitting.

6) Replace any damaged foam underlayment (floating method) or asphalt saturated felt paper (nail down method).

7) Use the same method of fastening as the original installation - Tongue & Groove glue, glue direct or nail down. (Nail down will now be face nailed vs. blind nail, counter sink and fill with putty.)



8) Apply a heavy object on the replacement board for 24 hours to allow the adhesive to dry.

**Note:** Illustrations shown are Long Plank. Strip and plank floors use the same methods.