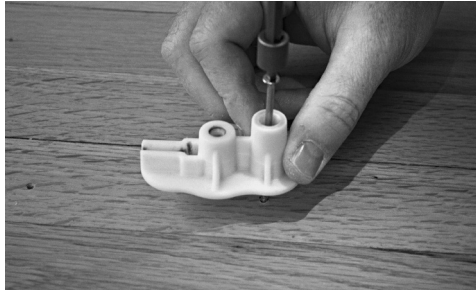


Steps for Softwood Floors



After pre-drilling a 1/8 inch hole down 2 1/4 inches, drive a screw through the taller opening in the fixture.



Drive the screw down as far as the fixture will allow.



Place the gripper portion of the fixture over the head of the screw.



Rock the fixture back and forth until the head of the screw snaps at the score.



The score is now set 1/5 of an inch below the wood. Fill the hole with putty to finish.

Steps for Linoleum Floors

In most linoleum floors you can find the floor joist with an electric stud sensor. The indications from the stud sensor may be weaker although you should be able to get a good idea where the joists are. Using a strong new battery may make the stud finder have a more consistent reading. In general, floor joists are 16 inches apart. Having a heat vent can help because the vent will be between two joists.



Once you find the joists, focus on the spot on the joist where the movement and squeaks are coming from. Then drive the screw through the shorter opening in the fixture.



The head of the screw will hit the top of the fixture. The screw will then pull and snap at the score.



The screw is now set 1/5 of an inch below the floor. Take a hammer and tap the small bump that is left to smooth out the hole and force the hole to fill over.

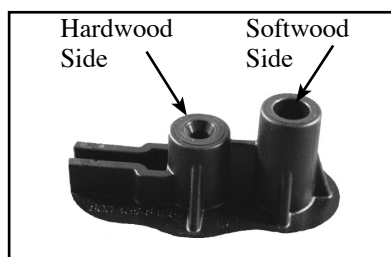
Squeeeeeek No More® Hardwood Floor Adaptor

Squeaks can happen both at the joist and between the joist. If you are working on a floor over 50 years old, they generally are at the joist.

Fixture

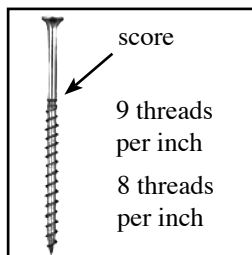
The Fixture Has Two Sides:

1. The hardwood side where the screw snaps off when it hits the top of the fixture.
2. The softwood side where the screw is driven down and then broken off manually.



Screw

The specially scored screw has a variable pitch. It starts at the tip with 8 threads per inch. One inch up it switches to 9 threads per inch. This change draws the wood together.



When working with the hardwood portion of the fixture, the *Squeeeeeek No More*® screw snaps at the score because of a combination of torque and the pull of the screw. **If the screw does not snap immediately upon hitting the top of the fixture, stop your drill.** The amount of torque and pull from the screw is not high enough to snap the screw. For this screw, back it out and use the softwood portion of the fixture to drive it in and then snap it off manually. **If the screw does not snap off consistently, use the softwood part of the fixture, or you can use a smaller drill bit to pre-drill the pilot hole.**

Dealing with Hollow Spots

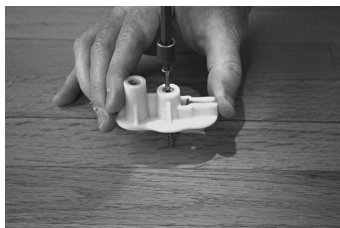
A Hollow Spot is where the hardwood or laminate flooring lifts off from the sub-floor making a "Hollow Sound" on the floor. The Squeeeeeek No More® Hardwood tool can hold these spots down tight to the sub-floor.

The fixture sets the score 1/5 of an inch below the surface of the flooring. For 3/4 inch flooring down to 3/8 inch flooring the fixture will set the screw so there is enough thread to hold the flooring tight to the sub floor and joist. For flooring less than 3/8 inch thick it is best to drive the screw down without using the fixture. Pre-drill through the flooring then drive the screw down until the score is no longer visible. Then snap the head off and fill the hole.

Steps for Hardwood Floors



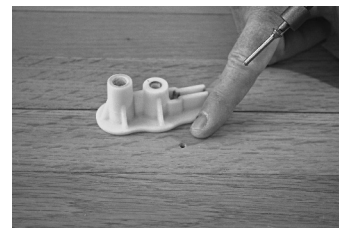
Pre-drill a hole in the floor with a 1/8 inch drill bit down 2 1/4 inches.



Drive a screw through the shorter opening in the fixture.



The head of the screw will hit the top of the fixture. The screw will then pull and snap at the score.



The score is now set 1/5 of an inch below the wood. Fill the hole with putty to finish.