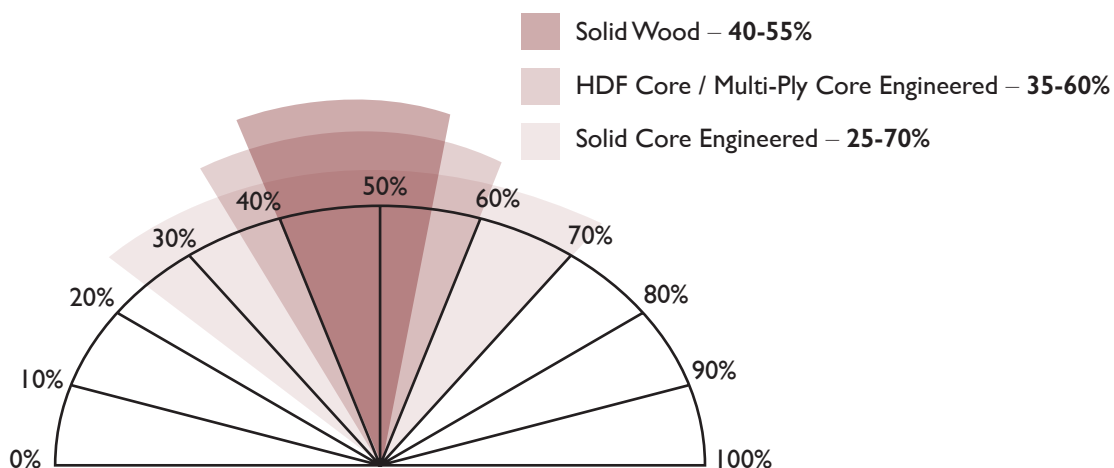


# Maintaining Correct Humidity Levels

*We install wood at the correct moisture content, but once it is installed we cannot control the moisture in your home. You must regulate humidity levels to keep your floors looking their best.*

One of the most important ways to keep your floors in good condition is to maintain appropriate humidity levels. **Wood never stops acclimating** – it is constantly responding to the air in your home and your floors could get damaged if the humidity is not kept within a safe range.

Relative humidity tolerances vary depending on the type of wood flooring:



## TOO DRY

During the heating season the humidity in your home will drop to a point where boards could contract or “gap.” A humidifier can help reduce this but all solid floors will gap to some degree in the winter.



## CORRECT HUMIDITY

To be sure you’re maintaining a safe humidity level in your home, hygrometers can be purchased for as little as \$10 online and can also be found in most home improvement stores.



## TOO HUMID

During spring and summer humidity levels in your home could increase and cause the boards to expand or “cup”. We recommend dehumidifiers be installed in all basements, especially in new homes during and after construction.

As the diagram above illustrates, solid flooring requires greater attention on your part than our engineered options. While different species, widths, and cuts of solid wood will perform better than others, we recommend considering solid-core engineered wood flooring to significantly reduce the chance of moisture-related issues.