

# VINYL SHOPPING QUESTIONS CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to help you get all your questions answered when shopping for vinyl.

✓ Question	Reason for Asking / Key Points
<input type="checkbox"/> What are the pros/cons vs. other flooring?	If you are unsure that vinyl is for you this will help you decide.
<input type="checkbox"/> What different types of vinyl do you carry and how do they differ?	You should be shown the following to get an idea of the brands or types you like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appearances</li> <li>• Brands</li> <li>• Sizes</li> <li>• Textures</li> <li>• Price Ranges</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> What would you personally recommend for my situation?	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The look you are trying to achieve</li> <li>• Home décor and furnishings</li> <li>• Climate extremes and traffic level</li> <li>• Any pets, kids or disabilities you have</li> <li>• The type of room (including stairs)</li> <li>• Type of subfloor (wood, concrete)</li> <li>• Need for sound insulation</li> <li>• Lighting</li> </ul>
<b>Once You Have an Idea of What Product You are Leaning Toward...</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> How durable is this product in relation to others vinyl?	Factors that determine durability are: <b>Core:</b> Denser cores can handle more wear and tear. <b>Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homogeneous/Solid - Uniform composition and structure with no added backing.</li> <li>• Inlaid Sheet Vinyl - Granules stenciled onto a backing and heated.</li> <li>• Layered Composite Sheet Vinyl –Composed of a felt or vinyl backing, a layer of liquid PVC and filler, a decorative layer and a transparent wear layer.</li> </ul> <b>Backing:</b> Thicker backings telegraph less subfloor imperfections. <b>Wear Layer</b> - Thicker wear layers offer more protection. <b>Pattern and Color Printing:</b> For Inlaid Vinyl, colors all the way through making it wear resistant. For Printed Vinyl, the color is printed on the surface and a urethane wear layer is added to help it last longer and maintain the print.
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the wear layer made of?	<b>Vinyl no-wax:</b> Smooth finish that resists scratching and staining. <b>Urethane (PVC):</b> Resists scrapes, scuffs, heel marks and stains. <b>Enhanced urethane:</b> Most durable and very stain resistant.
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the average life expectancy?	This ranges from 5 to 30+ years.
<input type="checkbox"/> Is this preferred for a DIY installation?	Ask for DIY instructions. These can also be found on FindAnyFloor.com.
<input type="checkbox"/> What does the Manufacturer's Warranty cover and how long does it last?	Look for a warranty accompanied by a large US company backing the product. If you find a cheap warranty from a private labeled product without a big US presence, be cautious. Read the fine print!
<input type="checkbox"/> What can you tell me about the manufacturer and your experience with their products?	How long and how much have you sold? Are there any customer testimonials? Large or small/private label? Number of years in business? Do they provide support?
<b>Other Factors to Consider ...</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the product in stock or does it have to be ordered? Is there a minimum order?	Rare products may take longer to ship. Ask your salesperson to check stock with the distributor. Normally you can order 1 box at a time.
<input type="checkbox"/> What is your return policy?	Find out penalties, fees and stipulations for returning. Can you return extra vinyl?
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the lead time before I can have this completely installed?	Consider factors such as ordering the product, waiting for arrival, acclimatization and installation.
<input type="checkbox"/> What other accessories or products might I need and do you carry them?	Examples: Moisture barrier or underlayment, adhesives, trims and moldings, tools for installation, rugs or mats
<input type="checkbox"/> Can you provide care instructions?	Follow all the manufacturer's instructions to ensure your warranty is not voided.
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you sell cleaning kits and repair kits?	Look for products recommended by the manufacturer.
<input type="checkbox"/> May I see a sample of the actual flooring?	If it is in stock, ask to remove a piece from actual box to inspect it (not all retailers will allow this). If undecided, ask to take a floor sample home. Evaluate how it works with the other colors and the lighting in the room?
<input type="checkbox"/> What financing options are available?	Consider financing if you decide on a product that is more than your budget.
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you deliver?	If so, curbside or stacked in the installation area? Is there a fee? How many days do I have to schedule in advance? Do I need to move furniture? Are there any other preparations that I need to take?
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you offer installation? If not, do you have a list of licensed installers you recommend?	If not, use FindAnyFloor.com's "Find it Locally" Search Tool.