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This repair guide covers the Casa Collection of floating flooring products with the fold down clic locking system.

NovaClic<sup>™</sup> FD is tough and durable; however, it is not indestructible. If a plank becomes damaged, it can be replaced. Follow the instructions below for your specific Novalis product.

## NovaClic<sup>™</sup> FD(Casa)

If the damaged plank is along the perimeter of the room, the easiest technique is to disconnect the planks until the damaged plank is removed. Replace the plank and reassemble the planks.

NOTE: When disassembling FD clic products, disconnect the long edge of the planking first by angling the row of planks up and away from the previous row. It may require more than one person to prevent damaging the locking system. The end joints can only be disconnected by horizontally sliding the connected boards apart!

If it's impractical to disconnect and reassemble the flooring, the following procedure should be used:

- 1. Using a straight edge and a sharp utility knife, cut out and remove the center of the damaged plank, leaving approximately a 1" strip attached to the surrounding planks on all sides. Figures 1 & 2.
- 2. Carefully cut back from the corners of the plank to the inside edge at a 45 angle towards the removed section of the damaged plank. Figure 3 & 4.
- 3. Remove the long plank edges by lifting up on the piece at an angle and pulling from the tongue and groove of the surrounding planks.
- 4. To remove the end joints, use a flexible putty knife to carefully lift the overlapping edge joint while pushing the piece of planking towards you gently. Once the corner of the piece to remove clears the edge of the adjoining plank continue to carefully slide the joint apart. Figure 5
- 5. For the remaining short edge piece, using a utility knife with a sharp blade, carefully slide the blade into the joint and carefully cut the bottom portion of the locking system from the piece. Do not cut into the adjoining planks and damage the locking mechanism. Once the piece has been removed you can carefully pull the remaining piece of the joint from under the overlapped edge lock. Figures 6, 7 & 8
- 6. Prepare the replacement plank by placing the plank face down and folding back and removing the groove strip on both the top edge long profile. Using the decorative surface of the tongue end as a guide, cut away this overhanging profile using a sharp utility knife. Figure 9
- 7. Place some double sided carpet tape onto the subfloor covering sufficient area of top edge of the removed plank and the adjoining plank. Both sides of the joint should be covered by the piece of tape. Be sure to leave one side of the tape covering on the tape, with the covering facing down on the substrate. Figure 10
- 8. Position the replacement plank carefully sliding the underlap edge lock under the adjoining plank at a slight angle. You will be able to fully seat this edge under the lap joint. Figures 11 & 12.
- 9. Next, engage the bottom edge locking joint by angling it into the adjoining long edge. At this point both of the short edges should be together also. Figure 12.
- 10. "Hinge" the prepared replacement plank into position. Figure 13.

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- 11. Using a rubber mallet, firmly mate both of the fold down locking mechanisms on the short edges of the replacement plank. Figure 114.
- 12. Use a hand roller to firmly press the replacement plank into the repair tape.

FIGURE 1





FIGURE 2

FIGURE 3





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FIGURE 9





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