



**Kährs**<sup>®</sup>

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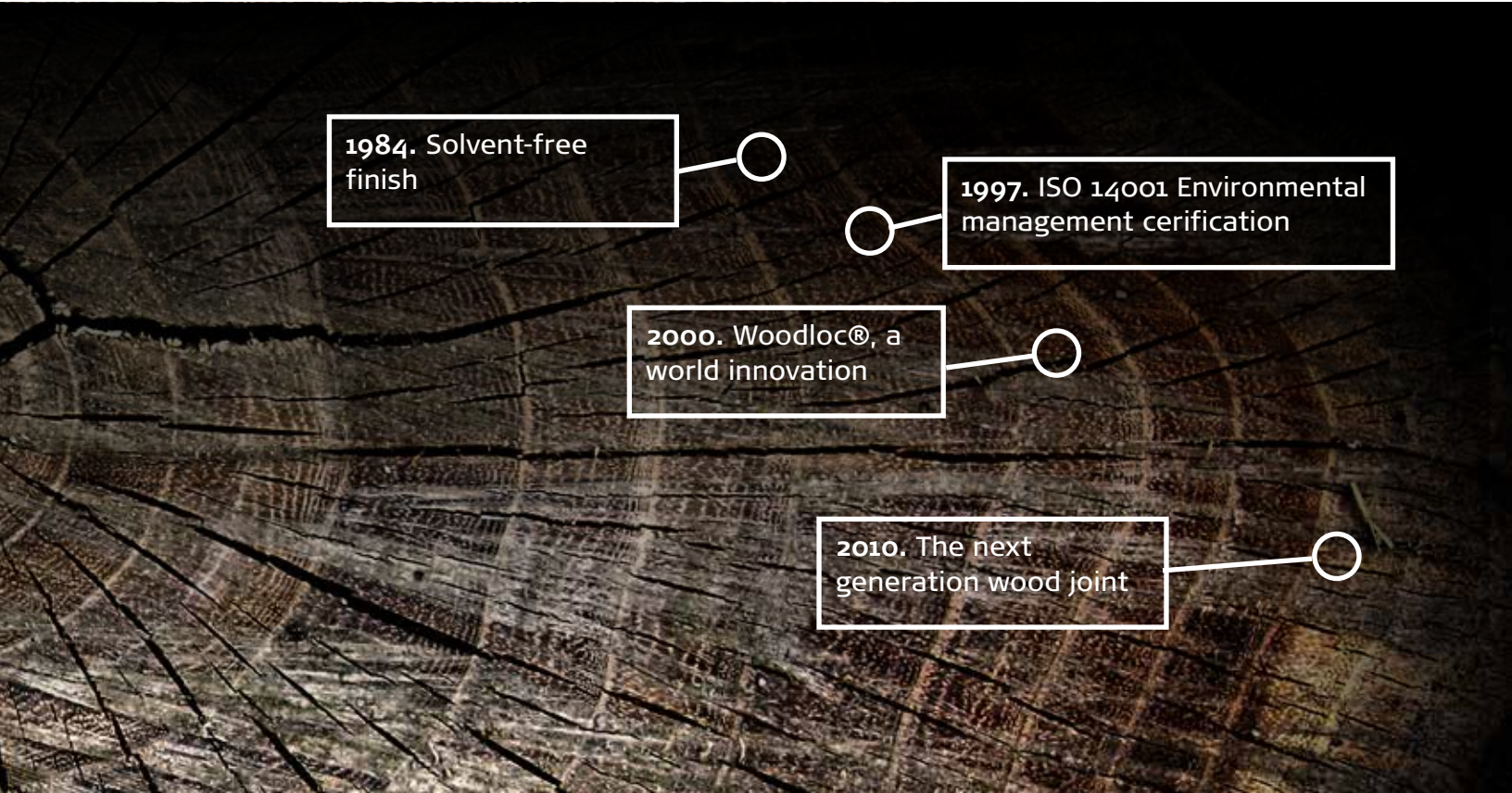
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**1857.** Kährs was founded in the small town of Nybro, Sweden

**1941.** Invention of the multi-layer engineered wood floor

**1958.** The first factory-finished floor

Kährs of Sweden is the oldest wood floor manufacturer in the world still in operation, with a history that dates back to 1857. It is also the most innovative, with a history of wood floor inventions and innovations that span decades. They include the world's first patented multi-layer wood floor in 1941; the world's first water-based finishing system in 1984, and the first ISO 14001 environmental management certification in 1997.



1984. Solvent-free finish

1997. ISO 14001 Environmental management certification

2000. Woodloc®, a world innovation

2010. The next generation wood joint

# QUALITY IN WOOD SINCE 1857

Wood is the most eco-friendly, beautiful and versatile flooring material there is. That's why we only work with wood. Few materials can add as much warmth and atmosphere as wood. It softens the most minimalistic designs, while accentuating the mood of a more traditional interior. And although trends may come and go, quality and true style never goes out of fashion. That's why a wood floor from Kährs will always be the perfect choice.

## SEASONS GREETINGS



Compared to a traditional solid wood floor, our patented construction is 75% more stable. A Kährs floor resists warping, buckling and cracking, even as temperature and humidity change throughout the seasons. The construction creates a perfectly balanced wood floor that can tolerate even the most dramatic climate changes. This also makes our wood floors the perfect partner for under-floor heating.

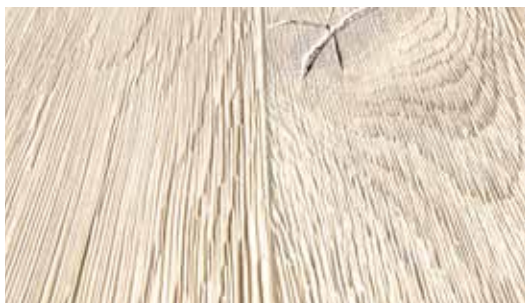
## GAP FREE

When Kährs launched Woodloc® in 2000 – the first glue-free joint system in the world – it revolutionized the wood flooring industry. This ingenious joint system locks the boards together mechanically, creating a completely gap-free floor.



## THE EASIEST INSTALLATION

Kährs floors are easy to install, thanks to the ingenious Woodloc® joint. The boards lock together mechanically, with virtually invisible joints, providing perfect results, fast! The superior fit also enhances the floor's performance and durability.



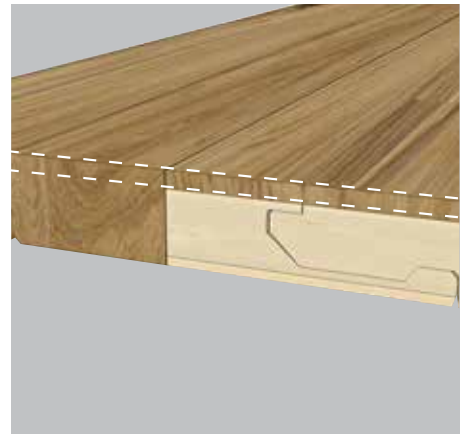
## MORE THAN A BEAUTIFUL SURFACE

Whichever surface treatment you choose for your Kährs floor, you can be sure that it will both enhance and protect the natural beauty of the wood. All Kährs surface treatments are naturally free from solvents, formaldehyde and isocyanate. They also make the floor really easy to clean and maintain.



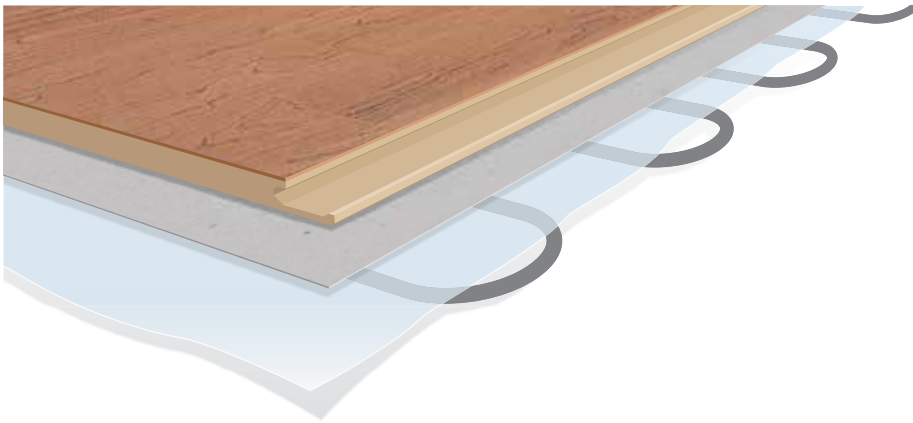
## ENDLESS DESIGN VARIATIONS

Whatever the size of room or interior style, there's a Kährs floor that will enhance the space. Our wood floors come in many wood species, sizes, patterns and finishes.



## SANDS LIKE A SOLID

The Kährs multi-layer construction uses hardwood down to the joint only, with fast-growing timber below. It can be refinished in exactly the same way as a solid floor.



## UNDERFLOOR HEATING

Kährs wood floors are ideally suited to underfloor heating, provided that they are installed as recommended, using the correct underlay, etc. Remember that the surface temperature of the finished floor must never exceed 81 degrees F, in any area.



## THE FINISHING TOUCH

It's in the detail that you'll see the level of skill and craftsmanship that goes into every product made by Kährs. Choose from a wide range of mouldings and accessories, that are designed to add the perfect finishing touch.



## LEED

Many of Kährs products contribute to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) points on construction projects. Please contact your local Kährs representative for the latest LEED information or visit [kahrs.com](http://kahrs.com).



## BEAUTY WITH A CONSCIENCE

Choosing a wood floor is a great way of being environmentally responsible. Choosing one from Kährs means making an even smarter, greener choice. Kährs is one of the oldest producers of wood flooring in the world – and the most innovative. During the last century, our many inventions have transformed the production of wood floors globally. Throughout this time, we've continued to capture the beauty and expression of wood. We combine its natural character with cutting edge innovation, to produce the highest quality wood flooring.

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### GREEN PRODUCT

The multi-layer wood floor, that we invented in 1941, proved not only to be the best and most stable flooring on the market; it was also the most environmentally friendly construction. It optimizes the use of the raw material, it is made from renewable resources and it is recyclable.



### LESS RAW MATERIAL

Our multi-layered construction allows us to use the raw material more effectively, utilizing the whole log.

### SOLVENT FREE

We constantly strive to find the most environmentally friendly, solvent-free stains and finishes. Also, our surfaces are easy to keep spotlessly clean, without the need to use harsh chemicals.

## GREEN PRODUCTION

Our production process is designed to have minimal impact on the environment. Over the years, Kährs has introduced a number of manufacturing and flooring innovations that have enabled a more responsible, green production. We work hard to reduce our impact to nature, in terms of air quality, water discharge and noise control, to the benefit of our employees and neighbours.



## HEALTHY PRODUCTION HEALTHY FLOOR

In 1984, Kährs was the first wood flooring manufacturer to utilize a water-based finishing system to reduce emissions. Kährs meets European E1, Eo and California Air Resources Board – Airborne Toxic Control Measure (CARB-ATCM) Phase 1 and 2 standards.

## NOTHING IS WASTED

At our production plant in Nybro, nothing goes to waste. The portion of the logs that we're not able to use for floor production are turned into biofuel. Some of this fuel is used to heat our own facilities. The rest goes to a local energy company. About 45,000 people in our neighbourhood enjoy the warmth of our recycled wood.

## A GREEN MINDSET

Environmental, social, governance (ESG) and corporate social responsibility (CSR) matters impact the communities where Kährs operates. We have made a public commitment to incorporate these ethical principles into the way we behave locally and globally.

Our commitment to the environment starts with the selection of the best raw material. This is achieved with the support of our 3000+ timber suppliers who share in our commitments.



## PLANTING AHEAD

Kährs is working with local, national and global organizations to ensure the forest stock is sustainable for generations to come. In Sweden, the total forest volume is 60% larger today than it was in the 1920's. Kährs is working with leading global programs, reforestation programs and leading environmental groups to support globally responsible forestry.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Since the 1990's, Kährs' operations have been environmentally and quality certified. We have also been publishing a transparent and independent environmental audit results from EMAS since 1997. EMAS is the voluntary environmental regulation within the EU. Its purpose is to promote environmental control, environmental improvements, and environmental audits within industry.

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### SAMPLE ORDERING

When you've identified a product for a specific installation, just complete the sample order form and it will be sent to you. For final evaluation nothing compares to a real floor sample.



### ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

We have gathered a substantial amount of information relating to our products, our environmental policies and the latest environmental reports.



### TECHNICAL DOWNLOADS

Within the Download Library you will find a wide variety of documents covering Technical Specifications, Installation and Maintenance Guides, Environmental Certificates, etc.



### REFERENCE CASE STUDIES

The reference area within the site is continuously updated with images and facts. This will provide you with further inspiration.



### TRY AND COMPARE FLOORS

Select a floor from our wide range. Compare it with another floor – or with several other alternatives.

