

## WOOD FLOORING - CARE & MAINTAINENCE

Wipe up spills immediately. Spills and tracked-in dirt should be cleaned immediately. Using a regular gloss urethane dressing that adds shine and protects from nicks & scratches, lightly apply to the surface and wipe with a sponge mop or a soft cloth. Excess cleaner that does not evaporate immediately should be dried with a clean towel. No rinsing is necessary.

Vacuum or sweep your floor once a week, or more if needed. The vacuum head must be brush or felt. Do not use vacuums with beater bars or hard heads. A good quality dust mop is also highly recommended to eliminate finer particles of grit and dirt that can act like sandpaper on a hardwood floor.

If your floor abuts exterior doors, place outside doormats at the entrances to keep dirt and moisture from being tracked in. Inside, you may want to add an area rug to further prevent dirt and moisture from being tracked onto your hardwood floor. Don't use rubber, foam back or plastic mats as they may trap moisture and possibly discolor your floor. Use door mats and throw rugs outside room entrances and in front of kitchen sink and refrigerator to help keep dirt and grit off your floor, and to prevent damage and excessive wear.

Place runners and area rugs (with slip-resistant backings) along high-traffic areas.

Move heavy appliances and furniture by using a dolly rolled over plywood or pressed board.

Use furniture leg protector pads under all furniture legs.

Replace hard, narrow furniture rollers with wide rubber rollers.

Keep animal nails trimmed to prevent finish scratches.

Keep the relative humidity in your home between 45% and 55%.

Protect your floor from direct sunlight.

Twice a year, apply a regular gloss urethane dressing that adds shine and protects from nicks & scratches. The application of this top dressing can be done in one easy step. Simply apply a thin coat with a sponge mop and let dry. When possible, always apply with the grain. (See the product container for important details).

**DO NOT** use any of the following products (or products similar in nature) on your floor: ammonia based cleaners, acrylic finishes, wax based products, detergents, bleach, polishes and oil soaps, or abrasive cleaning soaps.

**DO NOT** allow water to stand on your floor for any length of time.

**DO NOT** walk across your floor in poorly maintained shoes with heel taps, spike heels or with any sharp object protruding from your shoe.

**DO NOT** allow furniture to rest on the floor on small metal tips or hard domes.