



Care & Maintenance of your Wooden Floor

In order to maintain the look and finish of your floor, it is important to clean and care for it on a regular basis. In order to maximize the durability of your floor we recommend the following as part of your normal care & maintenance:

- Use interior and exterior doormats at entrances to collect excess moisture, sand, grit etc. Spillage won't mark your floor provided that you wipe it up immediately. Don't allow water to lie on the floor.
- Area rugs are recommended in front of Kitchen sinks, at all pivot points and within high traffic areas. The rugs must be made of a breathable material to prevent moisture entrapment
- Keep animal nails trimmed to prevent finish scratches.
- Remember that wood and water do not mix and the increase in the moisture content of your floor will result in the expansion of the wood causing difficulties with its performance. Therefore only ever use a clean damp mop when wiping the floor after you have swept the floor clean.
- Keep the relative humidity in your home between 35% and 55%.
- Some finishes will require a soap free cleaning solution to prevent a build-up of soap film on the surface causing a clouding effect (e.g. Polyurethane finishes) and others might require a soap for oiled floors. (Please check your Product label or ask your Installer for advice on floor cleaners suitable to use)
- To prevent surface damage, avoid rolling heavy appliances and furniture on the floor. Use protective felt pads under furniture legs and avoid sharp or pointed objects with concentrated weight on one spot.
- Protect your floor from direct sunlight.

DONT'S

- **Do not** allow excess liquid to remain on the floor's surface
- **Do not** use soap-based detergents, abrasives cleaners or "clean and shine" products that wax or polish, ammonia-based cleaners, acrylic finishes, bleach or acidic materials such as vinegar.
- **Do not** use rubber, foam back, or plastic mats as they may trap moisture and possibly discolor your floor.
- **Do not** steam clean or use chemicals that may damage the floor surface
- **Do not** use vacuums with beater bars or hard heads while cleaning wood floors.

***Floor cleaning products especially for oiled wood floors can be obtained from Eurofloors Knysna.
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