

Cleaning and Maintenance for UV Pre-finished Wood Floors

PREVENT SCRATCHES

There is no such thing as a “scratch-proof” wood floor, but following these basic procedures will reduce the likelihood and frequency of scratches:

- Felt padding should be permanently affixed to the legs of all furniture before it is moved into the space.
- Do not allow people to wear spiked heels on the floor, which will damage most floors and finishes.
- Pet claws should be properly trimmed at all times.
- Work boots and shoes that may have pebbles lodged in the soles should be removed prior to entering.
- Be careful not to push large or heavy objects across the floor. It can catch the edge of the tiles and cause them to chip or lift.

REMOVE GRIT

Care should be taken to prevent dirt, sand and grit from accumulating on the surface of your floor. They will act like sandpaper and abrade the finish. Walk-off mats should be placed inside and out at all exterior exits, and the floor should be swept or vacuumed frequently. All mats or rugs should be cleaned and/or replaced on a regular basis. They should also be moved occasionally to allow natural color changes caused by light to occur evenly in all areas. Sweep for dust and debris regularly.

USE PROPER CLEANING PRODUCTS

To clean the factory urethane finish, we recommend Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner and a microfiber mop. Floor waxes, oil soaps, and petroleum-based cleaners should not be used under any circumstances.

AVOID STANDING MOISTURE

Never wet-mop your floor, and always clean up spills and standing water as soon as possible. With water or any other cleaning agent, be sure to thoroughly ring out the applicator or mop prior to applying it to the floor. A damp mop is fine as long as the moisture is limited to an amount that will evaporate almost immediately. Moisture that is allowed to seep into the seams between the tile may cause damage to your flooring. Do not allow soiled mats or rugs to stay on the floor as they can trap moisture on the surface.

TOP-COATING/RE-COATING

Periodic recoating in any area will help prolong the life and restore the new appearance of your floor. By recoating the floor at the first signs of wear, you will be able to bring your floor back to new condition with relatively little cost and inconvenience. To top-coat or recoat your floor, lightly screen (abrade) the top surface of the factory finish and then apply Bona Traffic floor finish by Bona (bona.com). Bona also offers the Bona Prep System that allows top-coating without screening or sanding. Follow all Bona application instructions carefully.

Minor Scratch repair

Since most scratches are small surface scratches that do not break the clear coat. Most of them can be easily hidden with a stain pen or almond oil stick.



For light surface scratches, Tibet almond stick available on Amazon, search Tibet almond stick.



For darker floors a stain pen may work best, Minwax makes a collection of pens that will blend with virtually any color floor.

Also available on Amazon or any home center, search minwax stain pen.

For heavier scratches use a blend and fill wax pencil. This will fill deeper scratches that have broken through the clear coat.

It may be necessary to use a combination of these products for best results.

