

TIMBER FLOOR CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Once your timber floor is polished, sealed, or coated with Ecoshield products, follow these tips to ensure a long-lasting, high-performance finish. Taking a proactive approach to maintenance will preserve the beauty and integrity of your floor for years to come.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Daily Care

- **Immediate Spill Cleanup:** promptly clean up any broken glass, food, or beverage spills. This prevents staining and potential damage to the surface.
- **Prevent Scratches:** Always lift and avoid dragging equipment, tables, chairs, or any other utility items. Use felt pads on the bottom of furniture to prevent scuff marks and scratches.
- **Routine Sweeping:** Regularly sweep floors with a fringe mop to remove surface debris. We advise against using vacuum cleaners, as worn-out brushes on the vacuum head can expose metal parts, leading to scratched surfaces.
- **Damp Mopping:** For a deeper clean, damp mop the floor using a solution of Eco Clean.
- **Stubborn Marks:** For black heel marks and other stubborn spots, use undiluted Eco Clean on a soft cloth, such as a Chux wipe, to gently remove the mark.

Weekly Routine

- **Follow Daily Procedure:** Perform all the daily cleaning tasks.
- **Surface Inspection:** Carefully inspect the floor for any signs of wear on the surface. Early detection allows for timely touch-ups and prevents further damage.

Monthly Routine

- **Follow Weekly Procedure:** Perform the weekly cleaning and inspection procedures.
- **Protective Application:** Apply Eco Polish to the floor. A protective clear coat that enhances the floor's appearance and durability.

PRECAUTIONS

To ensure your newly sealed floor cures properly and maintains its finish, follow these important precautions. Taking these steps will protect your investment and extend the life of your floor.

Foot Traffic and Furniture

- **Initial Curing:** For optimal results, we recommend keeping all foot traffic off the floor for 24 hours after the final seal has been applied. An ideal curing period is 72 hours.
- **Light Use:** In optimal drying conditions of 25°C and 50% relative humidity, light foot traffic may be possible after 4-6 hours. However, to avoid any potential scuffing, it is best to wear socks and avoid shoes during this initial period.
- **Furniture Placement:** To prevent scratches and damage to the coated surface, avoid dragging any furniture or other items over the floor at all times. Use furniture pads to protect the floor's surface.

Protecting Your Floor

- **Entry Mats:** Place mats at all entrances, both inside and outside your home, where possible. This will significantly reduce the amount of dirt and abrasive particles brought onto the floor.
- **Mat Placement:** We recommend waiting at least two days after the coating is applied before placing any mats on the floor to allow the seal to fully cure.
- **Protective Pads:** Ensure all furniture that makes contact with the floor has protective pads. Regularly check these pads and replace them when they show signs of wear.