

Guidelines to Follow After Final Coat of Finish Has Been Applied to Hardwood Floor

Your Newly Finished Floor – Oil-Modified Urethane

- The finish on your floor will take 30 days to achieve its full cure.
- Place, do not slide, furniture on the floor until 72 hours after the floor is finished.
- Be sure all furniture has floor protectors underneath.
- Do not place rugs or mats on floors for 30 days.
- Do not use recommended wood cleaner on floor for 2 weeks.
- Refrigerators require special attention! Use floor guards, Masonite, or plywood when moving. Do not use cardboard. Do not put refrigerator back on floor for 72 hours.

Your Newly Finished Floor – Water-Base Urethane

- The curing process takes approximately 7 days.
- Do not set furniture on the floor until 72 hours after the floor is finished.
- Be sure all furniture has floor protectors underneath.
- Do not place rugs or mats on the floor for 7 days.
- Cleaning with water or detergent is not allowed during the first week.
- Refrigerators require special attention! Use floor guards, Masonite, or plywood when moving. Do not use cardboard only. Do not put refrigerator back on floor for 72 hours.

Keep Your Wood Floor Clean

- Remove grit regularly with a micro fiber dust mop, soft broom or vacuum.
- Wipe up spills with a clean dry cloth, or use paper towels. Use a damp cloth to wipe up sticky spills.
- Use ONLY wood floor cleaner designed for your finish. DO NOT USE waxes, furniture polish, Murphy's Oil Soap, or other commercially advertised products for wood.
- Do not use cleaners such as Fantastik, 409, Pine Sol, vinegar and water, or Ammonia. All of these products can cause a film which will make the floor look dull and dirty. They will also contaminate the floor so that it must be sanded rather than recoated.

Protect Your Wood Floor

- Use floor protectors on the bottoms of all your furniture. These are available in a variety of sizes and styles.
- High heels can dent the wood fibers of your floor. This can occur regardless of your choice of finish.
- Use area rugs in front of sinks and walk-off mats at entryways to prevent tracking of water on your floor.
- All surfaces can be scratched. Keep dog's toenails trimmed and filed.

Control Your Home's Humidity

- Wood is a natural product which is affected by the humidity in the air. Dry air will cause your floor to contract, causing separation of the boards. This can be even more pronounced with a lighter colored floor.
- If indoor humidity drops below 35%, a humidifier should be used to prevent excessive separation.
- Too much humidity can cause the floor to cup or buckle.
- If the humidity rises over 50 %, use air conditioning. Fans can be used for ventilation throughout the home as well.

Thank you for the opportunity of serving you!

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