Light Commercial Hardwood Flooring

MAINTENANCE

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Mohawk Wood Floors require routine care and regular maintenance in order to maintain the beauty of their appearance over time. The recommendations in this section are in accordance with guidelines required to maintain the coverage of the limited warranties and will prolong the life of the Mohawk Wood Floor.

Preventative Maintenance

- Use protective mats at all exterior entrances. Walk-off matting should be long enough to adequately remove moisture and grit from shoes, or wood flooring near the entrance will show wear quickly.
- Vacuum or sweep the floor regularly with a soft-bristled attachment or broom, especially in high-traffic areas. This prevents gritty dirt and particle buildup that can scratch the wood's surface. Don't use vacuums with a beater bar or power rotary brush head.
- Remove spills promptly with a prefinished hardwood flooring cleaner and a clean white cloth.
- Never wet-mop or damp-mop hardwood floors with water or other liquids. Excessive moisture left on hardwoods will cause the floor to warp.
- Never use oil soaps; liquid or paste wax; liquid detergent; or household products containing lemon oil, citrus oil, tung oil or silicon to clean floors.
- Never use harsh cleaning aids like steel wool pads, any scouring pads containing metal, or scouring powders to clean floors.
- Never use 2-in-1 cleaners that contain acrylics or urethane polish to restore gloss.
- Use felt protectors under chairs and heavy pieces of furniture.
- Employ floor mats or area rugs under rolling chairs and other high traffic/pivot points.
- Protect the floor when using a dolly for moving furniture or fixtures. Never slide or roll heavy furniture or equipment across the floor.
- Footwear should be periodically checked for wear. Spiked heels or shoes with heels in need of repair can severely damage hardwood floors. Areas of indentation can often be fixed by a simple plank replacement.
- To help preserve the original look of your hardwood flooring, minimize excessive lighting wherever possible. Use protective window coverings to block fade-causing UV rays and excessive heat from direct sunlight.
- Most wood types will gradually age when not covered, so it's a good idea to rearrange rugs and furniture periodically to help it age evenly.

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Regular Care

Mohawk Wood Floors are easy to care for and require no waxing. When the appearance of the floor becomes dulled by the effects of soil, simply use a prefinished hardwood flooring cleaner and a specialty terry cloth or microfiber flooring mop available from most flooring retailers.

- **Step One**: Vacuum or sweep the floor to remove any particles that could scratch the floor.
- **Step Two**: Apply a prefinished hardwood flooring cleaner directly to the mop, not the floor.
- **Step Three**: Use a back-and-forth motion with the mop. When the mop cover becomes soiled, simply replace it with a clean one. Cleaning the floor with a soiled cover could cause streaking. The covers are reusable, so simply throw the cover in the wash and dry it out with any towel.

If the floor becomes scratched or dull, repairs can often be made using repair accessories. Contact the flooring installation subcontractor for information.

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