



## **Karelia**<sup>®</sup> WOOD FLOORING

### *Maintenance of Engineered Flooring*

Keeping your hardwood floors looking beautiful is easier than you think. Today's hardwood floors can be cared for with minimal effort, and in most cases, a little preventative maintenance will keep your floors looking beautiful for years to come.

No matter what kind of floor you have, or which type of finish is used, all hardwood floors should be cleaned regularly. Simply sweep, dust mop, or vacuum the floor with the beater bar turned off to remove dirt and grit. Avoid using a wet mop on your hardwood as it can dull the finish, or even damage the wood.

Place scatter rugs at all entrances, avoiding those with rubber backs, which can discolor your floors. Scatter rugs will help keep dirt and other debris from scratching your floors. You can also prevent scratching by placing floor protector pads on the bottoms of any furniture that comes into direct contact with your floor.

Be sure to clean spills immediately with a dry or slightly damp cloth. Allowing

spills to remain on your floor could damage the finish, as well as the wood.

You should also avoid walking on your floors with cleats or high heels in disrepair. These can scratch your floor, or even dent your floor.

Surface finishes are very popular because they are durable, water-resistant and require minimal maintenance. Surface finishes are blends of synthetic resins. These finishes most often are referred to as urethanes or polyurethanes, and remain on the surface of the wood to form a protective coating. They generally are available in gloss, satin, and matte finishes.

To determine if your floor has a surface finish, check the original installer or refinisher records. If those are not available, scratch the floor gently with a coin in an inconspicuous area behind a door or in a corner. If the finish flakes, it likely is a surface finish floor. Another test you can try is to apply two drops of water in an inconspicuous area. If white spots do not appear within 10 minutes, your floor likely has a

surface finish and should be maintained accordingly.

#### **Spills**

Wipe up spills immediately. Use a slightly dampened cloth and follow with the manufacturer or a generic hardwood cleaning product.

#### **Stains**

For stubborn stains, lightly dampen a cloth with the manufacturer or a generic hardwood cleaning product, and gently rub the stain. Repeat as often as necessary until the stain is removed.

#### **Damaged Finishes**

When the floor begins to lose its lustre, you should contact a professional to refinish your floor and restore it to its original beauty.

#### **Cleaning**

For surface finishes, you should use the manufacturer's recommended cleaning products.

## Satin Finishes:

### U.V. Hardened Acrylate 32°

- American Cherry Polar 3 strip
- Euro Maple Classic 3 strip
- White Oak Country & Standard 2 & 3 strip
- Jatoba Nature 1-2 & 3 strip
- Saima Birch Classic Full plank
- White Oak Rich Honey & Classic Brown Standard 3 strip
- White Oak Nature Oregano 3 strip
- Red Oak Standard 3 strip
- Walnut Country 3 strip
- Iroko Nature full plank
- Merbau Nature 2 strip
- Wenge (Africa) Nature and Country 3 strip

## Matte Finishes:

### New U.V. Hardened Acrylate 10°

- Iroko (Africa) Story full plank
- Jatoba (Brazil) Story full plank
- Merbau (Indonesia) Story full plank

## Oil Finish-Silky

- White Oak Story brushed Silky full plank
- White Oak Story brushed Silky New Arctic full plank
- White Oak Story brushed Silky Antique full plank
- White Oak Stonewashed Ebony full plank
- White Oak Stonewashed Ivory full plank
- Robinie (Europe) Stonewashed Ebony 3 strip
- Doussie (Africa) full plank
- White Oak brushed charcoal 3 strip