



HARDWOOD FLOOR CARE

Floor Care Tips

We take special care in finishing our Mirage flooring to make caring for it a breeze. To preserve its lustrous good looks, just follow these few simple instructions.

- Sweep or vacuum to eliminate dust and abrasive dirt.
- Spray Mirage Clean lightly on a section of the floor or on the microfibre mop cover.
- Wipe the floor using the mop in a back and forth movement, in the same direction as the strips. Finish one section before starting the next.

Floor Maintenance Tips

You'll find a few easy maintenance tips below that will help you appreciate the beauty of your Mirage floor longer.

- Sweep or vacuum regularly so abrasive dirt won't scratch the finish.
- Wipe up any spilled liquid quickly from your floor.
- Watch out for high heels and some kinds of sports footwear, particularly if they're worn or damaged. Note that only water and sand are worse enemies of hardwood floors than high heel shoes. In fact, high heels can damage any floor covering, even cement.
- Put mats outside and inside entrances. This will prevent the build-up of sand and dirt on the floor.
- Put mats in front of the kitchen sink, the dishwasher, and all kitchen work stations to protect your floor from kitchen mishaps like dropped utensils and spills of water, detergent, and food.
- Avoid mats with rubber or other dense backing that prevent airflow and trap abrasive dirt and moisture.
- Attach felt pads (Feltac™ or others) to the feet of all furniture to make it easier to move and prevent scratches. Keep the pads clean and replace if damaged.
- Replace plastic casters with wide rubber or soft polyurethane casters.

- Protect the floor when moving furniture. Use a mat turned upside down with a slightly smaller piece of plywood on top of it. Place furniture on top and slide it.
- Maintain humidity levels between 40 and 50%, for your own health as well as for the protection of your floor and wooden furniture.
- Avoid exposing your floor to sunlight and intense artificial light, which can cause wood to change color. This is a completely normal and natural phenomenon. The lighter the wood, the more pronounced the change will be.
- Move your carpets and furniture occasionally and use a minimum number of light sources to keep color changes uniform.
- Note that color change is not caused by the yellowing of the finish; it is a natural change of the wood's color.

Things to Avoid:

- Do not pour cleaner.
- Do not use a wet mop that can leave excess water behind.
- Never use floor wax, oil-based detergent, or any other household cleaner on your floor. These products can damage the finish and leave a greasy film that makes your floor slippery, difficult to maintain, and impossible to refinish without deep sanding and complete revarnishing.
- For hardwood floors laid over a subfloor with a radiant heating system, do not raise or lower the temperature by more than 2.8°C (5°F) per day when turning the system on or off.