



Care & Maintenance of Timber Flooring

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Taking care of your timber floor

If cared for properly your timber floor can retain its good looks for many years and be easier and less costly to keep in top condition than vinyl or other floor coverings that will eventually need to be replaced.

However you should be aware that your floor can sustain damage from a number of sources. The foremost of these is dirt and grit. This not only looks unsightly but its abrasiveness can damage the floor finish or the timber itself. The use of Granwax Dirt Control Matting in entrance areas can help minimise this risk.

Tables, chairs and other furniture may also damage the floor. With these items it is not so much the weight that causes the damage, but dragging movements across the floor. Fitting furniture with

suitable 'Safeglides' Felt protectors will reduce the damage to the floor surface .

Strong light, particularly direct sunlight can cause wood to change colour. To avoid a patchy effect move rugs and mats occasionally and use curtains or blinds to protect the floor from direct sunlight.

If you have just had your floor re-finished then it is important that the finish is allowed to fully cure and harden before you place any rugs on the floor. These can prevent the covered areas from curing at the same rate as the uncovered areas and may result in an uneven finish and may even leave marks on the floor finish. If you are unsure how long is required consult your contractor or Granwax Products for the curing time for the finish used on your floor.



The following maintenance procedure is designed to ensure that the beauty of your wooden floor and the quality of your contractors workmanship is maintained for as long as possible, thus avoiding unnecessary deterioration of the finish and, ultimately the

wood itself.

Should it prove desirable a "custom made" maintenance plan can be created for your floor. Please contact our office or your local representative.

Domestic Installations

Daily

Floors should be swept or vacuumed to remove dust and dirt. Entrance matting should also be cleaned and vacuumed regularly. The use of sweeping compounds should be avoided.

Regular Maintenance

Dirt and spillages should be removed using Granwax E-ZEE Wood Floor Cleaner, follow-

ing the instructions on the container, to ensure that the surface is thoroughly clean and smear free.

Occasionally, if required, your wood floor may be treated with two thin coats of Granwax E-ZEE Wood Floor Polish, which will enhance the overall appearance and offer further protection to the surface. E-Zee polish should be applied to a clean, dry and lightly abraded surface.



Commercial and Educational Installations

Daily

Floors should be swept or vacuumed to remove dust and dirt. Entrance matting should also be cleaned and vacuumed regularly. The use of sweeping compounds should be avoided. It is important that all efforts are made to remove abrasive material to minimize scratching and premature wear of the finish.

Regular Maintenance

In order to protect the floor it is recommended that two thin coats of Granwax Acrylic Floor Polish be applied, which will enhance the overall appearance and offer further protection to the surface. Acrylic should be applied to a clean, dry and lightly abraded surface.

When necessary, damp mop the floor using a warm water solution of Granwax Jadex Neutral Detergent or alternatively, Granwax Speedkleen for spray cleaning/buffing..

Care should be taken that excess moisture is not allowed to remain in contact with the floor surface for prolonged periods. The use of a wet vacuum machine is recommended to minimize the possible risk of water damage to the wood. A scrubber drier is recommended for large areas

Any spillage should be quickly removed using an absorbent cloth and then damp mopped with Jadex or Speedkleen.



Bars, Restaurants, Clubs, Dance Floors etc

It is important that all efforts are made to remove abrasive material to minimize scratching and premature wear of the finish.

Daily Maintenance

Floors must be swept and vacuumed to remove dust and dirt, broken glass, etc. It is very important that all effort is made to remove abrasive material to minimize scratching and premature wear of the finish. In exceptionally heavy use areas it is suggested that this operation is carried out twice daily.

All liquid spillages (e.g. alcohol, fruit drinks) should be removed from the floor as quickly as possible using a mop, bucket and wet vacuum machine or a scrubber/drier, to reduce the possibility of staining and/or sticky areas which will attract dirt to the surface.

For confined spillages and dirt the floor should be spot cleaned using Granwax E-ZEE Wood Floor Cleaner, applied neat with an absorbent cloth. For large areas, E-Zee Cleaner may be applied directly onto the floor in workable sections, allowed to stand for 1 – 2 minutes and then scrubbed using a red or blue floor maintenance pad under a rotary floor machine or scrubber/drier. All slurry created from this process should be removed as quickly as possible. When dry, floors may be buffed using tan or red pads to enhance the floors appearance.

Regular Maintenance

It is strongly advised that wood floors be scrubbed weekly using E-Zee wood Floor Cleaner in conjunction with mop, bucket and wet vacuum machine or scrubber/drier and a green floor pad to thoroughly clean and degrease the surface. This will minimize the possibility of dirt build-up which will detract from the overall appearance of the floor

Periodic Maintenance

Due to the extreme heavy use floors are subjected to it is advised that the condition of the finish be monitored every three months. When necessary apply further coats of finish.



E-Zee Wood Floor Cleaner

E-ZEE WOOD FLOOR CLEANER has been specifically designed to make the cleaning of wood floors quick and simple. Ideal for use on all types of wood and laminate floors, including pre-finished flooring systems. Also suitable for use on most types of hard floor surfaces, including vinyl.

No dilution. Product does not need to be diluted, thus eliminating the possibility of 'overwetting' floors. This is particularly important on new hardwood floors.

Non-smear formulation. Product can be used to wipe away simple spillages, leaving the surface clean and fresh without smears, which are sometimes found with conventional cleaners.

Non-abrasive rinse-free formulation. E-Zee does not contain harsh alkalis or acids, ensuring that the floor surfaces are not dulled or damaged during cleaning. This is particularly important on gloss or silk finishes. Product can also be used for maintaining polished floors.

Easy to use. Simply spray onto a suitable flat sweeper or cloth and wipe surface to remove dust and general dirt. Spillages may be removed by spraying E-Zee Wood Floor Cleaner onto an absorbent cloth and wiping the surface.

Pleasantly perfumed. Ideal for use in all areas where a clean, fresh fragrance is essential, e.g. domestic floors, retail stores, etc.



E-Zee Wood Floor Polish

E-ZEE WOOD FLOOR POLISH has been specifically designed to make the protection of wood floors quick and simple. Ideal for use on all types of wood floors, including pre-finished flooring systems.

Please note: This product should not be used on melamine flooring. If in doubt, test before use.

E-ZEE WOOD FLOOR POLISH offers many advantages to the user:

Formulated to offer a fast drying, durable protective coating for wood floors.

Dries to a sheen to enhance the natural beauty of wood floors.

Easy to use. Simply ensure the surface is clean and thoroughly dry prior to application.

The Granwax research and development team constantly strive to improve their product performance relating to floor care and as such reserve the right to vary the product specification and/or recommendations without prior notice.

Granwax warrants that the products described in this literature are of merchantable quality and are fit for the purpose intended provided that the instructions relating to storage, handling and preparation are observed.