



Maintenance Manual for DuraSeal™ Waxed Wood Floors

Congratulations On Your New Flooring!

Here Are Some Important Tips To Help You Protect Your
New Waxed Hardwood Floor

- **Avoid spike heels and furniture glides**
- **Grit is one of the biggest dangers to your floor**
- **Excessive amounts of water and wood don't mix**

Wood is a natural material that swells when it absorbs water and shrinks when it dries. Wipe up spills immediately to keep your floor unmarked, smooth and level. Never use water to clean or mop your waxed hardwood floor.

Excessive amounts of water and wood don't mix. Do not use rugs with solid rubber or vinyl backings directly on your hardwood floor. Let your floor breath.

Spike heels are damaging to hardwood flooring. They strike a floor with more force per inch than an elephant's foot. Spike heels in disrepair are especially harmful to your floor.

Round-headed chair glides and narrow wheels on furniture legs are also damaging. They can scratch or permanently dent your floor. Spread the weight. Use commercially made felt protectors or furniture coasters to prevent scratches and dents.

Tracked-in dirt is like sandpaper on hardwood flooring. Use a walk-off or entry rug at every outdoor entrance to catch grit. Vacuum or shake out regularly.

Use of floor maintenance products not specifically manufactured for use on waxed hardwood floors may damage your floor and will void your warranty.

Routine Cleaning - With waxed wood floors, the best cleaner is actually nothing at all. You'll need to dust mop and sweep on a regular basis, and you can also buff your floor occasionally to restore its shine. Never use a water-based cleaner on a wax floor. Once dirt and dust have been removed, the luster may be restored by buffing. Apply additional wax only in heavy traffic areas, if needed. Caution, do not over wax. An application of a solvent-based cleaning product will remove dirt and allow the floor to be buffed clean. Spills must be wiped up immediately with a lightly water dampened cloth and then hand buffed dry.

To remove white spots caused by water spills, use fine steel wool (#000) and a small amount of mineral spirits, rub gently in a circular motion until spot is gone. Then apply additional wax to the area and buff.

Long-term Maintenance - Wax floors that have been neglected may be restored by deep cleaning. An application of a renovating system with fine steel wool, proper dry times and a complete re-waxing will clean and reseal the wood as well as restore color and luster.

Note: Once wax, in any form, has been applied to a wood floor, only wax may be used as a coating over the floor. Urethane and other surface finishes cannot be applied over an existing wax finish.

Advanced finish technology and innovative products make wood one of the most beautiful and easy-care flooring materials today.

Recommended Cleaning System

DURA SEAL™ Wax & Cleaner

A blend of cleaning agents and wax designed to remove scuff marks and built up dirt while adding a soft sheen to waxed hardwood floors. Available in Neutral for light surfaces and Coffee Brown for dark surfaces.

SURFACE PREPARATION:

Remove dust and grit by sweeping or vacuuming

DIRECTIONS:

1. Shake container well before use.
2. Using a cloth or a fine steel wool pad, spread Wax & Cleaner over the wood floor surface at a coverage rate of 500 square feet per gallon.
3. Gently rub the surface to loosen dirt. Wipe away loosened dirt and allow to dry 20-30 minutes.

NOTE: Drying time will be increased by high humidity, low temperature or applying too heavily.

4. Polish with a clean cloth or polishing machine.

PRECAUTIONS:

Do not use on surfaces other than wood.

Do not use **polyurethane** over Wax & Cleaner.

Do not thin or adulterate.

Removing Stains In Waxed Floors

No matter how careful you are a stain can still occur.

Water Stains: Rub the spot with No. 2 steel wool and re-wax. For more serious water stains, lightly sand with fine sandpaper, clean the spot with No. 1 or 00 steel wool and mineral spirits or floor cleaner then refinish and wax.

Cigarette Burns: If not severe, the burn can be removed by rubbing with steel wool moistened with soap and water.

Heel and Caster Marks: Rub vigorously with fine steel wool and floor cleaner. Wipe dry and polish.

Ink Stains and Other Dark Spots: Use No. 2 steel wool and floor cleaner to clean the spot and surrounding area. Thoroughly wash the affected area. If the spot remains, sand

with fine sandpaper, re-wax and polish. Stubborn stains may require that you replace the affected area.

Chewing Gum and Wax Deposits: Ice until the deposit is brittle and crumbles off. Pour floor cleaner around the stain so the fluid soaks under and loosens it.

Alcohol Spots: Rub the spot with liquid or paste wax.

Repairing Wax Finishes: Rub fine steel wood in a puddle of reconditioner or paint thinner and clean as you go. Apply wax and buff.

Always start cleaning at the edge of a stain and work toward the center so it won't spread.

Removing stains and repairing surface finishes.

Use steel wood or sand paper to remove one or two complete layers of finish along the entire length of the board where damage has occurred. Remove all dust. Apply the same type of finish that was removed, being careful not to build additional layers on top of adjoining boards.

Squeaks: When the air in your home becomes extremely dry, your floor will lose moisture and contract. Conversely, when humidity is high, your floor will absorb moisture and expand slightly. As humidity stabilizes, hardwoods regain their original dimensions. Air conditioning in summer and humidifying in winter will keep your home's humidity comfortable for you and your floor. Prolonged cycles of shrinking and swelling of your hardwood floor may result in squeaks. They can be easily corrected.

Silencing Squeaks: Apply liquid wax, powdered soap, talcum powder or powdered graphite between floorboards that are rubbing together. If that doesn't stop the squeak, drive two-inch finishing nails through pilot holes on both edges of the board then hide the hole with matching color putty or wax.

If you need to refinish or replace your hardwood floor, please contact Signature Innovations, LLC at 866.554.4252 or your local professional. Thank you.