

## MAINTAINING WOOD FLOORS

There are two classes of wood floors:

1. Sealed wood floors - The seal is usually a polyurethane coating that protects and shines the wood floor. To find out if your wood floor is sealed, place a small drop of water on the wood floor; if it beads, then it is sealed. If it soaks in and leaves a dark spot, then it is not.
2. Unsealed wood floors - These include oiled, waxed, stained and unfinished wood floors. Do not use any Restore-A-Floor products on unsealed wood.

### MAINTAINING SEALED WOOD FLOORS

1. Establish floor mats at entryways and walkways to help minimize the abrasion of the seal by dirt and grit that has been tracked in.
2. Occasionally vacuum floor.
3. Keep floors clean with regular cleaning using Restore-A-Floor Concentrated Floor Cleaner and a damp, soft mop.
4. If foot traffic and time reduce the shine of the seal, you can revitalize and reshine the seal by using Restore-A-Floor Miracle Floor Restorer and Finish.

### MAINTAINING UNSEALED WOOD FLOORS

1. Establish floor mats at entryways and walkways to help minimize the abrasion of the wood by dirt and grit that has been tracked in.
2. Occasionally vacuum floor.
3. When needed, clean floor with a waterless cleaner such as ammonia or mineral spirits.
4. Occasionally use wax to protect floor and increase shine. Only use a petroleum-based, waterless wax to give the floor a rich natural glow.



## BASIC FLOOR MAINTENANCE

Here are some hints to help you protect the investment you've made in your floors. Proper care should help make them last a lifetime. Note: Do not use any Restore-A-Floor products on unsealed wood floors. To find out if your wood floor is sealed, place a small drop of water on the wood floor; if it beads, then it is sealed. If it soaks in and leaves a dark spot, then it is not.

### FOR NEWER FLOORS

1. Clean  
Use Restore-A-Floor Concentrated Floor Cleaner to remove dirt and debris from the floor. Rinse well with water so floor is completely free of all previous floor care products.
2. Apply Finish  
If foot traffic and wear and tear have taken the shine out of your newer floor, you can reshine and protect your floor by using Restore-A-Floor Miracle Floor Restorer and Finish. This finish is long-lasting and can occasionally be spruced up with light touch-up applications.
3. Regular Maintenance  
Use Restore-A-Floor Concentrated Floor Cleaner as often as needed to remove dirt and debris from the floor without reducing the shine of the finish and without rinsing or build-up.

### FOR OLDER FLOORS

1. Heavy Deep Cleaning  
If your floors have lost their new floor shine and you are unhappy with the appearance, you need to strip away all previous finish build-up and dirt with a high quality floor-stripping product. Rinse floor twice with clear water and allow to dry.
2. Apply Finish  
Once the floor is properly cleaned, apply Restore-A-Floor Miracle Floor Restorer and Finish for a clear, high gloss, protective shine. This finish helps seal out dirt and makes future cleaning easier.
3. Regular Maintenance  
Use Restore-A-Floor Concentrated Floor Cleaner as often as needed to remove dirt and debris from the floor without reducing the shine of the finish and without rinsing or build-up.

## SOLVING FLOOR CARE PROBLEMS

### STREAKS IN FINISH

- Problem: Dirty equipment used in applying finish.
- Solution: Check all equipment and applicators to insure that all are completely clean prior to use.
- Problem: Floor improperly cleaned.
- Solution: Deep clean floor with a stronger solution of Restore-A-Floor Concentrated Floor Cleaner. Then maintain a cleaning schedule using the Restore-A-Floor Concentrated Floor Cleaner to remove dirt and debris without reducing the shine of the finish and without rinsing or build-up.
- Problem: Insufficient drying time between coats.
- Solution: Strip floor with a high quality floor-stripping product, pick up residue with mop. Rinse floor twice with clear water and allow to dry. Reapply finish.
- Problem: Finish applied over factory finish on new tiles. (The finish applied at the factory can cause leveling or streaking problems in finishes applied over it.)
- Solution: Strip floor thoroughly with a high quality floor-stripping product to obtain complete removal of all factory finish. Rinse floor twice with clear water and allow to dry. Reapply finish.

### INSUFFICIENT GLOSS

- Problem: Floor not rinsed properly before applying finish.
- Solution: Deep clean floor with a stronger solution of Restore-A-Floor Concentrated Floor Cleaner. Rinse floor twice with clear water and allow to dry. Reapply finish. Note: On wood floors use water sparingly.
- Problem: Not enough finish applied.
- Solution: Clean floor thoroughly, rinse and allow to dry. Apply additional coats of finish. Maintain up to 4-6 coats of finish.
- Problem: Sand or grit present on floor.
- Solution: Install walk-off mats at entryways.

### FINISH SCUFFING AND SCRATCHING

- Problem: Excessive amount of finish present on floor.
- Solution: Remove excess finish by scrubbing before recoating. No more than 4-6 coats of finish should be maintained.
- Problem: Excessive dirt and grit present on floor.
- Solution: Use mats at entries to trap soil. Dust mop floor frequently.

### FINISH POWDERING

- Problem: Floor insufficiently cleaned.
- Solution: Always check to ensure the floor is completely residue free before applying finish.
- Problem: Floor temperature too low (cold) when finish applied.
- Solution: Be aware of weather and temperature conditions when applying finish. Best application achieved at or near room temperature.
- Problem: Factory finish not removed from new tiles prior to applying finish.
- Solution: Strip floor thoroughly with a high quality floor-stripping product. Rinse floor twice with clear water and allow to dry. Reapply finish.

### FLOOR FINISH DISCOLORED

- Problem: Dirt in floor finish.
- Solution: Strip floor thoroughly with a high quality floor-stripping product to obtain complete removal of any finish. Rinse floor twice with clear water and allow to dry. Reapply finish. Periodic deep scrubbing of finish prior to recoating is recommended.
- Problem: Incorrect concentration of cleaner being used in maintenance schedule.
- Solution: Always follow label directions to ensure dilution for cleaner.
- Problem: New cotton mop used to apply finish. Mop not cleaned to remove oil residue and sizing prior to applying finish.
- Solution: Always clean new mops or applicators prior to applying floor finish. Mop or applicator should be thoroughly rinsed with clear water. Rayon mops or lambswool applicators are recommended for applying finish.
- Problem: Dirt, sand and grit ground into finish.
- Solution: Use mats and runners to entrap soil.
- Problem: Insufficient cleaning schedule.
- Solution: Clean the floor frequently, based on level of foot traffic.