

Karelia

HARDWOOD FLOORS

MAINTENANCE OF LACQUERED FLOORS (DOMESTIC USE)

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POST-INSTALLATION MAINTENANCE

Loose dirt and impurities are cleaned off finished hardwood floors by using a vacuum cleaner or an almost dry mop cleaning cloth. If necessary, use a mild pH-neutral cleaner, for example Kährs Cleaner or Kährs Spray Cleaner. After mopping/wiping, the floor must be dry within 1 minute. Wipe the floor dry with a clean cloth if necessary. Cover if needed the lately installed floor with a breathable protection material, for example Kährs Protection Paper. Do not tape the protective material to the floor.

Note! UV radiation from the sun alters wood colour over time. Variations in colour – such as carpet outlines – will even out in time as they are exposed to daylight.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Place suitable mats on both sides of the front door and beneath the coat rack to prevent sand and water from getting into the rooms. Remove abrasive dirt immediately. Protect the floor by applying felt pads under furniture legs etc. When moving furniture such as refrigerators or freezers, cover the floor with, for instance, mats in order to prevent scratches and dents. Office chairs equipped with casters require a mat or a plastic plate designed for the purpose underneath in order to prevent abrasion damage to your wooden floor. Use as little water as possible when cleaning (almost dry wipe). If visible moisture does not evaporate within a minute, you are definitely using too much water. Immediately wipe away spilled water from the floor. Remove stains when they are fresh, either with water or a mild cleaner and dry the floor. Avoid scrubbing with hard cleaning implements. For daily maintenance, it is enough to vacuum the floor or wipe it with an almost dry mop. Thus the floor surface will dry immediately without visible drop stains appearing. Spills and ingrained dirt is removed using a mop and Kährs Cleaner or Kährs Spray Cleaner. Follow the instruction on the packages, too large amount of concentrate may cause the floor to get dirty more quickly as concentrate layers gather on top of one another.

STAIN REMOVAL

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Asphalt, rubber, oil, shoe polish, soot and dried residues of chocolate or grease.	Surgical spirit, petroleum ether or similar.
Crayons, lipstick, felt tip pens.	Surgical spirit.
Candle wax, chewing gum.	Freeze-spray or put a plastic bag of ice cubes on the mark. Then scrape off carefully.
Blood.	Cold water.

DAMAGE REPAIR AND RECONDITIONING OF LACQUERED SURFACE

Use the Kährs Woodfiller and Kährs Touch Up Lacquer for the reconditioning of minor scratches and dents. Worn and scratched lacquered floor can be treated with Kährs Lacquer Refresher, follow the instruction of the package. Note! Wax-saturated hardwood polishing agents prevent lacquer from attaching to the existing lacquer finishing. Sand the surface until you reach clean wood before maintenance lacquering. Unwaxed hardwood floors can be maintenance lacquered after light sanding using Kährs Lacquer or Kährs Matt Lacquer. Follow the instruction on the packages.

STAINED PRODUCTS:

These instructions apply to the maintenance of our stained products as well. Wood-deep scratches can be stained using Kährs Touch Up.

Maintenance of hardwood floors in public places is different from that of floors in private houses.

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