

LACQUERED WOOD FLOORING Maintenance Guide

Havwoods timber floors are designed to withstand the wear and tear of day-to-day life. Because wood is a natural material, it will react to the environment it is installed in – dry environments will cause a floor to lose moisture and humid environments will cause moisture to be gained. Using the correct cleaning products allows a wooden floor to adapt to its surroundings while still looking and performing as required.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Abrasive particles of dirt and grit trafficked on to a wooden floor can be very abrasive and seriously shorten the lifespan of any treatment. The floor's surface will quickly become dull due to scratches and the wood may be affected by the ingress of moisture and stains. Matting placed at external entrances is essential in prolonging the appearance and life of the floor, whilst reducing the frequency of refurbishment. it is important that matting is of a type which can remove grit and absorb moisture.

Matting should be large enough to allow two steps across it but, as a general recommendation, the mat should be as large as practical and be regularly cleaned.

It is also very important to ensure that the floor is protected from moveable furniture, such as tables and chairs, and a simple solution to this is to protect the floor by applying felt furniture feet to underside of the furniture legs. Regularly check and clean the felt feet to avoid / reduce embedded grit or particles from scratching the wood surface.

LOOKING AFTER YOUR FLOOR

An effective maintenance programme will keep the floor clean and looking as good as possible. the following information is designed to provide a starting point for such a programme and is appropriate for both commercial and domestic floors. However, all floors are unique and will require individual assessment because the factors affecting them will vary. changes in traffic levels and seasonal changes will also need to be taken into consideration, for example, additional matting may be required during periods of snow or heavy rain. The frequency of any maintenance should reflect the use of the floor and should be altered accordingly.

The HAVCare kit for cleaning and maintenance of lacquered wooden floors uses neutral cleaners and the correct tools to remove contaminants from the flooring. As floors are subjected to foot traffic over time, micro-scratches and patterns of irregular wear will occur. This kit includes the necessary materials to refresh the floor and rejuvenate the lacquer finish to elongate the life of the surface finish

We also include felt pads to avoid damage from moving of furniture.

How

Regularly Vacuum the floor to remove dust, lint and animal hair.

The correct dilution of Marldon Multicleaner can be used with the Marldon Spray Mop to remove everyday dirt quickly and efficiently.

When signs of wear become visible on the floor finish, such as micro-scratches or irregular sheen in main usage or higher traffic areas, Bona Refresher can be applied to the flooring with a clean microfibre mop head at a consumption of approx. 60m² per litre. If the flooring is a plank format, apply the refresher along the plank lengths, working systematically across the area to ensure even coverage.

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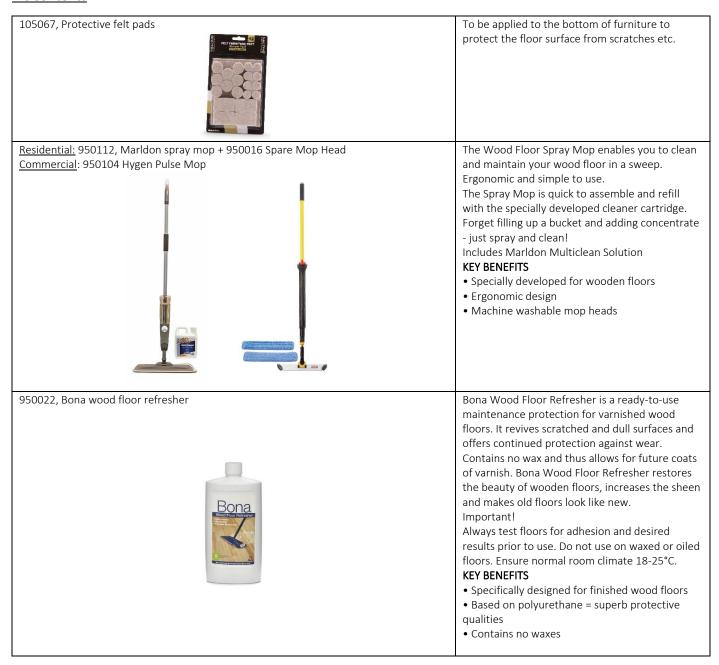
When

Daily – Vacuum as necessary, dependent on usage.

Weekly (more regularly in commercial) – Damp mop with Marldon Multicleaner MXC770 using the Spray Mop. Wash mop head after use.

Annually (or as required) – Thoroughly clean the floor, then use a clean microfibre mop head and the Marldon Spray Mop with the liquid reservoir removed to apply Bona Refresher to the area.

Kit Contents



The Life Cycle of the Floor

Periodically it will be necessary to re-finish previously lacquered floors. Depending on the surface condition, the degree of sanding required will vary and, in some circumstances, the floor will have to be sanded back to bare wood prior to lacquer application.

 $Further\ product\ information\ and\ technical\ support\ is\ available\ from\ Havwoods\ International.$

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