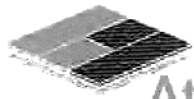


Maintenance Guidelines

Section 5 - Hardwood Flooring



Atkinson & Kirby
Real Wood Flooring for Professionals

As with all Hardwood Floors maintenance is the key to lifelong service and beauty.

By following these simple maintenance guidelines you will maintain the natural beauty of the floor and it will remain attractive and give many years of use.

You should always remember, wood is a natural product; its looks will improve as the floor matures.

Important Do's and Don'ts

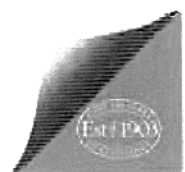
Do's	Don'ts
Clean the floor regularly.	Allow liquid to stand on the floor, this can cause the wood to expand.
Wipe up any spilt liquids immediately (wood will absorb liquids and expand).	Use a wet mop to clean the floor. Always use a damp mop.
Use protective pads under all furniture legs.	Use abrasive cleaners, these will damage the seal.
Use barrier mats at all external doors.	Allow sharp or abrasive objects to come into contact with the floor.
Protect your floor from grit.	
Keep the ambient temperature to 18-20°C	

Routine Maintenance

Dirt and Grit are the enemies of all Wooden Floors. Make sure that a sturdy doormat is in place both inside and outside all exterior access doorways. Sharp objects can damage your floor.

Always protect the floor by using felt pads on furniture legs.

Don't forget that pet's claws can also scratch and damage the floor.



Vacuum and Damp Clean

Use a Vacuum cleaner on a daily basis. This will remove Dirt and Grit and save it from scratching the floor surface. For more thorough cleaning use a damp mop or cloth with a light spray of Atkinson & Kirby Finitec Cleaner. Remember, you must never use too much water on wooden floors. Standing water should be removed immediately.

Stains

As with all floor coverings stains should be removed whilst they are still wet. After removal of the stain, wipe the floor with a clean damp cloth.

Stain Removal Guide

Stain Type	Remove Using
Fruit, berries, fruit drink, milk, cream, soft drinks, beer, wine, coffee, tea etc.	Synthetic cleaning products.
Chocolate, fat, oil, grease, shoe polish, shoe scuff marks, tar, asphalt.	White Spirit.
Ink, (ballpoint, fountain pen) lipstick.	Methylated Spirits.
Urine.	Synthetic cleaning products.
Blood	Cold Water

The above is for general guidance only. If in doubt, check on a small area first.

Repairs

Small nicks and scratches can be touched up using our colour-matched fillers. For slightly larger areas a small amount of our Touch-Up sealer can be mixed with the filler. In the case of larger areas of damage the floor can be sanded and resealed. Only a suitable expert should carry out this type of work.

Re-Sealing and Rejuvenating

After a period of time you may find that in some areas (entranceways, high traffic areas etc.) the floor starts to look dull. In the first instance use Atkinson & Kirby's Finitec Refinisher. For best results this should be used with our Refinisher Applicator.

With correct maintenance your Hardwood Floor will give many years of use, adding a warmth and beauty.

Supplies of Atkinson & Kirby Finitec maintenance products are available from your local supplier.