

# ENGINEERED HARDWOOD CARE AND MAINTENANCE FOR UV-CURED URETHANE FINISH

In order to protect your new hardwood floor and keep it looking like new, it is important to follow these directions.

### 1. Preventive measures

- Never use other types of floor covering cleaning products. (Sheet vinyl, ceramic tile cleaners etc...)
- Never mop or flood your floor with water or other products.
- Never use a steam cleaner.
- Do not use oil soaps, liquid or paste wax products or other household cleaners that contain lemon
  oil, Tung oil, bleach, polishes or ammonia. Do not use products that may leave a residue allowing
  the floor to be slippery or sticky and causing your floor to appear dull quickly. This could also
  damage the flooring, leave a discoloring residue and cause swelling, warping and void the
  warranty.
- Never use scouring powder products, steel wool or abrasives.
- Put fabric-faced glides (non-staining), casters or felt pad protectors under the legs of furniture to prevent scuffing and scratching.
- Keep pet's nails trimmed and paws clean and free of dirt.
- Use a dolly or protective sheets of plywood when moving heavy objects.
- Remove shoes with spiked or damaged heels before walking on the floor.
- When moving heavy furniture, do not slide it on your flooring. It is best to pick up furniture completely to protect the flooring.
- Do not use rugs with solid rubber or vinyl backings.
- Maintain normal interior humidity levels. The range should be between 40% and 60%. Use a humidifier or dehumidifier if necessary.

#### 2. Initial Care

Following installation, clean with a no-rinse product made specifically for pre-finished hardwood floor care.

## 3. Regular Maintenance

- Sweep, vacuum or dust mop regularly, since built-up grit can damage the finish and surface of your floor. (The vacuum head must be a brush or felt type. Do not use a vacuum with a beater bar head and be certain that the wheels of the vacuum do not damage the finish)
- Periodically clean the floor with cleaning products made specifically for pre-finished hardwood floor care. Frequency will depend on the amount of traffic the floor receives. Follow the cleaner instructions closely.
- Remove spills or liquids immediately using a soft cloth and the cleaning product recommended. Do
  not allow spills or liquids to remain on the floor for an extended period of time as it may cause
  damage to your flooring.



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### 4. Additional instructions

- Exposure to the sun and UV rays accelerates the oxidation and aging of hardwood and fabrics. This causes the stain and/or hardwood to fade and/or change colour.
- Rearrange rugs or furniture periodically so your hardwood ages evenly.
- For hardwood flooring in the kitchen, place an area rug in front of the kitchen sink.

#### 5. Stain solver

| Stain                                  | Instructions   |
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| Juice, wine, grease, chocolate         | Wipe with lightly-damp cloth and a wood cleaner.             |
|  | Clean with mineral spirits.                                  |
| Lipstick, asphalt, shoe polish, paint, | Wipe with lightly-damp cloth and a wood cleaner for any      |
| crayon, ink, dried foods, nail polish  | remains.   |
| Candle wax, chewing gum                | Harden with ice and gently scrape with a plastic scraper; be |
|  | careful not to scratch the flooring surface.                 |

## **Homeowner Obligations**

To maintain warranty coverage and ensure fast and easy warranty service, the homeowner is responsible for the following:

- Keep five (5) planks of the engineered flooring product after installation for testing purposes.
- Keep and be able to provide the original sales receipt or documentation illustrating proof of purchase and installation date of the product.
- Make sure the flooring is installed according to Beaulieu Canada Installation Instructions.
- Keep a list of cleaners used to maintain the flooring.

Please visit our website at beaulieucanada.com for the most up-to-date version of this document as it may have been revised and updated since this printed version.

Warranty Guide as well as Installation Instructions can also be found on our website at beaulieucanada.com, or you may contact your retailer.

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