



## outerbanks care and maintenance

### Care and Maintenance Instructions for Laminate Flooring

#### laminate flooring

ecofinishes laminate flooring is among the highest performing floors available, but is not indestructible. Minor cosmetic scuffing is considered normal wear for any laminate flooring. To ensure that your floors perform well for years to come, please follow the following care and maintenance recommendations.

#### ambient conditions

To maintain the floor in peak condition and for overall comfort, surroundings should be kept at or near the ideal level (68-72° F and 50-60% relative humidity). If the relative humidity is likely to remain below this level for long periods, the use of a suitable evaporative humidifier is recommended. This is particularly true during periods when central heating is in use or when hot conditions occur naturally. Low humidity leads to a reduction in the moisture content of the wood; under these conditions joints can open up. By contrast, excessive humidity or standing surface water can lead to damage through swelling (deformation and discoloration).

#### initial treatment

Laminate floors require no initial treatment before use. The surface does not require a protective film. Maintenance products which leave a film behind must be avoided because they impair the wear properties of the product and make cleaning difficult.

#### cleaning

- For day to day maintenance, simply clean your ecofinishes laminate flooring by sweeping with a soft broom or by vacuuming with a vacuum meant for hard surface flooring.
- Wipe off foot marks with a very well wrung out moist cloth. Do not use wet clothes or wet mop.
- Do not attempt to clean ecofinishes laminate flooring with wax, oil soap, polish, or scouring materials.
- For stubborn stains, use a commercially available cleaner designed for laminate only; not a wood cleaner or polish.
- Use of wet jet mops and floor steamer type products are not recommended.

#### care

- Place walk off mats or area rugs in main traffic areas and entrances.
- Chair and furniture legs, and objects that are likely to be pushed across the surface, should be fitted with felt gliders.
- Fit Type W castors to items such as office chairs, rolling bins, etc.
- Where radiant heating is in used, the surface temperature of the floor covering must not exceed 78° F under any circumstances. This is important if rugs are placed over the surface as there is a risk of heat buildup.
- Observe the ambient conditions suggested above.