



## bamboo care and maintenance instructions

Lasting beauty can be achieved through purchasing a quality floor covering and providing proper on-going maintenance.

### natural properties:

#### fading:

Bamboo contains organic pigments. Just like other wood products, bamboo will fade and should never be exposed directly to sunlight. Where possible, use drapes or other systems to protect your floor from excessive light.

#### joints:

Wood floor systems expand and contract in response to fluctuations in temperature and humidity. Controlling the environment, maintaining an adequate temperature and relative humidity around 50%, will minimize the visible effects of normal contraction and expansion.

### protection

You may protect your bamboo floor by taking the following precautions:

- To help eliminate fine particles of dirt/grit that act like sandpaper and will scratch any floor, vacuum or sweep as needed.
- Spills should be wiped up immediately.
- Use walk-off mats at entrance doors and in front of kitchen sink. Avoid rubber backed or other non-ventilated mats or rugs. In the kitchen, use a rug in front of the working areas such as in front of the stove and sink to prevent local premature wear.
- Install proper protectors under "feet" of furniture.
- Caster wheeled chairs should have wide casters. A protective mat should be used under office chairs.
- Maintain a minimum humidity of 50% in the room. If necessary, use a humidifier.
- Periodically check floor for signs of wear.
- Weight distribution is a key factor in preventing indentation.

## maintenance:

Sweep or vacuum floor frequently in order to avoid build up of abrasive particles. Use only cleaners specified for use on pre-finished hardwood available from your local retailer or home center.

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The longevity of the finish is relative to traffic intensity and quality of floor care. When the floor starts to show a traffic pattern and signs of wear it is time to renew the finish. It is the responsibility of the owner to judge when the floor needs recoating. Bamboo floors surfaced with aluminum oxide finish may be refinished with a compatible product to make the floor look new again and prolong its lifespan. It is recommended that a flooring professional be employed for this process and that strict adherence to the finish manufacturer's guidelines be observed.

