

Part II MAINTENANCE & CARE

Finishing & Maintenance:

You can hide the small holes left by finishing nails with wood putty.

1. Fill the hole.
2. Wipe excess wood putty immediately with a clean cloth and cleaner.
3. Apply a thin coat of urethane to the clean surface of the putty.
4. Let it dry for about 1 hour.

Regular Maintenance:

- Clean your wood floors with a damp cloth or terrycloth mop/applicator. Wipe in the direction of the grain (length of the boards).
- Waxing is NOT recommended. Dust mop or vacuum your wood floor as needed. Never wet-mop or flood your floor with water.
- Never use cleaners that contain oil soaps or surfactants.
- Set up precautions and a regular maintenance program depending on your specific traffic conditions.

Preventive Maintenance:

- Install floor protectors on all furniture legs, especially if the piece has the potential of moving on the wood. Make sure you use the correct size and pad thickness for the weight and size of the furniture.
- Clean and replace felt pads yearly or sooner if they are thinning out or damaged.
- Gritty sand and dirt are abrasive to wood floors. Use protective mats at doorways.
- Use rugs (non-rubber-back) in high traffic areas such as at all exterior doors, in front of refrigerators, dishwashers and sinks.
- Keep floors clean and free of dirt & sand. Dust mop and/or vacuum as needed. Do not use a vacuum that has a beater bar, metal wheels, and/or metal or hard plastic attachments. It is best to use felt or fine brush attachments. Make sure plastic wheels are free of dirt prior to vacuuming.
- Wipe up spills immediately.
- NEVER clean your floor with water or cleaners that mix with water.
- NEVER clean your floors with excessive water.
- NEVER use furniture duster sprays on wood floors.
- NEVER use cleaners that contain oil soaps or surfactants.
- NEVER use a Sharp Steamer or any other type of steam cleaning machine on wood floors.
- Some types of high heel shoes may cause indentations in wood floors. High-heels worn by an average woman can exert 8,000 pounds per square inch!
- All dogs, especially large dogs, will cause scratches and dents in a wood floor.