

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: Bamboo reacts to the conditions in the environment just like any other wood product. Wood floor systems expand and contract in response to fluctuations in temperature and humidity. Controlling the environment, maintaining an adequate temperature and relative humidity, 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 the stove and sink, to prevent local premature wear.
- Weight distribution is a key factor in preventing indentation. Install proper protectors under "feet" of furniture. Furniture will require different types of protectors in order to achieve maximum weight distribution. Resilient pads such as those made of felt, flexible rubber, and saucer-shaped plastic glides will work for most furniture.
- Caster wheeled chairs should have wide casters. Protective mats should be used under office chairs.
- Maintain adequate humidity levels. If necessary, use a humidifier.
- Periodically check floor for signs of wear.
- Never use tape or other adhesive products on an acrylic surface.

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.