



## The Simply Bamboo Simple Care Guide

Simply Bamboo Flooring is the premium bamboo flooring produced at the industry's leading factory with quality controlled by our on-site team. Only mature bamboo with rich colours and grains have been selected for your floor.

To enjoy the incomparable beauty and quality of your floor, you must properly maintain them...but that's easy, with the same common sense approach that is needed for any timber floor.

Here are a few tips:

- Use entry-and-exit mats to prevent dirt, grit and sand from getting inside your building as much as possible. Make sure that you don't have small stones stuck in your shoes when you walk into the house (sand, stones and dust can scratch steel and concrete)
- Use a vacuum to remove loose dirt often
- Wipe up liquid or food spills promptly
- Most people use modern floor cleaning wipes that can be bought in all supermarkets. You can also dip a clean cloth or sponge mop in floor cleaning solution and wring nearly dry.
- Keep high heels in good repair
- Put fabric-faced glides on the legs of ALL your furniture
- PLEASE DO NOT USE A STEAM CLEANER

Place mats with stiff bristles at all exterior entries to the house to help collect the dirt, sand, grit and other substances such as oil, asphalt or driveway sealer that can otherwise be tracked onto your floor.

Vacuum with a vengeance. Vacuum regularly with a vacuum that does not use a beater bar head or attachments intended for carpet. Using a vacuum is the best way to remove loose dirt. Using a dust mop or broom may simply push the loose dirt across the floor.

Wipe up liquid or food spills promptly with a dry cloth or paper towels. Remove sticky residue (like jelly) with a slightly dampened cloth. Never let liquid sit on your floors for an extended period of time.

Never use a wet mop, or any other product that introduces water to your floors. Floor wipes are best used for "Mopping" the floor over. Brands such as Flash and Pledge wipes are clipped onto "Clip Mops" and this works well. Both the wipes and the applicator are available in all of the main supermarkets.

Beware of heels that are in ill repair. A 125-pound lady wearing high heel shoes can exert as much as 3500 pounds of pressure per square inch.

Felt pads should be glued to all legs of chairs and furniture. These pads should be checked regularly for wear and tear.

Take care when using rugs, especially in areas exposed to direct sunlight. Similar to wearing a plaster on your finger out in the sun, and then removing it the next day and noticing the lighter colour of your previously covered skin, floors will either stay lighter or get darker when covered. Even though outside and inside lighting is a contributing factor, natural oxidation can occur in any part of the installation, even in closed closets or hallways. Simply Bamboo Flooring recommends that you wait for at least two months before placing rugs down.

Simply Bamboo flooring is very hard wearing as you can see when you test our samples, but there are no finishes available to the wood & bamboo flooring industry that will completely prevent scratching. If this happens, it is likely to be a superficial white surface scratch. You can buy floor repair kits from Homebase etc, but a shoe polish, of a similar colour, rubbed onto the white scratch will cover this up. Because of the random pattern in Strand Woven bamboo, small scratches are easy to hide.

Enjoy your Simply Bamboo Floor!