



MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Maintenance Guidelines

To maintain the long-lasting beauty of your floor, it is crucial to provide it with proper care and regular maintenance. Neglecting these guidelines may result in voiding your warranty. For detailed maintenance information, please visit www.grandsurfaces.com.



To maintain the pristine condition and extend the lifespan of your cork floor, follow these guidelines:

1. For day-to-day cleaning of Green Flow cork floors, use only a mist or spray-type cleaner suitable for hardwood or cork floors. Avoid using pre-treated dusters, wet-jet type cleaners, or hydrogen peroxide, as they can damage the finish. Please note that any damage caused by excessive moisture or unsuitable cleaners will not be covered under the warranty. Never wet mop a cork floor.

2. If any work is being done in the room where the floor is installed, take precautions by protecting it with craft paper, plywood, or hardboard.

3. Prevent excess moisture on the floor. When mopping, use a damp mop, avoiding soaking it in water. Liquids can cause the seams to swell or damage your subfloor.

4. Place high-quality walk-off mats at all entrances to collect dirt, moisture, or other abrasive substances that could harm your floor.

5. Keep in mind that cork, being a natural material, may fade when exposed to sunlight. Both cork and wood are natural products, so color changes can be expected over time.

Cork tends to fade while wood tends to mellow or darken. To promote even color change, periodically move area rugs and furniture.

6. Use blinds, curtains, or other sun screening systems to minimize direct sunlight exposure to the cork floor on sunny days. Occasionally moving furniture and area rugs can help ensure the fading occurs more evenly.

7. To minimize scratching or gouging, always use felt pads or floor protectors on chairs and furniture legs.

8. Keep your pets' claws and nails trimmed to prevent damage to the cork floor, as they can scratch the surface.

9. Avoid dragging furniture across the floor. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, never slide them directly on the floor.

10. If using office roller chairs, ensure they comply with DIN 68131 (Type W1) standards. Place protective office mats under rolling chairs to prevent damage.

By adhering to these maintenance practices, you can keep your cork floor looking new and ensure its longevity.



To ensure the longevity and beauty of your cork floor, follow these maintenance tips:

1. Place area rugs or mats in front of kitchen appliances and the sink to protect the floor from heavy traffic, water spills, dropped food, grease, and other substances that can cause premature wear.
2. Avoid using cleaning products that contain abrasive ingredients or solvents like acetone. Additionally, never use latex or rubber-backed mats as they can permanently stain the floor. Wire brushes should also be avoided.
3. During periods of intensive room heating, the indoor air humidity may decrease, causing the cork floor to dry out. This can result in minor gaps between the tiles. To prevent this, use a room humidifier to maintain an ideal humidity level of 35-65% with a temperature of 20°C (68°F).
4. Green Flow cork flooring is resilient and can recover from most indentations and pressure marks over time. For minor gouges or cuts, fill sticks available at most hardware stores can be used. In the case of significant damage, individual tiles may need to be replaced.
5. For daily or weekly maintenance, use a broom handle with a cloth attachment to remove dust and prevent it from settling on the floor. Prior to using a damp mop, vacuum, broom, or sweep the floor to eliminate loose dirt and prevent it from getting into the embossing and joints.
6. When cleaning spills, use a damp, not soaking wet, mop with water. For deep cleaning, use recommended floor cleaners specifically formulated for cork floors.

By following these guidelines, you can effectively clean and maintain your cork floor, ensuring its long-term durability and appearance.



To maintain the quality of your cork floor, keep the following points in mind:

1. Avoid excessive moisture by refraining from flooding the floor when mopping.

2. Stay away from oil soap, silicone, wax, or ammonia-based cleaning products as they can damage and dull the finish of your cork floors. Harsh abrasives should also be avoided. Only use cleaning products approved by CORKSRIBAS/OPUSFLOORS.

3. After a glue-down installation, allow 24-36 hours for the flooring adhesive to completely dry before walking or mopping the cork floor. This prevents shifting of the flooring before it sets in place. For floating or glue-less installations, you can walk on and immediately mop the floor with a damp mop.

4. If there is dried adhesive on the surface of your cork flooring after installation, remove any excess by wiping it with a soft cloth and mineral spirits.

5. When moving heavy objects over the flooring, it is ideal to lift and place them in the desired location. If lifting is not possible, lay down a thick and large piece of plywood to create a path for the object. The plywood should be able to disperse the weight of the object, and a moving blanket should be placed underneath to prevent scratching.

6. Yes, you can refinish your cork floor. Varnishing is a simple process, and all cork products from CORKSRIBAS/OPUSFLOORS are low-VOC, low-odor, and water-based.

By adhering to these guidelines, you can protect and maintain the quality and appearance of your cork floor.



To achieve optimal results, we recommend using a range of varnishes specifically designed for the industry. Please carefully follow the instructions on the packaging labels of each product and refer to the technical data sheets for additional information.

For Glue-down floors, it is essential to allow 24-36 hours after installation for the flooring adhesive to completely dry before proceeding.

When refurbishing an old and previously used floor, it is important to consider its history, particularly the maintenance products that were previously applied. If you have complete knowledge of the maintenance products used and can ensure their complete removal, you may apply one coat of the recommended varnishes.

To ensure proper adhesion, it is advisable to perform an adherence test between the old and new coat in a small area before applying the final varnish. For approximately two weeks after varnishing, avoid cleaning the floor with water or detergent. After this period, you can use CORKSRIBAS/OPUSFLOORS recommended maintenance products.

Once again, it is crucial to follow the instructions on the packaging labels of each product and refer to the technical data sheets for proper usage.

Here are some recommended products from various brands:

- Cleaner: Bona
- Stripper: Bona, Mapei
- Recoating: Bona, Mapei
- Adhesive: Mapei
- Green Flow Accessories
- Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner
- Ultracoat Clean WPM
- Bona Remover
- Ultracoat Remover
- Diamond Abrasive and Traffic Urethane
- Ultracoat HT 2K (use with Diamond Abrasive)
- Ultrabond Eco 983

By utilizing these products in accordance with the provided instructions, you can effectively clean, strip, recoat, and adhere to the recommended maintenance procedures for your cork floor.