

## Home's Pro Oak Flooring Maintenance Guidelines

### MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES – SOLID HARDWOOD FLOORING

Necessary steps for the long-term performance of your Vidar hardwood flooring:

Vacuum the floor frequently to eliminate the presence of solid particles (such as sand) which may damage and/or scratch the floor. (Caution: only use vacuum machine that is good for hardwood floor. The wheels of vacuum cleaner should be in good condition and cleaning accessories must be free of all abrasive particles that could scathe the finish).

Lightly spray the cleaner (BRAND NAME: BONA: (<http://www.mybonahome.com/Wood-Floors-101.html>) on a five square foot section of the floor. Never pour liquid directly onto the floor.

Swiftly wipe the surface of the floor with the mop using a to and fro motion across the length of the floorboards. Caution: Use non-wax flooring cleaner to keep the floor in good condition; The use of ammonia is not recommended as it can discolor hardwood floor also it is very harsh on finishes; Use of vinegar is not recommended. It is an acid that can etch the finish and create a dull look; Use of any oil soap product is not recommended as it usually leaves a residue that can be sticky and difficult to remove as well as attracting dirt; The use of silicon products and wax is not recommended.

Use of rugs or mats at all entrances. Removal of dirt and grit before it gets on the floor is best. Shake out and wash rugs and mats as necessary.

Routine maintenance would include not only sweeping, but vacuuming and dust mopping. Caution: Do not use a treated dust mop. (Mop treated with silicone, wax or other treatments may damage your wood floor finish)

Never wet mop a hardwood floor as excess water may harm hardwood floor and could cause premature wear. Wet mopping will void your warranty.

Use of felt protectors under chairs or furniture is recommended. When moving heavy furniture (fridge, piano, etc.), place a thick rug underneath furniture legs before moving.

Check shoes regularly as a protruding nail from a worn or lost heel can scratch and puncture a floor. If you have pets, check their nails on a regular basis.

Although manufacturers' finish delays and reduces most of the sun shading phenomenon that causes hardwood to darken and or lighten over time, your floor needs to be protected from sunlight and intense artificial lighting to reduce discoloration of exposed wood. This phenomenon with hardwood surfaces is normal and natural.

Because hardwood floor shrinks and expand with changes in humidity, some control of interior humidity should be in place to minimize the changes. This is part of hardwood floor maintenance.

Preferred environmental conditions:

Average temperature: 68F to 72F

Average relative humidity: 40% – 50%

## MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES- ENGINEERED HARDWOOD FLOORING

Use of rug or mat at all entrances. Removal of dirt and grit before it gets on the floor is best. Shake out and wash rugs and mats as necessary.

Routine maintenance would include not only sweeping, but vacuuming and dust mopping. Caution: Do not use a treated dust mop. (Mop treated with silicone, wax or other treatments may damage your wood floor finish).

Never wet mop a hardwood floor as excess water may harm the hardwood and could cause premature wear. Wet mopping will void your warranty.

Use of felt protectors under chairs or furniture is recommended.

Check shoes regularly as a protruding nail from a worn or lost heel can scratch and puncture a floor.

If you have pets, check their nails on a regular basis.

Use non-wax hardwood cleaner(BRAND NAME: BONA  
<http://www.mybonahome.com/Wood-Floors-101.html>) to clean the floor. Follow the manufacturer's instruction in damp wiping your floor.

The use of ammonia is not recommended as it can discolor the wood also it is very harsh on finishes.

Use of vinegar is not recommended. It is an acid that can etch the finish and create a dull look.

Use of any oil soap product is not recommended as it usually leaves a residue that can be sticky and difficult to remove as well as attracting dirt.

The use of silicon products and wax is not recommended.

Manufacturers' finish delays and reduces most of the sun shading phenomenon that causes wood to darken and or lighten over time. However, hardwood flooring still needs to be protected from sunlight and intense artificial lighting to reduce discoloration of exposed wood. This phenomenon with wood surfaces is normal and natural.

Because hardwood flooring shrinks and expands with changes in humidity, some control of interior humidity should be in place to minimize the changes. This is part of hardwood flooring maintenance. Following is preferred environmental conditions:

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Bona's Hardwood Floor Cleaners are specially formulated for effective cleaning. The residue-free formula protects your hardwood floor investment and is safe for your family, pets, and the environment.

The local home depot stores carry all the bona products.

An effective, environmentally responsible, and non-toxic formula for all types of residential hardwood floors. Specially designed to be safe for floors and families.

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- No dulling residue

- Ready-to-use

- Safe for all unwaxed, polyurethane finished wood floors

Same great Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner in an economy size. Unlike all-purpose cleaners, will not dull your floor's finish or leave oily residue. Waterborne, non-toxic, and environmentally responsible.