

CARE & CLEANING TREATMENTS

Maintenance:

With the advances in manufacturing and the addition of the aluminum oxide finish, maintaining your wood floor today is easier than ever before. Regular maintenance can help you prevent long term damage to your floor. Sweeping with a soft bristle broom and/or vacuuming with a soft floor attachment (if your wood floor has a beveled edge that could collect debris) will ensure a longer lasting, better performing floor. All wood floors will need to be cleaned periodically with a professional wood floor cleaning solution.

Follow manufacturer's instructions before using cleaning solution!



Preventative Maintenance Care:

- 1)  Vinyl or Tile floor care products should never be used to clean your wood floor.
- 2)  Use door mats (non rubber backing) in doorway to prevent debris from being tracked onto your new wood floor. This will help prevent any scratching or scuffing of the finish of your wood floor.
- 3)  Never over-wax your wood floor. This will leave a residue and over time dull the look of your floor. If your floor should begin to dull, try lightly buffing your floor.
- 4)  Never wet mop your hardwood floor. If needed use a damp towel and dry immediately after cleaning.
- 5)  Use glides under chairs, table or any furniture legs to prevent scratching.
- 6)  Avoid walking on your new wood floor with heels, cleats or any sports shoes.
- 7)  Use a humidifier during winter months to minimize movement and shrinkage in your wood floor.

ABBEY HARDWOOD COLLECTIONS



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Hardwood adds sophistication and warmth to any room and increases the value of your home. In fact, it is proven that homes with quality hardwood flooring sell faster and bring a higher retail price than those sold without hardwood flooring.

Today, consumers have more options in hardwood to choose from than ever before. Domestic and exotic species narrow width or wide width and engineered or solid construction are some of the main factors to consider when choosing a hardwood floor.

Solid Flooring vs. Engineered Flooring

Engineered hardwood flooring is made up of multiple layers of wood, creating one solid piece. The first ply is the prime part of the material, known as the wearlayer, which is the piece of wood that is of the species you are buying (ex: oak, cherry, maple etc.) and gives you the look that you desire. The other layers are made up of different species from the first layer, which serves as the body of the flooring. These layers are typically constructed with a method called cross-ply lamination which serves to strengthen the floor. Solid hardwood flooring, is typically 3/8" or 3/4" thick, and is composed of one material all throughout the piece. For instance, in a solid oak floor, what you would get is solid oak from top to bottom.

Traditionally, solid hardwood flooring is used in the Northern areas of North America, due to the extremely harsh winters they experience in these areas. Solid hardwood is typically more prone to expansion and contraction versus that of an engineered wood floor. Most engineered wood floors are glued together in a cross-ply lamination that makes it more resistant to expansion and contraction from changes in humidity. Most often, the best choice of wood flooring for going over concrete or existing non-wood floors would be engineered. The reason, is that it can be installed by a floating or a glue-down method, which means pre-existing subfloors such as vinyl, concrete and even ceramic tile can be easily covered. If you are looking for a wide plank or a longstrip floor, it is most commonly available as engineered wood. Another factor that determines the durability of a particular floor is the thickness of the wearlayer. A floor with a very thin layer is not going to be as durable as a floor that has a wearlayer of an eighth of an inch thick. When discussing durability, remember that any floor's ability to withstand the test of time is based on the finish used (such as Aluminum Oxide).

Abbey Classic Hardwood

The Abbey Classic Hardwood Collection features products that are the workhorses of the industry. These products offer mass appeal and represent the majority of hardwood sold today.

Abbey Timeless Hardwood

Abbey Timeless Hardwood was created for those consumers who feel handscraped products are too rustic for their décor and exotics are too wild, yet they want to make a statement in their home. Abbey Timeless Hardwood is comprised of high fashion products in rich colors with varying widths and a time worn look to create the distinctive expression of your unique personal taste.

Abbey Hand Crafted Hardwood

Processes such as handscraping, hand sculpting, hand staining, wire brushing and even baking products at high temperatures create the look of character wood. This product category has taken the industry by storm. Keeping pace with the rustic trend in homes today, hand crafted hardwood exudes a warm and homey feel that consumers gravitate toward.

Abbey Exotic Hardwood

Exotic hardwoods are species not found domestically and are generally imported from South America, Africa, Australia and Asia. Exotic hardwoods feature colors and graining not found in domestic species. They create a "wow" effect in the home and in most cases become a conversation piece.

Abbey Exotic Bamboo Hardwood

Bamboo has become a sweeping trend in upscale, hard surface flooring. Bamboo flooring tops ordinary wood flooring in durability, hardness, stability and appearance. Bamboo is grass, not wood, making it an environmentally sound product as well.

