

## Laminate Flooring Care and Maintenance

### Regular Cleaning

Finfloor planks are designed for long lasting durability and high wear resistance. It is important to follow specific guidelines to keep it in optimal condition.

Sweep with a soft broom, damp mop and vacuum regularly. Depending on the amount of dirt and foot traffic. The floor can be damp mopped when required using a non-abrasive, pH neutral detergents preferably.

Do not use soap-based detergents or caustic cleaners. Do NOT use steam mops or abrasive cleaning aids (wire wool, scouring pads etc) as this may void warranties.

Do not use cleaners that contain eucalyptus or citrus oil as these will cause an accumulation of oil over the floors surface.

Avoid contamination of micro-fibre mop with fabric softener as this could cause the floor to highlight footprints in critical lighting.

### Preventative Measures & Tips On Care

The use of doormats at all entrance points is highly recommended to reduce abrasive particles from shoes. The use of felt pads under furniture and chair legs is also highly recommended to prevent scratching and indentations.

Office chair castor wheels can be replaced with soft silicone castors or place a protective mat under the chair.

Never drag furniture or roll fridges without floor protection. Routine cleaning and promptly removing abrasive dirt and stains can significantly minimise the need for extensive cleaning, while preserving the appearance and lifespan of your laminate flooring.

A damp mop is the most effective method of cleaning your floor. Wet mopping is not recommended as this is much harder to achieve a good result and can leave watermarks.

It is always a good idea to clean up accidents, spillages or treat stains as soon as possible. Special care should be taken in areas with pets (urine can damage the laminate flooring; avoid it and clean it immediately). To eliminate more stubborn stains on the surface (NEVER in joints or grooves), use slightly diluted acetone or alcohol for household use. A damp micro-fibre cloth can be used to clean out bevels.

Ensure you clean with water afterward, with a well wrung out cloth or mop. Regular cleaning is more beneficial to the floorcovering and more cost effective than occasional heavy cleaning. Do NOT varnish, sand or polish your laminate flooring. To clean grooved products, do not use sharp or pointed, abrasive, cutting, wet instruments.

### Laminate Flooring & Room Climate

The ideal conditions for avoiding problems with the boards dimensions and static loads are: 50-70% RH and +/-20°C. To protect your flooring from the damaging effects of UV light, it's highly recommended to apply UV filters, coatings, or furnishings to all windows and glass surfaces in your home.

### Key Points to Note

1. Regular light maintenance is more cost effective than periodic heavy maintenance and more beneficial.
2. Regularly soft sweep, microfibre mop, or dry vacuum the floor with a soft brush head.
3. Always use clean equipment – dirty equipment only redistributes the dirt.
4. Only clean your microfibre mop (or similar) in clean water, do not clean with any detergents or fabric softeners. Note: Fabric softeners can contaminate and clog microfiber mops, making foot and paw prints more visible on your floors. To prevent this, avoid using fabric softener when washing your mops.

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5. Do not mix cleaning products from different manufacturers – they may not be compatible.
6. Always clean up any spillage immediately.
7. Always remove excess water.
8. Special care should be taken in areas with pets (urine can damage the laminate flooring; avoid it and clean it immediately).
9. Some cleaning products contain citrus or eucalyptus oil, these should never be used as they left behind a residue that can make the floor look dirty. With prolonged use these residues accumulate.
10. Never use abrasive pads or cleaners.

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