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Flooring Maintenance Guide

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The easy way to clean
and maintain your
matte lacquer or UV
oil floor”

When choosing the right floor cleaner, one should always consider the healthy option, ensuring safe indoor air quality and environmental effects. Fuse Spa products are the healthy option. They are 100% natural and VOC-free products. As an added bonus, they work in a similar fashion to traditional cleaning products and require little to no changes in your current cleaning regime. In this brochure you will find best practise cleaning instructions and tips to prevent damage to your matte lacquer floor.



Fuse Spa Natural Soap 2.5l

WHAT PRODUCTS TO USE

The most important part of maintaining your floor is to ensure you are using the correct cleaning products.

Fuse Spa is a line of natural cleaning products that are perfectly matched for Fuse and SUMO wood floors.



WHAT NOT TO USE

Avoid using cleaning products that are a petroleum based oil. Any non-botanically derived oil will not mix with the finish and leave a film on top of the wood. Also, avoid using corrosive cleaners, especially cleaners containing ammonia or acetone.

The Fuse Spa Soap is designed to maintain a protective film on the floor while it cleans. The film closes the pores of the wood and stops dirt from building up. It also breaks down and removes dirt from the floor while mopping. Floor soap comes in two colours: natural for natural and dark floors, and white for white floors.

BEST CLEANING PRACTICES

DAILY

- Giving your floor a gentle sweep with a brush will be your best defense against scratches and surface damage. While brooms may seem like a primitive cleaning tool, there is as much variation in broom types and functions as there is in vacuums. There are brooms specially designed for cleaning hard surfaces, and hard bristles should be avoided in case of scratching.
- Start farthest from the room entrance. Work your way towards room entrances – they are high traffic areas and the general source for most dirt and debris in the room.
- Always wipe up liquids resting on the floor as soon as possible.

WEEKLY

- Weekly maintenance will deal with the harder to reach areas that a daily sweep can't reach. Vacuums are ideal for getting dirt out of trouble areas like corners and the spaces between each piece of hardwood. However, extra caution should be used when using vacuums if you want to clean your floor without damaging it.
- When using a vacuum, be aware that most vacuums have a bare-floor setting that raises the beater bar to a safe level above your floors. Check to make sure the beater bar is as far above your floor as possible.

MONTHLY

- It is good practice to mop your floor once a month. Prior to mopping, make sure to take up all dirt and grit by sweeping or vacuuming. It is important when mopping that the mop head is well wrung out and that no puddles form. Instructions on using the Fuse Spa Soap to follow.



CLEANING WITH FUSE SPA SOAP

1. Sweep the floor before mopping
2. Mix floor soap with water at a ratio of approximately 1:50.
3. Use two buckets to clean: one with soapy water, the other for rinsing.
4. Dip the mop in the soapy water and wring. Damp mop leaving little water. Rinse in the other bucket.
5. After completing a room, dip mop in clean water and wring hard. Run the mop over the room to remove water left from initial mopping. Let this water dry on the floor to create the protective film.

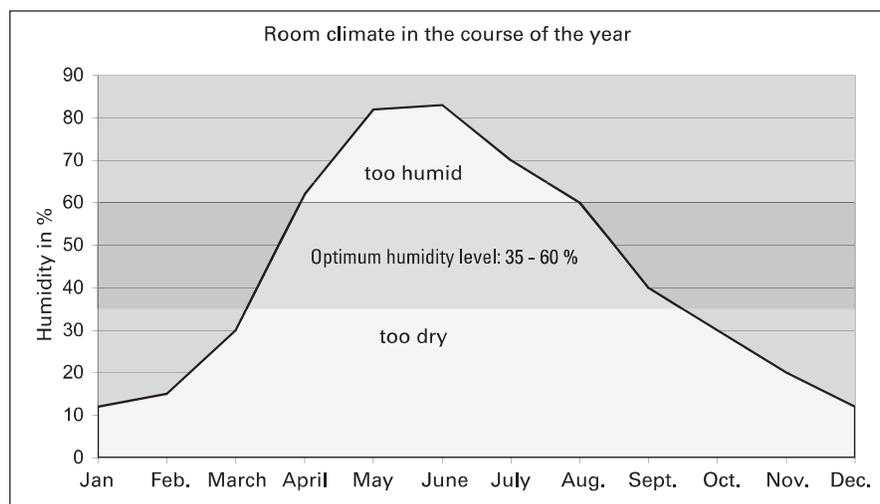
PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- A new building often comes with the issues of dry wall dust which can set on the floor. It is imperative that this dust is completely taken up prior to mopping as this will turn to paste which will become embedded in the floor and be very difficult to remove.
- As with all floor coverings you should protect your new floor by using appropriate matting. Place mats or rugs in entryways or other high traffic areas to minimize the amount of dirt that will get onto your floors. Make sure that this matting is appropriate for your floors as certain mats with rubber backing can do more harm than good.
- To protect your wood floor from scratches, apply suitable felt pads under table legs and under pieces of furniture. Office chairs, file trollies and other rolling items should have soft rollers.
- As you develop your maintenance routine, please be reminded that the overall use of your floors will determine how often you need to clean. High traffic areas may need to be vacuumed/ swept more often.
- Do not use steam cleaners.

REQUIRED RELATIVE HUMIDITY

Wood is a hygroscopic material, which means that it can take up and retain moisture. On the one hand this brings along its climate regulating capacities but on the other hand it also has the disadvantage that while retaining moisture it will swell (increase in volume) and when releasing the moisture shrink (decrease in volume).

So therefore, whether the wood will swell or shrink depends on the room climate. If the climate is too warm or too dry the wood will shrink (get smaller), if it is too humid it will swell (get bigger).



Especially during the winter months when air humidity indoors is often way too low (see chart) the natural shrinking process of the material can easily lead to open joints, checking and other damage. On the other hand, when it is too humid and the wall spacing is insufficient or expansion gaps are missing altogether this can lead to a bulging surface.

Maintain ambient relative humidity in the range from 35% - 60% to avoid excessive dryness or moisture related damage to the wood floor. Use a humidifier and/or dehumidifier as may be needed.

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