



UV WOOD FLOOR CARE GUIDE



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INTRODUCTION

MAINTENANCE ON A MADERA UV CURED FLOOR (OIL OR POLY)

Maintaining a UV Cured MADERA floor is quite simple. The key is remembering that your new floors are made of wood, beautifully natural, and perfectly imperfect. The first step in keeping your floors looking great is to accept that wood will weather and age with the passing of time. The more life you invite into your home, the more character and life your floors will exude. With that out of the way, let's talk about cleaning!

If you clean your floors regularly with the recommended cleaning products, you may never need to do anything more. But if you want to re-finish your lacquered floor, there are a few options listed below.



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DAILY PROTECTION

- Place walk-off mats at all entrances, elevator banks, and high traffic areas to help collect dirt and debris.
- Install felt floor protectors underneath all furniture.
- A shoe-off environment will help keep your floors cleaner, of course, but we also know this is not always possible. A general rule of thumb is that less outside shoes, less dirt, and grime.
- Same goes for pets. A pet-less household is usually a cleaner household, but that's not a reality for some. Just make sure to sweep and clean after your dog to ensure they aren't bringing in dirt and grime.
- Work boots and shoes that may have pebbles lodged in the soles should be removed before entering. Rocks are hard and scratch floors.
- Sweep and vacuum frequently.
- Clean floors using a Swiffer, nonabrasive pads, or a well-wrung-out mop. Never wet mop!
- All mats or rugs should be cleaned regularly. When you remove a rug or carpet to clean it, you may see some discoloration where the rug once laid. This is normal. All wood changes color with exposure to light. Over time, the color will correct itself and blend in once again.

CLEANING YOUR FLOORS

What you will need:

- A good broom (soft bristle).
- A good vacuum with nonabrasive wheels and soft brushes.
- A high-quality, non-abrasive wet/dry mop. We prefer ones with removable covers for easy cleaning.
- A high-quality spray bottle.
- High-quality nonabrasive cotton cloths.
- A cleaning agent. For a lacquered floor, you can use several floor cleaners. A lacquered floor has a hard layer of plastic or UV-cured oil on top of the wood that protects it from abrasive cleaners. Do not use any oil floor cleansers as they tend to leave a residue on top of the hard surface. Below is a list of cleansers we like to use. Always use these products as directed.
- Ciranova hard floor fresh
- Bona floor cleaner
- Warm water with a few drops of Dawn dish soap (no joke)

How to:

- Sweep and vacuum regularly to keep dust, dirt, and abrasive debris off your floor as much as possible.
- Use a spray bottle with properly mixed lacquer floor cleaner to apply an even coat of soap on the area you are cleaning.

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ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS

- Let the soap sit for 1 – 2 minutes to allow the soap to break down any stains.
- Clean soaped area well with a dry mop changing out the mop head as it picks up dirt.
- Alternately, fill a bucket with warm water and the proper amount of Dawn dish soap or Ciranova hard floor cleaner and use a well-wrung mop to clean the area.
- For hard-to-remove stains, you can use a more aggressive solvent like Bostik Ultimate Adhesive cleaner or similar. Apply, wipe off and make sure no cleaner is left on the floor for long periods of time.

Below is a list of products that can be used for long-term maintenance and/or re-oiling if that becomes necessary. As stated above, if you take care of your floor and clean it regularly, you may never need to do another thing. The one product that we regularly use on our oil floors is the Maintenance Oil which applies a healthy coat of oil to your floors. It's quite simple to apply and does not require much prep or professional assistance.

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS

- Hard Floor Cleaner (Ciranova) - Water-based cleaner for removing old layers of polish (Hard Floor Polish & UNICARE X-MATT) on varnished floors. Hard floor cleaner can also be used as a degreaser for removing persistent stains and stripes on varnished floors.
- Hard Floor Polish (Ciranova) - Hard Floor Polish is a water-based maintenance product that provides an extra protective layer to all types of varnished floors. Hard Floor Polish provides an extra protective film and hides micro-scratches, maintaining the original look of the wood. The extra protection ensures that the varnish layer is maintained longer and prevents dirt from becoming ingrained. For matte floors, use Ciranova® UNICARE X-MATT. The floor must be cleaned and buffed before application.
- Bona water-based poly (Naturale or Traffic). Bona can be used to add extra protection over an already lacquered floor. The floor must be cleaned and buffed before application.
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Please reach out to our customer support team with any questions.

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