



HARDWOOD FLOORING

ELITE

HARDWOOD COLLECTION

Product Care & Maintenance Guidelines

- Pattern Plus 5000
- Valenza
- Harborlight
- Beckford

Floor Care and Maintenance Guidelines

Proper care and maintenance will help ensure your floor always looks its best. Simply follow our maintenance and prevention steps outlined below.

Initial Care:

Following installation, clean with Armstrong Hardwood & Laminate Spray Cleaner. If the floor was glued down, remove any residual adhesive with the appropriate adhesive remover.

Ongoing Routine Care and Maintenance

1. Vacuum, sweep or dust mop your floor once a week, or more if needed. The vacuum head must be brush or felt, and a wand attachment is preferable. Do not use vacuums with beater bars or hard heads. An Armstrong hardwood floor swivel-head mop with terry cloth cover is also highly recommended to eliminate finer particles of grit and dirt that can act like sandpaper on hardwood floors.
2. Spills and tracked-in dirt should be wiped up immediately. For spot cleaning, apply Hardwood Spray Cleaner onto a clean cloth and rub into the spot. Never apply wax treatments to your urethane-coated floor.
3. Periodically, as necessary, thoroughly clean the floor with Hardwood Spray Cleaner using an Armstrong hardwood floor swivel-head mop with terry cloth cover. Spray the floor cleaner directly onto the floor or dampen the swivel-head mop and apply. DO NOT allow excess Hardwood Spray Cleaner to remain on the floor's surface. Excess liquid may damage the fibre of the wood.
4. Use interior and exterior doormats at all entrances to collect dirt and moisture and prevent it from being tracked onto the floor.
5. Area rugs are recommended in front of kitchen sinks, at all pivot points and within high traffic areas. Do not use rugs with solid rubber or vinyl backings. The rugs must be made of a breathable material to prevent moisture entrapment.
6. Never clean or wet mop with water. Water may permanently damage the floor.
7. Never use any of the following products (or products similar in nature) on your floor: ammonia-based cleaners, acrylic finishes, wax-based products, bleach, polishes, oil soap, abrasive cleaning soaps, or acidic materials such as vinegar. Many of these products can pit or etch the finish of your flooring or prevent the proper use of recommended maintenance materials.
8. Keep animal nails trimmed to minimise finish scratches
9. Do not damage your floor with shoes having heel taps or sharp objects protruding from the sole such as rocks, exposed nails and gravel.
10. Avoid walking on wood floors with spike or stiletto heeled shoes. Spike or stiletto high heels must be properly maintained to prevent damage from the steel heel support.
11. Do not roll or slide heavy objects directly upon the floor. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, consider laying a solid protective covering on your floor and gently "walk" the item across it. Carpet or cardboard is not adequate to prevent surface compression scratches.
12. Use furniture leg protector pads under all furniture and make certain to keep them clean and well maintained.
13. Replace hard, narrow furniture rollers with wide rubber rollers.
14. Keep the relative humidity in your home between 35% and 55%.
15. **Protect your floor from direct sunlight. Use curtains and UV resistant film on large glass doors and windows. Colour shade variation can occur if the floor is exposed to direct sunlight.**

Quick Fix Tips

Spots caused by food, water or animals

- Apply Hardwood Spray Cleaner to a clean soft cloth.
- Rub the area to remove the stain or spot.
- More stubborn spots may require additional cleaning.

Grease/Lipstick/Crayon/Ink Spots/Rubber Heel Marks

- Apply Hardwood Spray Cleaner to a clean soft cloth.
- Rub the area to remove the stain or spot.

Chewing Gum, Candle Wax

- Apply a sealed plastic bag filled with ice on top of the deposit.

- Wait until deposit becomes brittle enough to crumble off.
- After deposit has been removed, clean entire area with Hardwood Spray Cleaner.

Minor Abrasions/Scratches

- Use Armstrong Touch-Up Kit to make minor repairs.

Chips, broken edges and gaps

- Blend area with appropriate Armstrong touch-up pen or fill stick from Armstrong Touch-Up Kit or the appropriate Armstrong Filler.

Deep Scratches/Gouges

- Individual planks, strips or parquets that are heavily gouged or damaged can be replaced.

Care and Maintenance Guidelines for Armstrong Pattern Plus 5000

Follow these instructions in addition to the previous maintenance and floor care tips:

Renewing worn areas:

- **Residential:** In worn areas refurbish the flooring with an application of Hardwood Floor Restore Finish. Mist the Hardwood Floor Restorer on the floor and rub briskly until it has been completely absorbed into the wood. Allow no excess to remain on the surface. Allow the Hardwood Floor Restorer to dry overnight.
- **Commercial:** Using a commercial buffer mist the Hardwood Floor Restorer on the floor and buff until dry. For machines of less than 175 RPM, use red pads; machines of higher speed (up to 1,000 RPM) should use white or buff coloured pads.

Renewing gloss levels:

- **Residential:** Apply several thin coats of Hardwood Floor Restorer as necessary to maintain the appearance of the floor.
- **Commercial:** Use a commercial buffer. If the machine is 175 RPM or less, use red or white pads if higher speed. Mist Hardwood Floor Restorer in front of the machine and buff until dry. Apply as many coats as necessary to achieve the appearance needed. With minimal usage the floor can be maintained at a satin gloss level. More frequent applications can adjust the gloss to a very high level.

Armstrong Floor Care Products

Hardwood Spray Cleaner: A unique cleaner that lifts soil from the surface of the urethane finish without leaving a film. Just apply the cleaner onto a clean cloth for cleaning small areas or spray directly onto the floor and use an Armstrong hardwood floor swivel-head mop with terry cloth cover for cleaning the entire area.

Floor Care Kit: A quick, easy to use cleaning kit for all urethane finished hardwood floors. Kit includes one bottle of Hardwood Spray Cleaner and one Armstrong hardwood floor swivel-head mop with terry cloth cover, a mega-size mop with swivel handle that makes cleaning quick and easy, even under furniture.

Hardwood Floor Restore Finish: Is applied on areas of heavy traffic to rejuvenate the floor. The Armstrong restorer can easily be applied for added protection and sheen.

Touch-up Kit: Used for blending scratches and nicks on urethane finished floors. The kit contains touch-up markers and filler sticks that blend with the factory-finished stains plus complete instructions and materials to easily repair many problems.

Wood Filler: Designed to conveniently fill gaps, small openings and broken edges. Simply apply the material on the area to be repaired and wipe away excess with a damp towel.

Replacement Mop Covers: Soft, absorbent, terry cloth covers, elastic-fitted for quick and easy replacement on the Armstrong hardwood floor swivel-head mop.

For further Armstrong information

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