

# TECTONIC FLOORING SYSTEM

## Care & Maintenance

Timber floors are long term investments and with a small amount of care and maintenance optimum performance is ensured. The following care and maintenance hints will assist in keeping your Tectonic timber flooring looking its best.

### CLEANING

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- Tectonic flooring will look better for longer if it is kept as clean as possible. To remove surface dirt and grit, regularly vacuum, with a soft bristle head, or sweep with an electrostatic mop.
- Keep door mats clean.
- For stubborn dirt, Use a damp-mop or towelling floor pad. The use of a pH neutral floor cleaner can help remove stubborn dirt (use as per manufacturer's instructions).
- Never clean a floor with common household detergents, polishes, steel wool pads, wax or similar products. These products can be too abrasive and scratch the surface, or may make a floor dangerously slippery. Some products may leave a film of silicon or wax on the timber which may hamper recoating of your floor in the future. Never use any type of petroleum or solvent based product they will degrade the coating and irreversibly dull the floor.
- Wipe up spills and leaks promptly with a dry cloth or dry paper towel. For sticky substances, moisten the cloth slightly
- It is important to ensure that mops and cloths are well wrung so that as little water solution as possible wets the floor.
- Steam mops are not recommended for cleaning timber floors. The heat from the steam mop could also cause damaged to the coating on the floor.

**Suitable cleaning products are available from your Tectonic reseller.**

### MAINTENANCE

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- Dirt and grit can lead to excess wear and scratching to the coating of Tectonic Timber Flooring. Use dirt trapping mats at all exterior doors to minimise dirt, sand and grit that might be brought inside. Small rugs and hall runners are also helpful for collecting the dirt that can scratch the floor. Regularly sweep high traffic areas with an electrostatic mop.
- Fit protective pads to furniture legs to reduce risk of scuffing the floor when moved. To protect the floor surface use protective mats for movable furniture.

- All timber floors will fade, darken or change shades over time. Exposure to sunlight will increase this process. Rotate rugs periodically and protect the floor from direct sunlight with curtains or blinds.
- High heel shoes can dent a hard floor surface. Special care should be taken to remove shoes that have exposed heels with sharp points to avoid potential damage to a timber floor.
- Pets with long nails or claws can scratch and dull the floor finish, make sure pets nails or claws are trimmed regularly and kept blunt.
- Tectonic flooring system can be refinished if it becomes worn. The use of a flooring professional proficient in sanding and finishing to complete this work is recommended.

### RECOATING

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It is advisable to apply a maintenance coat before the surface has been excessively worn. This will save the need for expensive resanding. Just when this maintenance coat will be required is again entirely a factor of wear and care. Obviously the greater the traffic the sooner you will require a recoat. Tectonic has developed a recoat system and recommend the use of Urethane Coatings Purathane Two Pack Gloss, Satin or Matt. This is two component water borne polyurethane finish developed to provide you with extremely hardwearing and long lasting protection.