



## cork care and maintenance

### necessary steps to protect a cork floor:

- Maintain a minimum humidity of 50% to 60% in the room.
- To help eliminate fine particles or dirt/grit that act like sandpaper and will scratch any floor, vacuum or sweep as needed.
- Liquid spills should be wiped up as soon as they happen.
- Door mats should be used at room entrances and probable wet spots, like by kitchen sinks and outside doors. Non venting rubber mats should be avoided.
- In areas that see a lot of traffic, mats should be used where frequent foot twists occur. By tight turns like at kitchen sinks, stoves and refrigerators.
- Load dispersing sliders should be installed under furniture.
- Wide casters and a protecting roll area pad should be used for rolling furniture.
- Periodically check floor for signs of wear.

### sunlight exposure:

Cork flooring, like a wood floor will fade with extended exposure to sunlight. To prevent the cork from fading or it should never be exposed to direct sunlight. Using curtains, blinds, window treatment or other shading techniques to help minimize the effects of exposure to the sun.

The unique texture of cork varies from plank to plank, which enhances the look of your floor.

### maintenance:

Sweep or vacuum floor frequently in order to avoid builds up of abrasive particles. Wet maintenance is not recommended. Use only floor cleaners for prefinished hardwood available from your local retailer or home center.

When the floor starts to show a traffic pattern and signs or wear, the surface of the floor must be recoated with a high quality water based urethane to prevent damage to the cork.

The longevity of the finish is relative to traffic intensity and quality of floor care performed. Under normal conditions, the protective coating should last at least 5 years. It is the responsibility of the owner to judge when the floor needs recoating.

Most cork decorative patterns are made of thin veneer laminated to a cork base. Failure to maintain the finish could result in irreparable damage. A new application of urethane will make the floor look new again and prolong its lifespan.