



## **HOMI HARDWOOD FLOORS: URETHANE WITH ALUMINUM OXIDE FINISH CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE**

Urethane-finished hardwood floors with aluminum oxide provide a highly durable protective coating designed to withstand everyday use. With proper care, maintenance routines, and indoor climate control, Homi hardwood floors will retain their beauty and performance for many years.

### **ESSENTIAL CARE & DAILY MAINTENANCE**

- Maintain indoor relative humidity between 35%–55% year-round.
- Seasonal gapping is normal.
- Surface checking may occur if humidity is not maintained or if the floor surface exceeds 82°F.
- Sweep or vacuum regularly to prevent grit buildup, which can damage the finish.
- Always vacuum before applying any cleaning solution.
- Only use soft brush or felt vacuum heads — NEVER beater bars.
- Ensure vacuum wheels are clean to prevent scuffing or scratching.
- Use a terry cloth mop for cleaning; avoid string mops that leave excess water.
- NEVER wet-mop, damp-mop, or clean with water — doing so can severely damage flooring.
- NEVER use steam cleaners or hardwood floor cleaning machines.
- Do NOT use oil soaps, paste wax, silicon, ammonia, lemon oil, citrus cleaners, tung oil, or products containing surfactants.
- Do NOT use 2-in-1 cleaners with polish or acrylic/urethane additives.
- Clean spills promptly using a soft cloth.
- NEVER apply tape to flooring — including low-tack painter's tape.
- Use area rugs in high-traffic areas and pivot-point locations.
- Keep pet nails trimmed and paws free of dirt and oils.
- Remove shoes with spiked or damaged heels before walking on hardwood.
- Place walk-off mats at all entryways and high-traffic areas.

## **APPROVED CLEANING PRODUCTS**

Homi recommends the following, pH neutral cleaners (within the brands) for urethane finished hardwood flooring, used with a terry cloth mop:

- Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner
- Woodwise
- DuraSeal

Do NOT allow excess cleaner to remain on the surface, as it may permanently damage wood fibers.

## **MOVING FURNITURE AND HEAVY OBJECTS**

- Use a dolly with protective sheets of plywood when transporting heavy objects.
- NEVER drag furniture or appliances across the floor.
- Ensure all furniture casters are clean and have at least a 1" wide vinyl surface.
- Install felt pads on all furniture legs and replace pads regularly.

## **SUNLIGHT AND UV PROTECTION**

- Sun exposure accelerates the natural aging and oxidation of wood.
- UV rays may cause fading or color change over time.
- Rotate rugs and reposition furniture periodically to ensure even aging.
- Damage caused by UV exposure is not covered under Warranty.

## **INSTALLATION-RELATED MAINTENANCE NOTES**

- Install flooring only after major construction and painting are completed.
- Remove adhesive residue immediately.
- Clean with approved cleaning products after installation.
- Lift — never drag — furniture.
- Retain at least one box of extra stock for future repairs.

## **LONG-TERM PRESERVATION**

- With proper maintenance, urethane finished hardwood floors age beautifully.
- Routine cleaning, correct UV exposure, and correct humidity control ensure long-lasting performance.
- For professional specialized care, contact a certified flooring maintenance provider.