



BAMBOOADVANTAGE

Caring for BAMBOOADVANTAGE flooring is the same as for any timber flooring.

- Prevent dirt, grit and sand from getting inside your building as much as possible.
- Use a vacuum to remove loose dirt often
- Wipe up liquid or food spills promptly
- For general cleaning dip a clean cloth or sponge mop in cleaning solution and wring nearly dry. Clean floor and wipe dry with a towel as you go
- Keep high heels in good repair
- Put fabric-faced glides on the legs of ALL your furniture
- Relative humidity should be maintained between 30% -50%
- Trim your pets nails to minimize any scratches they may cause

We suggest that you **prevent dirt, grit and sand from getting inside your building** by using dirt-trapping walk-off mats in all entryways. Vacuum regularly, as often as you vacuum carpets.

To remove loose dirt and grit, dust mop, broom sweep, or vacuum. **Using a vacuum is the best way to remove loose dirt.** Using a dust mop or broom may simply push the loose dirt across the floor causing small scratches to appear. **Wipe up liquid or food spills promptly** with dry cloth or paper towels. Remove sticky residue (like jelly) with slightly dampened cloth. **For general cleaning, add 1/4-cup vinegar to 1 quart of warm water. Dip a clean cloth or sponge mop and wring nearly dry. Clean floor and wipe dry with a towel as you go.** To restore luster you may buff with an electric buffer. Other polyurethane safe cleaning products may be used as well. Products such as Windex or other household cleaning products must not be used! They will damage your finish.

Keep high heels in good repair. Worn heels that have exposed metal will dent any floor surface, even concrete. Keep the doormats clean. **Put fabric-faced glides on the legs of your furniture.** They allow furniture to be moved easily without scuffing the floor. Do not place any luggage on your floor that has metal bottom supports. Sliding these types of items across the floor will cause scratches in the finish. **Trim pet nails** to minimize scratches in your finish.

Using a humidifier or dehumidifier in conjunction with a furnace or air conditioning system to maintain **relative humidity in the home at 30-50%** will maintain the moisture in the bamboo and minimize spacing between the boards.

BAMBOOADVANTAGE flooring can be finished or repaired with any polyurethane or compatible coating. It is not necessary to re-stain the dark colored flooring because the carbonized or coffee color is impregnated all the way through the wear surface. For lighter scratches in the finish, products such as "Old English" can be used to help minimize their appearance.

If the floor has not been waxed, it may not be necessary to remove the original finish. Degrease, lightly sand and apply fresh polyurethane. If heavy sanding is necessary, the wear surface on our flooring is thick enough to withstand a professional refinishing operation using a belt sander. Although most polyurethane coatings will work with the bamboo, you should be advised to use those coatings that comply with environmental regulations that may exist in your area.