

Maintenance of lacquered floors

A maintenance program is essential in keeping your floor clean and looking as good as possible, whether it is in a domestic or commercial setting.

Floors should be cleaned daily using a vacuum or a soft broom. It is important to remove any particles of grit and dirt which may scratch the floor so a mat at every external entrance would also be recommended.

Soluble dirt can be removed by using a spray-buff system or scrubber drier for large commercial floors, or by a mop and bucket for small, domestic floors.

Additional Cleaning

Timber floors in commercial settings which may often be exposed to grease from food, sweat, or residue from other sources, may require additional cleaning. Products are available that will remove these non-soluble materials while restoring the slip resistance.

Newly Finished Floors

A floor coated with lacquer is usually dry to the touch within approximately 3 hours though it continues to cure for around a week.

To ensure that the floor is not damaged while curing, the floor should not be used until 8 hours after the final coat of finish has been applied. After this time, some light traffic can be tolerated. Heavy use should be avoided until 72 hours after the final coat. Furniture can be returned after 24 hours but should be fitted with protective felt pads.

The floor should not be covered with any protective sheeting, rugs or carpets for the first week. The use of maintenance products should also be avoided during this time.

Refurbishment

If the floor has been maintained using a wax-based polish, it will have to be sanded back to the bare timber before any lacquer can be applied.

If just cleaning products are used it is possible to apply further coats of finish without the need for heavy sanding.

The floor must be cleaned thoroughly and lightly abraded prior to applying further coats of finish.