

FLOOR REFINISHING TIPS

Good maintenance practices can extend the life of a hardwood floor finish for many years. However, there comes a time in the life of every hardwood floor for it to be refinished due to worn spots and the erosion of old finishes. Here are some warning signs to tell you when a hardwood floor needs to be refinished: bald spots; places where the finish is worn away; deep scratches or gouges in the finish that cannot be easily repaired by light sanding and applying more finish. If these conditions exist, it may be time to refinish - either by yourself or by a professional wood floor refinisher.

Remember, Minwax® Hardwood Floor Cleaner has been exclusively formulated to be used full-strength. Do not add water. Simply apply cleaner directly to floor and damp mop.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website at www.Minwax.com for more information about Minwax® products, for tips on wood finishing, and for exciting project ideas.

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GUIDE TO HARDWOOD FLOOR CARE



KEEPING HARDWOOD FLOORS LOOKING BEAUTIFUL IS EASY.

Try Minwax® Hardwood Floor Cleaner for everyday cleaning and Minwax® Wood Cleaner spray for other wood surfaces and common household spills. No mixing, no added water. Just apply to wood surface and wipe.



- Removes dirt & grime
- No dulling residue
- Great for most hardwood finishes

Minwax® keeps hardwood floors beautiful

HARDWOOD FLOORS ARE A BEAUTIFUL INVESTMENT

Nothing enhances the value of a home more than the rich, warm look of a beautifully finished hardwood floor. With proper care hardwood floors can last a lifetime. Good maintenance practices will preserve the shine of the floor's finish, plus help the topcoat protect the wood beneath.

The maintenance tips in this booklet apply to sealed hardwood floors - floors coated with a protective finish such as polyurethane. If you have oiled or waxed floors, you should follow the directions of the manufacturer on how to maintain these types of finishes.

If you suspect either of these two finishes is on your floor, test first as recommended below.

Description	Types	Test
Penetrating oil	Linseed, Tung, Danish or other vegetable oil	Run your hand over the wood. If you can feel grain easily it is probably an oil finish.
Waxed	Paste or Liquid wax	Apply small amount of water to inconspicuous area. If finish turns dull or white it is probably waxed.

So remember, Minwax® Hardwood Floor Cleaner and Minwax® Wood Cleaner spray are not for use on oiled, waxed or unfinished wood.

EVERYDAY FLOOR CARE

Vacuum or sweep at least once a week. Dust mop in-between weekly cleaning to help eliminate fine particles of grit and dirt that can act like sandpaper and abrade the floor finish. Use Minwax® Hardwood Floor Cleaner as directed on the label at least weekly to clean exposed areas of floors.

Spills and tracked-on dirt should be cleaned immediately. Lightly spray Minwax® Wood Cleaner spray directly onto surface and wipe clean with sponge or rag.

TIPS ON WOOD FLOOR MAINTENANCE

- Use Minwax® Hardwood Floor Cleaner and Minwax® Wood Cleaner spray frequently as a part of your regular cleaning routine.
- Use doormats and/or area rugs by door entries to help prevent dirt, sand and grit from entering the house. Wipe up food, beverage and other spills immediately.
- Install felt furniture glides. Replace round-headed glides with rubber substitutes on furniture legs.
- Keep the relative humidity in your home between 45% and 55% because excessive humidity can cause wood fibers to swell, creating cracks in the finish.
- Do not walk on floors with spiked heels or with any sharp objects protruding from shoe.