



## LACQUERED WOOD FLOORING

### MAINTENANCE GUIDE

#### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Abrasive particles of dirt and grit trafficked on to a wooden floor finished with a lacquer finish can be very abrasive and seriously shorten the lifespan of any treatment. The floor's surface will quickly become dull due to scratches and the wood may be affected by the ingress of moisture and stains. Matting placed at external entrances can be highly effective at prolonging the appearance and life of the floor whilst reducing the frequency of refurbishment. It is important that matting is of a type which is able to remove grit and moisture, such as the **Kingley Twin-Line Double-Ribbed Matting**. Matting should be large enough, ideally, to allow two steps across it, but, as general recommendation, the mat should be as large as practical and be regularly cleaned.



KINGLEY TWIN-LINE MATTING

It is also very important to ensure that the floor is protected from moveable furniture, such as tables and chairs, and a simple solution to this is to protect the floor by applying felt furniture feet to underside of the furniture legs. A high quality example of these is the **Sectino™ Felt Furniture Feet** (Order ref: 105067). Regularly check and clean the felt feet to avoid / reduce embedded grip or particles scratching the wood surface.



SECTINO™ FELT FURNITURE FEET

#### HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR FLOOR

An effective maintenance programme will keep the floor clean and looking as good as possible. The following information is designed to provide a starting point for such a programme and is appropriate for both commercial and domestic floors. However, all floors are unique and will require individual assessment because the factors affecting them will vary. Changes in traffic levels and seasonal changes will also need to be taken into consideration, for example, additional matting may be required during periods of snow or heavy rain. The frequency of any maintenance should reflect the used of the floor, and should be altered accordingly.

#### AN EFFECTIVE MAINTENANCE REGIME SHOULD CONSIST OF:

##### Dry Cleaning

Floors should be cleaned daily using dry cleaning methods, such as vacuum or dust control mop, such as the **40cm Dust Beater Mop**. This will remove any particles of dust and grit which may scratch the floor seal when trafficked under footwear, chair legs, and other items moved across the floor.



40CM DUST BEATER MOP



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#### Damp Cleaning

Soluble dirt should be removed by cleaning using a spray-buff system such as the **Hygen Pulse Mop System** (Order ref: 950104) – a sturdy mop which features an on-board reservoir and user-controlled release of solution. The removable cleaning heads (which are machine-washable) should be replaced periodically to ensure effective maintenance. We would suggest changing the removable cleaning head after cleaning approximately 10 sq.m. although this will depend on the usage of the area.

The solution to be used for frequent cleaning of lacquered wooden surfaces is the **Marldon MXC735 Floor Cleaner** (Order ref: 950200), which cleans, disinfects and deodorises in one operation. This is available in a 5 litre container and the coverage is 250m<sup>2</sup>/25ml per 5 litres of water.

#### Additional Cleaning

Wooden floors often become scratched and dull over time and require reviving. This can be done by applying a ready-to-use solution, which is the **Marldon MXC745 Floor Reviver** (Order ref: 650087), also available in a 5 litre container. This not only revives dull and scratched surfaces but improves wear protection.

#### The Life Cycle of the Floor

Periodically it will be necessary to re-finish previously lacquered floors. Depending on the surface condition, the degree of sanding required will vary and in some circumstances the floor will have to be sanded back to bare wood prior to lacquer application. Removal of all contaminates is required!

All the products mentioned above can be purchased from Havwoods Limited or Havwoods Accessories, and application directions can be obtained by contacting **+44(0)1524 737 000** or downloaded from **www.havwoods.co.uk**

