

## MAINTENANCE

### Maintenance instructions - Lacquered Karelia wood floor

The surface of Karelia wood flooring has been pre-finished with five coats of hardwearing UV hardened acrylic lacquer, which has no formaldehyde content and does not emit any other harmful additives into the room space. In order to maintain the beauty of your Karelia floor, follow our simple maintenance instructions.

### Preventative Care

Preventing damage is the best treatment for your Karelia floor:

- Use mats on both sides of your front door, so that as little grit and other dirt as possible is carried onto the floor
- In order to protect the floor from scratches, use felt pads on your furniture
- Never drag furniture
- Remove any grit or other abrasives immediately
- Remember, Karelia does not like stiletto heels

### Cleaning

Karelia flooring does not need miracles; regular care only involves vacuuming and wiping with a damp cloth. When necessary, the floor can be washed with a mild detergent (pH 6 - 8). Remove stains while they are still fresh. Usually, just a little water or a mild detergent will be sufficient. Avoid scrubbing with abrasive equipment or using strong solvents.



- Remove loose sand and dust with a vacuum cleaner or a brush
- When you want to clean your floor more thoroughly, wipe the floor dry with a twisted cloth
- A drop of any pH neutral washing liquid can be added to the washing water if required and your cloth dipped in it and well squeezed out before wiping the floor. If liquid is spilt on the floor, wipe it up immediately. Never wet mop the floor or allow pools of water to sit for any length of time. A mop is damp when it does not leave water drops on the hardwood flooring, and the floor appears dry after wiping. A mop is wet when it leaves water drops on the flooring. In this case, the floor must be dried
- We do not recommend the use of cleaning agents or waxes for Karelia floors because a well-maintained lacquered surface is the best protection for hardwood flooring



### Removal of stains

The fresher the spot, the easier it will be to remove. For stain removal you can use the substances mentioned in the table below.

Type of stain	Cleaning substance
fruit, berries, juices, milk, cream, soft drinks, beer, wine, coffee, tea, urine	synthetic cleaning agents
chocolate, fat, oil, shoe polish, marks by shoes, tar, bitumen	mineral turpentine
sealing wax, correcting ink, ballpoint pen, ink, lipstick	denatured alcohol
blood	cold water

Caring for your pre-finished Karelia floor is very simple and satisfying providing you remember the most important principles:

- Place doormats on both sides of exterior doors
- In entrance halls put plastic mats under shoe areas to prevent water damage
- Prevent water being trodden onto the floor especially in hallways
- Minimize the use of water in cleaning
- Clean stains immediately
- Put felt pads on furniture legs

