## LAMINATE FLOORS



- 8. Internal expansion breaks are required at doorways/thresholds and rooms exceeding 10mx10m.
- Remove spacers/wedges from around the room and install skirting boards and/or Godfrey Hirst scotia and/or finishing trims (in

accordance with Godfrey Hirst accessories installation guidelines). Never fix any trims directly to the floor and ensure fixing does not compromise expansion gaps. Silicone or caulking compound is not recommended.

## CARE & MAINTENANCE

Congratulations on selecting a quality floor designed with easy care and maintenance in mind. To help enjoy the longevity of your floor for many years to come, follow these simple steps:

## CLEANING & CARE

- 1. Immediately clean up any liquid or water based spills or any other potentially staining marks using a dry clean cloth. Amor Classic has a 72 hour spill resistance surface, but don't leave liquid/water based spills there just to test it. Godfrey Hirst floors are resistant to most spots and stains, however some materials or colourants (such as tar, grease, oil, dyes, waxes, ball point, marker pens, pet mishaps or foods/beverages containing strong dyes as mustard, curry, cordial, coffee, tea etc.) may under certain conditions migrate into the wear layer causing indelible stains.
- 2. **Daily** or as required remove any loose dirt or grit which could damage the floor by sweeping with a soft dry broom or vacuum (preferably with an effective dust filter and suction nozzle for hard surfaces turning off a powerhead, if installed).
- 3. Weekly clean using a waterless laminate floor cleaning fluid and micro fibre mop, or a well rung out damp mop (the floor should be dry 15 seconds after mopping) and a non-abrasive soap-free PH neutral cleaner suitable for laminate floors to remove any footprints, dirt and other stains or marks. Never flood the floor with water as excessive moisture can damage the floor.
- 4. As required stubborn scuffs and stains can easily be removed using a damp cloth or sponge with a diluted solution of methylated spirits. Ensure the methylated spirits is completely rinsed from the flooring.
- 5. Never use a steam-mop or steam-cleaner.
- Never use abrasive cleaners, nylon scouring pads, steel wool, scouring powder or bleach as they may damage the floor.
- Never use oil, soap, wax or polishes as these finishes may make the floor slippery and can leave a dull finish on the floor.
- 8. Place entrance mats (which must not have a rubber backing) at all external doors to trap dirt, sand, grit, moisture and other substances from shoes:
  - a. Double entrance mats are required for residential installations
    1 coarse external mat, and 1 medium internal mat.
  - b. Triple commercial mats with a minimum walk off zone of 3.5 metres are required for commercial installations refer to mat manufacturer.

Mats must be cleaned regularly.

- 9. Use non-staining felt protectors under heavy pieces of furniture. Fit office chairs, filing trolleys, mobile containers and old hard or sharp edged castors on furniture with soft treads or castors. Chair pads should be used under desk chairs with castors.
- 10. Heavy objects and furniture such as large bookcases, full sized billiard tables or kitchen units should not be situated on any floating installation. This can lead to the floor failing to respond to contraction and expansion, which can cause squeaking, gapping and possible failure.
- Never drag, slide or roll furniture or appliances across your floor.
  Protect the surface if using a trolley to move heavy objects.
- 12. Floor to ceiling windows coupled with the Australian/New Zealand sun can create floor surface temperatures over 70°C. Your floor should be protected from extreme temperatures and strong direct sunlight by the use of interior temperature and humidity control (recommended temperatures 10-30°C and relative humidity levels between 30% and 70%), window tinting, awnings and/or curtains/blinds. Dramatic temperature changes and/or extreme humidity can cause joins to lip/gap and prolonged direct sunlight will cause fading.
- 13. Pet claws can scratch the flooring. Keep nails trimmed.
- 14. Spiked heels or shoes in need of repair can severely damage your floor. In areas of excessive traffic and wear, make use of runners or area rugs. Rugs should be cleaned regularly.

## MAINTENANCE

- Laminate floors are maintained by the above CLEANING & CARE instructions.
- 2. Laminate floors cannot be sanded.

**Commercial Installations** - Additional maintenance may be required for commercial installations. A copy of the Godfrey Hirst Commercial Cleaning and Maintenance Guide is available at https://www.godfreyhirst.com/au/commercial/technical.