

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE - LACQUERED FLOORS

Commercial / Residential

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A solid hardwood floor from Junckers is delivered prefinished with lacquer and is ready to use as soon as it has been installed.

The factory applied lacquer is an extremely hard wearing polyurethane product and several coats are applied during manufacture.

Keeping your Junckers floor clean will retain its natural beauty and will ensure that you have a floor which will last for generations. The life span of the lacquer depends heavily upon the frequency and standard of cleaning.

In high traffic areas, those which may be subjected to high levels of spillage and where very frequent cleaning will be needed the floor may be given a further coat of Junckers HP Commercial lacquer after it has been installed.

REGULAR CLEANING

The floor must be regularly swept and vacuumed, and when necessary wiped with a well wrung out mop or cloth.

For larger floors a scrubber dryer machine can be used.

To help removal of dirt from the surface a solution of Junckers SylvaCleaner can be added to the cleaning water or the scrubber dryer. See Junckers Data sheet F 10.2 for full instructions.

Floors which have recently been relacquered must not be cleaned for at least 72 hours after relacquering.

Use of water - Important

Always use as little water as possible for cleaning.

Use a well wrung out mop or cloth and remove excess water immediately.

Any water spillage must be wiped up straight away so as to avoid water damage.

PROTECTION AND LIGHT RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE

If the floor needs to be revitalised then one of Junckers polish products will help to hide minor scratches.

Polish can be used as a cleaning product, but also revives a dull looking surface and protects the floor.

Dilution by regular cleaning: 1 dl to 10 litres of water. For minor scratches the product can be used undiluted.

Choose between Sylva Polish, Silk matt or Sylva Wash Polish Matt. Find data sheet reference below for full instructions.

Floors treated with polish will require sanding back to bare wood, if the floor at a later point needs re-lacquering.

LONG TERM MAINTENANCE

Periodically, when the lacquered surface becomes dull and worn the floor may be cleaned, lightly sanded and then over-coated with one of Junckers water based lacquers.

See product range below and choose a lacquer matching the expected wear of the floor.

The time between maintenance coats depends upon the amount of foot traffic that the floor receives. Therefore floors in busy commercial areas such as retail, restaurants etc will require resealing more often than residential floors.

It is recommended that the floor is inspected on a regular basis and the floor must be resealed before the lacquer wears through to bare wood.

Maintenance procedure

Clean the floor using Junckers SylvaNeutralizer and sand thoroughly using 150 to 180 grit sandpaper or a mesh disc.

Thorough cleaning of the floor is critical to ensure that the new lacquer coat will adhere properly.

Vacuum clean and wipe with a well wrung out cloth or mop to remove all sanding dust. Apply one coat of the new lacquer in accordance with the product instructions.

WAX POLISH TREATED FLOORS

Hardwood floors which have been maintained with wax polish must be sanded back to bare wood before resealing.

PROTECTION OF THE FLOOR IN USE

Felt pads

Protect the floor from scratches and scuffs by fitting felt pads to furniture legs. Please note that felt pads will eventually wear out and will need to be replaced periodically.

Wear and tear from office chairs etc can be reduced by use of purpose made plastic mats.

Barrier matting

A good quality barrier mat is a very effective way to keep dirt, water and grit off the floor. Mats must be of sufficient size and the correct type to suit the type of building and number of users.

STAIN REMOVAL

Remove any spillage and stains as soon as possible. Dried out stains are often more difficult to remove than fresh ones.

For fruit juice, milk, cream, tea, soft drinks, beer, wine, coffee;

Remove with Junckers SylvaCleaner.

For chocolate, grease, oil, shoe polish, scuffs marks from shoes;

Use Junckers SylvaCleaner or white spirit.

For ink, lipstick;

Use Junckers SylvaCleaner or methylated spirit

For blood;

Remove with cold water

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PREVENTION OF SLIPS AND TRIPS

A properly maintained and installed Junckers floor will have good slip resistance, however any spillage will make the floor more slippery and increase the likelihood of accidents.

Always wipe up spillage straight away.

TEMPORARY PROTECTION OF THE FLOOR

Point Loads; eg legs, static wheels.

In order to prevent damage to the floor it may be necessary to use pressure distributing plywood or metal plates to spread the load.

The flat side of the plywood or metal plate must be placed against floor surface.

By risk of spillage of liquids, it is recommended to place a waterproof covering on top of the plywood or metal plate.

For specific advice on protection contact Junckers technical department.

Ordinary covering of the Floor

Use a breathable covering where possible, eg, cardboard, ply, hardboard etc. If protection from extensive spillage is needed a waterproof covering may be used eg polythene.

Ensure that the covering is laid flat and that there are no creases or seams that may cause indentations to the floor under load. Ensure also that the covering does not have printing or anything similar which may transfer to the surface of the floor.

For floors with under floor heating use only a breathable covering and the thinnest type possible so as to prevent the floor from over heating.

USE OF ADHESIVE TAPE AND LOGOS ETC.

Adhesive on tape and logos often have a very high tack value and can therefore damage the lacquer on the floor if the tape or logo is pulled off quickly.

Always use low tack adhesive tapes and logos.

FURTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Products

- F 4.2 – Junckers Profinsh
- F 4.5 - Sylva Wash Polish, matt
- F 4.7 - Sylva Polish
- F 5.1 – Junckers Strong
- F 5.9 – Junckers Strong Premium
- F 8.5 – Junckers HP Commercial
- F 10.2 - Junckers Sylva Cleaner