



GLIFE CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE: LAMINATE

GLIFE LAMINATE FLOORS REQUIRE LITTLE MAINTENANCE TO LOOK AMAZING YEAR AFTER YEAR. CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE FREQUENCY VARIES BASED ON SPECIFIC TRAFFIC VOLUME AND AREA OF USE. WALK-OFF MATS, DAILY SWEEPING AND A REGULAR CLEANING SCHEDULE WILL REDUCE DAILY DIRT, DUST AND BUILD-UP AND MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR MORE EXTENSIVE MAINTENANCE STEPS.

• **IMMEDIATELY** – CLEAN UP ANY LIQUID OR WATER BASED SPILLS OR ANY OTHER POTENTIALLY STAINING MARKS USING A DRY CLEAN CLOTH. THOUGH GLIFE LAMINATE FLOORS ARE RESISTANT TO MOST SPOTS AND STAINS, SOME MATERIALS OR COLOURANTS (SUCH AS TAR, GREASE, OIL, DYES, WAXES, BALL POINT, MARKER PENS, PET MISHAPS OR FOODS/BEVERAGES CONTAINING STRONG DYES SUCH AS MUSTARD, CURRY, CORDIAL, COFFEE, TEA, ETC.) MAY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS MIGRATE INTO THE WEAR LAYER CAUSING INDELIBLE STAINS.

• **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 POWER HEAD, IF INSTALLED).

• **WEEKLY** – CLEAN USING A WATERLESS LAMINATE FLOOR CLEANING FLUID AND MICRO FIBRE MOP, OTHERWISE MOP THE FLOOR USING A WELL RUNG OUT DAMP MOP (THE FLOOR SHOULD BE DRY 15 SECONDS AFTER MOPPING) AND A NON-ABRASIVE SOAP-FREE CLEANER SUITABLE FOR LAMINATE FLOORS TO REMOVE ANY FOOTPRINTS, DIRT AND OTHER STAINS OR MARKS

• **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. WHEN CLEANING THE FLOOR:

+ NEVER USE ABRASIVE CLEANERS, NYLON SCOURINGPADS, 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.

+ NEVER USE A STEAM-MOP OR STEAM-CLEANER. YOU SHOULD ALSO NEVER FLOOD THE FLOOR WITH WATER. EXCESSIVE WATER CAN DAMAGE YOUR FLOOR. PROMPTLY SOAK UP BULK LIQUID SPILLS.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

PLEASE NOTE: GLIFE LAMINATE FLOORS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED FOR USE IN INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTS/INSTALLATIONS.

WHILE THEY ARE EXTREMELY EASY TO CARE FOR, ROBUST AND DURABLE AND PROVIDE THE APPEARANCE OF A GENUINE TIMBER FLOOR, THEY ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR OUTDOORS, ROOMS WITH EXTREME VARIATIONS IN TEMPERATURE (E.G. NORTH FACING SUNROOMS), VERY HIGH OR LOW HUMIDITY AREAS OR AREAS WHERE THERE ARE EXTREMELY HIGH TEMPERATURES (SUCH AS SAUNAS AND POOL AREAS), OR ROOMS WITH BUILT-IN DRAINS (E.G. SHOWERS) AS LAMINATE MAY BUCKLE, SWELL OR DEFORM IF PENETRATED BY EXCESSIVE MOISTURE AND, OTHER THAN PRODUCTS CARRYING A WATER RESISTANT WARRANTY, SHOULD NOT BE INSTALLED IN WET AREAS SUCH AS BATHROOMS, TOILETS AND LAUNDRIES.

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO ACHIEVE MANY YEARS OF ENJOYMENT FROM YOUR FLOOR:

+ PLACE ENTRANCE MATS (WHICH MUST NOT HAVE A RUBBER BACKING) AT ALL EXTERIOR DOORWAYS AND ENTRANCES TO TRAP DIRT, SAND, GRIT, MOISTURE AND OTHER SUBSTANCES FROM SHOES. DOUBLE MATS (A COARSE EXTERIOR MAT AND MEDIUM INTERIOR MAT) ARE RECOMMENDED FOR RESIDENTIAL INSTALLATIONS AND TRIPLE COMMERCIAL MATS WITH A MINIMUM WALK OFF ZONE OF 3.5 METRES FOR COMMERCIAL INSTALLATIONS. CLEAN MATS REGULARLY.

+ 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.

+ 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.

+ PET CLAWS CAN SCRATCH YOUR FLOOR. KEEP NAILS TRIMMED.

+ 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.