

## CARING FOR YOUR WOOD FLOOR

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Please understand that wood scratches, and Piedmont Flooring and Designs, Inc highly recommends the use of floor protector pads that can be purchased from hardware stores (Home Depot etc...) on all furniture that is not stationary. These can be purchased in different shapes and sizes, and you peel off the paper and stick them directly on the legs of furniture. Rugs should be used in all high traffic areas such as kitchens and family rooms.

Polyurethane and Aluminum Oxide floors are easy to maintain. You can vacuum (be sure there is nothing in the bottom of vacuum that may scratch floor) sweep, or dust mop to remove dust and dirt. Floors can be mopped using a warm pail of water and adding two tablespoons of vinegar, or **Bona-Kemi** makes products that are specifically made for water base, aluminum oxide and urethane floors. You want to ring all access water from mop. **Never use any topical waxes, Murphy Oil Soap, Pledge etc...** After several years if you can see that traffic patterns are dulling, you can have a professional screen and re-coat floors with polyurethane. This is a one day process and will also remove surface scratches.

## WOOD EXPANSION & CONTRACTION

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Cracks between boards: Almost every wood floor endures some expansion and contraction as seasons and humidity levels change. When homes are heated, humidity levels plummet, boards shrink and spaces appear between the boards. In dry months, cracks can easily develop to the thickness of a dime on a typical solid 2 1/4 inch oak floor, with light-colored woods making the cracks appear larger. Plank floors also will show cracks more. These spaces are to be expected and usually close up as the season changes and moisture returns to the air. **To reduce the degree of change, ask your builder about installing a humidifier in the furnace. This will allow you to add moisture to the air which we highly recommend.**

## WARRANTY ON FINISHING OF FLOORS

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There are no specific written warranties on floor finish. This is because the floor in a home is the most used of all basic home items and is subject to countless abuse. We take pride in our work and reputation, and do our best to see that your job is completed in the most professional way. We do however guarantee our finish not to peel, bubble, or crack for one year.