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## ECOTIMBER® PREFINISHED FLOORING CLEANING & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

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Congratulations on your purchase of EcoTimber® prefinished flooring. Our durable factory finishes are easy to maintain and should provide years of protection for your wood or bamboo floor.

**Please Note:** Flooring should be one of the last items installed in a remodel or new construction project. Tradespeople performing work on other elements of the space are one of the most common causes of scratching and damage to prefinished flooring. Affix felt padding to the legs of all furniture to prevent scratching when the items are moved. After installation, follow these simple guidelines:

**Remove Grit** - Care should be taken to prevent debris such as dirt, sand and grit from accumulating on the surface of your floor. Walk-off mats should be placed inside and out at all exterior exits, and the floor should be swept or vacuumed regularly. Work boots and shoes that may have pebbles lodged in the soles should be removed prior to entering.

**Clean Regularly** - To clean your EcoTimber prefinished floor, we recommend the Bona-X® Swedish Formula Hardwood Floor Cleaner, available at most flooring retailers. Citrus cleaners and vinegar mixed with water are also effective at removing scuffs, dried spills, and dust film. With water or any other cleaning agent, be sure to thoroughly ring out the applicator or mop prior to applying it to the floor. To remove hard-to-clean substances such as chewing gum, use Goof-Off® or Goo-Gone®, available at most hardware stores and supermarkets. Floor wax and oil should not be used.

**Avoid Standing Moisture** - Never wet-mop a hardwood floor, and always clean up spills and standing water as soon as possible. Moisture that is allowed to seep into the seams between the planks may accumulate and cause damage to your flooring.

**Top-Coating** - In areas such as bathrooms, kitchens, and spaces where food service occurs, top-coating the floor will help prevent against moisture damage. To top-coat your EcoTimber® floor, lightly screen (abrade) the top surface of the factory finish and then apply Traffic® or Mega® Swedish floor finish (manufactured by BonaKemi®). In heavy food service areas such as restaurants, two to three top-coats are recommended. Periodic top-coating in any area will help prolong the life and restore the new appearance of your floor.