



## Eastern Hardwoods Classic Collection

### Ease of Maintenance

Today's wood floors don't require the wax and buff treatment they used to. New technology in stains and finishes call for regular cleaning that takes little more than sweeping or vacuuming, with occasional use of a professional wood floor cleaning product. Over time, wood floors maintain their value and with little effort; preserve their timeless beauty and natural elegance for years to come.

### Care & Maintenance

Hardwood floors can last a lifetime and are easy to take care of. They will retain their distinctive beauty for years to come with simple and regular floor care maintenance.

- Sweep, dust mop, or vacuum weekly. If vacuuming, make sure vacuum head is a brush or felt, not a beater bar.
- Clean any spills promptly with a soft cloth.
- For more stubborn stains, apply a dime-sized drop of gentle cleaner to the area and rub with cloth. If more muscle is required, use a small amount of mineral spirits.
- Recommended cleaning products: Dry Swiffer or similar, Bona X Swedish Formula Hardwood Cleaner, or Basic Coating Squeaky Hardwood Floor Cleaner.
- Avoid oil soaps, liquid or paste wax, detergents, bleach, vinegar, abrasive soaps, and household cleaners containing lemon oil, tung oil, silicon, or ammonia. These may cause irreparable damage and void warranty.
- Never use a wet mop or douse floor with water or liquid cleaners. These can seep between the cracks and cause moisture damage. Wet mopping also voids warranty.
- Do not use hardwood floor cleaning machines.
- To avoid uneven UV aging and oxidation, rearrange rugs and furniture periodically.
- Minimize abrasive sand and dirt by placing mats on both sides of exterior doors. Area rugs in high-traffic areas are also a good idea. Note: Do not use rugs with rubber or vinyl backings – they trap moisture.

- Place protective pads beneath furniture legs and feet. Keep furniture casters clean.
- Keep pets' nails trimmed.
- Remove shoes with cleats, spikes, or exceptionally pointy heels.
- Take great care when moving furniture and heavy objects. Lay down a protective sheet of plywood.

### **Color Variance**

Beautiful hardwood floors are a product of nature and will darken or lighten over a period of time due to exposure to sunlight. Some species darken deeper than others. This is a natural characteristic of wood and in most cases it will enhance the richness of the floor. Proper UV protection for large windows and doors is highly recommended for protection against over exposure to sunlight.