

# Bamboo Flooring: cleaning and care instructions

Plantation Bamboo recommends you look after your new bamboo flooring in much the same manner as you would a regular timber/hardwood floor. Here are a few tips:

## Cleaning your bamboo floor

Ensure you sweep your floor regularly with a soft broom, clean static mop or vacuum with the brush head down on your vacuum cleaner – to make sure any grit or dirt does not build up on the floor.

It is recommended to clean your floor with a damp micro-fibre mop (not a “wet” mop). Water is fine on its own, or you can use a mild floor cleaning product (suitable for timber floors) to clean stubborn dirt or stains.

A “Bona Wood-Floor Spray Mop” (pictured right) is ideal for cleaning your bamboo floor and can be found at most hardware stores. Another option is to put your preferred cleaning product in a fine-spray bottle so that you can control the amount of water/cleaner used, in conjunction with damp-mopping.

Use undiluted methylated spirits to remove any stubborn spots or stains (red wine, coffee etc).

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT USE A STEAM MOP, WET MOP OR ABRASIVE PADS TO CLEAN/SCRUB YOUR FLOOR**



## Caring for your bamboo floor

- Remove spills promptly (just as you would with carpet or timber flooring etc), so that liquid does not soak into the flooring for a long period.
- Use diluted methylated spirits or Briwax to remove any light marks or scrapes.
- If you find any wax spots on the flooring (from the wax coating on all edges of the boards, which help seal the joints), these are quite easily polished off with a soft rag.
- Place door mats at exterior doors to trap grit and small stones from shoes and feet.
- Install felt pads on the feet of furniture (available from hardware stores) – to avoid scratching the surface of the floor when dragging chairs, tables or the like across the floor.
- When moving heavy furniture, always pick up the furniture rather than dragging it across the floor.
- Keep pets claws regularly trimmed to avoid scratches.
- Don't leave wet towels or other wet items on the floor for long periods (as the wetness may affect the water-based polyurethane coatings on the floor).

## Scratches?

If you scratch your bamboo floor, these can often be hidden by rubbing the nut of a walnut (or similar oil), or wood floor cleaner into the scratch and then polishing it off. Deeper gouges may need to be repaired with a colour-matched wood-filler wax (or similar) product, normally available from leading hardware stores.