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## FADE INFORMATION

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Heirloom cork flooring is made using traditional manufacturing processes that date back to the late 1800s. Varying the oven temperatures and baking times create shades from light to dark. Like any naturally colored products, cork is susceptible to fading if the proper precautions are not taken to protect the floor.

Both heat and UV rays cause fading; therefore, exposure to each should be limited. By reducing exposure of these components, fading of cork can be decreased. Heirloom cork floors are coated with a UV inhibiting finish, an exclusive in the industry, which will significantly improve fade resistance. However, it will not prevent it. Expanko Resilient Flooring highly recommends use of windows treated with UV protective coating and the use of window treatments.



This is a picture from an installation where window treatments were not used with floor to ceiling glass doors. The dark area is where a rug sits; the area around the rug has faded from the sunlight but the area under the rug has not faded. This would also happen to wood floors given the same conditions. If homogeneous cork floors become faded, sanding and refinishing the floor can be done to restore the original color. If sanding is done and precautions are not taken against UV rays, fading will continue. ***Complete Sanding Instructions (Document ID: 512)*** are available and should be followed.

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