



CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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Vallarex Cork Floating Flooring, when properly maintained, can last and look beautiful for decades. Please follow these procedures and instructions.

POST INSTALLATION MAINTENANCE

- After installation, Vallarex requires a minimum of 12 hours to set before normal use. If you plan to add additional coats of polyurethane (optional) do not do this for 72 hours after installation.
- 12 hours after installation, the floor should be cleaned with a well wrung-out damp mop and a general purpose cleaner (available from Expanko Resilient Flooring).
- Expanko recommends (not required) the application of one to two additional coats of *Bona Traffic* polyurethane be applied to Vallarex in order to seal the floor seams to prevent any water penetration in the event of a spill. Use only polyurethane recommended by Expanko, as use of the wrong polyurethane could result in installation problems or failure. *Polyurethane Application Instructions for Pre-finished Cork (Document ID: 430)* are available and should be followed. Polyurethane should only be applied by professionals who are knowledgeable about the process.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Cork is a natural material and is subject to fading. Fading is not considered a product defect. Areas covered with rugs or furniture will not fade, so contrasts will occur when moved. Use of window treatments which block out UV rays are highly recommended.
- Cork will dent if proper furniture leg protectors and/or pads are not used. Stiletto high heel shoes can also cause indentations, which may not fully recover.
- Use entrance mats to help prevent dirt and moisture from coming in contact with the floor. Do not allow a moisture saturated floor mat to remain on the cork floor.

DAILY AND WEEKLY CARE

- Keep the floor surface free of dirt and grit through daily dust mopping. Clean up spills and excess water as soon as possible.
- When required, damp mop the floor using a well wrung out mop with a general purpose cleaner (available from Expanko Resilient Flooring). Never flood the floor surface with any liquid or use harsh or abrasive cleaners, waxes or oils on cork floors. Excess or standing water can damage a cork floor, and should be removed immediately.
- The floor can be buffed occasionally to enhance the look of the floor. Dry buff the floor, using a white polishing pad on a low speed (175-600 RPM) rotary buffing machine. Do not use any type of buffing compound, wax, oil or liquid on the floor.

- If properly cared for, the polyurethane finish on your Vallarex Cork Floating Floor will provide years of service. If the polyurethane begins to show signs of wear (traffic patterns, dulled or scratched finish), it will be necessary to re-coat the floor. Re-coating involves lightly abrading, not sanding, the floor and applying 2 coats of additional water based polyurethane. **Never sand Vallarex floating floors.** Use only polyurethane recommended by Expanko Resilient Flooring. Application of polyurethane can be performed overnight and ready for use the next morning. ***Polyurethane Application Instructions For Pre-finished Cork (Document ID: 003)*** are available and should be followed. Use only professionals knowledgeable with applying polyurethane for application of the additional coats. Incorrect application of polyurethane or use of the improper polyurethane are not considered product defects.

MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM EXPANKO:

- *Bona Traffic* polyurethane
- Polyurethane Applicators
- Floor cleaner

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