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## **TIMBER FLOOR MAINTENANCE**

To ensure the life of your new timber floor, regular maintenance will be required. The correct care of your floor will require five simple steps.

If short cuts are taken or poor methods used in any of the recommendations below, a reduction in the finish of the coating will almost certainly occur. Attempts to save money by short cutting the process or using inferior materials will cause greater expenditure in routine maintenance.

AQUACARE 4400 Revive Gloss is solely designed as sacrificial coats to conceal scuffs & scratches, they are not designed to fill or provide a wearing surface to protect the original coating. If the coating has been worn through it will require resanding before the procedures below are implemented. More extensive maintenance requirements may be required. For further information contact our Technical Department.

**NOTE:** Timber coatings are generally hard but not impervious to scratching, marring & damage to the surface, they are a wearing surface & will require maintenance. The duty of care remains with the owner.

### **1 - Entrance Mats**

Dirt and grit should be controlled, the first and most important thing is to ensure that adequate mats are placed at all entrances, this will minimize the tracking of damaging particles onto the floor surface. This simple process can stop up to 80% of dirt entering the house, which in turn will minimize the amount of damage to the floor.

### **2 - Sweeping**

The removal of loose dirt and dust can best be achieved quickly & effectively by using an electrostatic sweep mop. Loose grit can damage a timber floor very quickly when trodden into the surface acting like an abrasive, greatly reducing the life expectancy of the coating. It is important that the floor be swept on a daily basis or as often as possible to minimize surface damage. It is extremely important that the sweeper is cleaned of any dust & grit.

### **3 - Damp Mopping**

Damp mop the floor to remove any contaminants and residue that may be present on a newly coated floor. To clean the floor effectively it is necessary to use a damp mop [standard № 24.mop] that is pH neutral. For everyday soiling mix AQUACARE 8440 Floor Clean Concentrate at a ratio of.

- **Medium Cleaning: Mix 1 part AQUACARE 8440 Floor Clean with 20 parts water**

Using a squeeze bucket to remove all excess moisture from a cotton mop. Make sure the mop is damp only, not wet. Mop the whole surface of the floor to remove all dirt. It is essential you do not over-wet the floor as timber can absorb moisture.

**NOTE: steam mops are not recommended to be used on the floor**

#### **4 - Marking- rubber marks**

Ensure that all black sole marks or any other marks [paint, pen, etc] are removed prior to coating, any that remain will be coated by the maintenance coat & will remain trapped in-between the coats.

#### **5 - Finishing**

To protect your floor from damage by foot traffic, dirt and abrasion you should coat the surface with AQUACARE 4400 Revive. This provides a gloss finish and will act as a sacrificial coat protecting the coating.

**Note:** - On newly coated floors allow 10 - 14 days curing before the application of AQUACARE 4400 Revive Gloss. Ensure newly coated floors are mopped to remove any residue.

### **Application of Polycure Revive**

#### **First Coat**

Give the new mop [Premium grade mop head № 20] a quick shake to remove any loose lint. By this stage the floor should be clean & dry. Pour sufficient amount of AQUACARE 4400 Revive (no thinning required) into a clean bucket, remember its better too little than too much (your material will possibly be dirty or contaminated, it is strongly advised not to pour the remainder back into the container). Soak the AQUACARE 4400 Revive up; wringing the mop out until it is damp only, to eliminate dripping the material across the floor.

**NOTE** - excess material will cause a streaking & cloudy look.

Apply the AQUACARE 4400 Revive by running the mop parallel to the skirting board. Avoid direct contact with the walls, skirting boards etc. Complete the process by working away from the coated area towards an exit. Allow the first coat to completely dry prior to applying a second coat [Approximately 20 - 30 minutes weather depending].

#### **Second Coat**

Repeat the procedure as per the above but keep the mop 50cm from the skirting boards. Subsequent recoats may be required depending on the amount of traffic and the routine maintenance systems employed.

#### **Clean up**

Dispose of any unused material ensuring that you do not contaminate the coating. Upon completion of application wash the mop thoroughly in clean water, rinsing until water is clear. Hang the mop to dry.

#### **Periodic Maintenance**

A guide as to the frequency of maintenance:

1. **Daily** - sweep using an electrostatic / spot mop any spillages using a standard № 24 mop.
2. **Weekly / Fortnightly** - sweep entire floor area with a damp mop only using a standard № 24 mop.
3. **3 - 6 months** - Sweep, damp mop and re-apply AQUACARE 4400 Revive to all areas that are affected by large amount of traffic if required. DO NOT apply revive if the floor is in good order.
4. **NOTE** – Standard Revive [4400] is not recommended for UV Coated or pre - finished floors. AQUACARE 4450 Revive is recommended for UV coated floors.
5. If the floor shows signs of excessive wear due to a large amount of foot traffic, AQUACARE 4400 REVIVE applications should be increased in these areas to possibly weekly.

### **RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS**

- AQUACARE 8440 Floor Clean Concentrate
- AQUACARE 4400 Revive Gloss
- Revive application premium grade mop head № 20
- Wet mopping standard № 24.mop
- Electrostatic
- Dedicated squeeze bucket for Revive application
- Electrostatic day to day cleaning

### **POLYCURE TECHNICAL ADVICE**

Early advice given will ensure costly rectification is not needed. Polycure Technical personnel who are fully trained are ready to offer advice and assistance.

Information contained in the above maintenance program is only a guide to the best of our knowledge accurate and reliable, however no guarantee can be given of handling and use is beyond our control.

Coatings are resistant to most household chemicals but not impervious.

***PLEASE CONTACT POLYCURE'S TECHNICAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT OR YOUR LOCAL POLYCURE ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE FOR FURTHER FREE ADVICE.***

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