



## **Installing and Maintaining Wire Brushed Flooring**

Wire brushed flooring products are growing in popularity because they bring a beautiful, authentic look to any home. However, as with any hardwood flooring product, it is important to properly install and maintain to ensure that it looks its best. It is especially important to protect wire brushed flooring in new construction settings because dust can settle into the soft grain and become difficult to remove. Wirebrushed flooring must also be properly maintained after installation to avoid subsequent damage.

Below you will find some tips that will help you prevent damage and restore the original beauty of wire brushed flooring.

### **Installation Precautions**

- Use clean dust collection bags when cutting hardwood flooring to reduce the amount of wood dust in the air. In many cases, dust collection equipment is required because wood dust is a known carcinogen.
- During construction phase, hardwood flooring should be installed last to minimize the risk of contamination and damage.
- When the installation process is complete, vacuum the floor to remove dirt and dust. Thoroughly vacuum the floors before applying any additional cleaning products.
- Check the final flooring for nicks and gaps. Use wood putty or a touch-up pen to fix any imperfections.
- Once the flooring passes inspection, it should be covered with quality rosin paper or another type of breathable protective covering. Tape the covering to the baseboards with 3M blue tape. Never use plastic or polyethylene covers, which can trap moisture and damage the flooring.

### **Post-Installation Maintenance and Restoration**

- It is always important to thoroughly vacuum before using any hardwood flooring cleaning products.
- Buffers with a natural stiff bristle brush can help remove dust and contaminants from the grain. If the contamination is extensive, the Dirt Dragon by Basic Coatings may help achieve the best possible results.

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