

A NEW GENERATION OF AUSTRALIAN HARDWOOD ENGINEERED FLOORING

CARE & MAINTENANCE

STOCKMANS RIDGE REPRESENTS THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND ELEGANCE OF AUSTRALIAN HARDWOOD.

The following information will help you keep your Stockmans Ridge flooring in good condition whilst extending the life of your timber floors.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Preventative measures are very important in protecting your timber flooring from avoidable issues such as the introduction of grit, physical damage or damage caused by furniture, etc.

ENTRANCE MATTING Always place good quality mats inside and outside external doors to trap grit and remove moisture from shoes.

FOOTWEAR When possible remove your shoes so as to reduce the amount of dirt brought into the property. Stiletto heels may cause impact damage, due to the high point loading, and scratches in the surface. Care should be taken to ensure that such shoes are kept in good condition.

FURNITURE Ensure that felt protectors have been placed on the legs of furniture to avoid scratches. Replace the pads as they become dirty or worn. Felt backed castors or pads should be used under heavy furniture where required. Avoid rubber based items such as backing for matting, castors under furniture and rubber tipped furniture feet being in direct contact with the floor as these may cause staining of the surface.

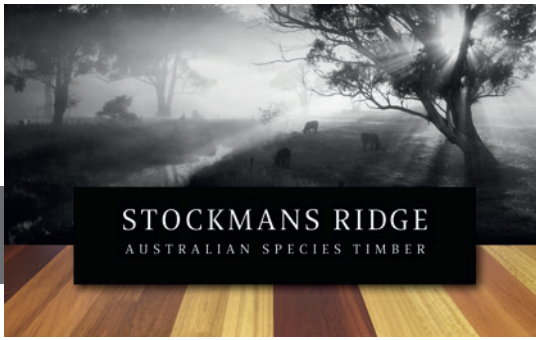
Take care when moving furniture to lift and place the item rather than dragging or pushing furniture across the floor.

UV LIGHT EXPOSURE Timber flooring will react to long term exposure to direct sunlight. This may cause the timber to change colour or fade. This is a natural reaction of timber to UV light. It is recommended that curtains, blinds or UV resistant films on windows are used to protect the flooring.

RUGS Consider using rugs in high traffic areas. Due to the effects of sunlight it is recommended that rugs are moved regularly during the first few months after installation.

PETS Make sure that pet's claws are trimmed regularly to reduce the possibility of scratches and indentation.

SPILLAGE Spilt liquids and other material should be wiped up immediately. Take extra care around sinks, dishwashers, stove tops or anywhere where there is the chance of spillage.



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CLEANING

It is important to establish a regular cleaning program to remove grit and other materials which may scratch the floor. In heavy traffic areas daily cleaning to remove dirt is recommended.

DUST AND GRIT



Clean the floor to remove loose dirt, grit and dust by using a microfiber anti-static pad or soft broom. If using a vacuum cleaner ensure the cleaning head has a soft brush head with a hard surface setting and will not scratch or damage the floor surface.

Stockmans Ridge recommends that **Bona Floor Care** products are used to clean and maintain the floor:

Bona Spray Mop system can do the cleaning with the minimum of effort and without using an excess of cleaner or leaving large amounts of moisture on the floor.

Bona Wood Floor Cleaner gently and effectively cleans timber flooring leaving a clean surface with no streaking or residues.

For scuffs or heel marks it is usually possible to spray Bona Wood Floor Cleaner, leave for several minutes and then wipe the mark away using a clean cotton cloth.

Full details of the Bona Floor Care range of products can be found at www.bona.com.au

THINGS TO AVOID

Do not use a steam mop as this will physically damage the surface and structure of the floor and may lead to deterioration of adhesives or swelling of the flooring elements.

Do not use general household cleaners, abrasive cleaning materials, such as scouring pads, Chux, etc. or harsh detergents on the floor. These materials can dull, discolour and weaken the surface coating on the floor.

Do not use solvents e.g. Methylated Spirits or similar to attempt to spot clean difficult to remove materials / marks as this can damage the floor surface.

Do not use polishes on the floor, as these materials will prevent the floor from being over-coated in the future and may lead to an uneven sheen / appearance.

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