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## **Cleaning and Maintaining your Bamboo Floor**

Caring for Bamboo flooring is the same as for any timber flooring. Bamboo flooring is a naturally tough and hardwearing floor. It is finished with seven coats of high quality water based aluminium oxide and will, if cared for properly, give your establishment many years of service.

### **Prevention**

- Prevent dirt, grit and sand from getting inside your building as much as possible by using dirt-trapping walk-off mats at all entrances. These mats should be cleaned regularly.
- Avoid walking on floor with stiletto shoes. Keep high heels in good repair – worn heels with exposed metal will dent any floor surface, even concrete!
- Keep pet claw's trimmed to avoid excessive scratching.
- Be careful when moving heavy furniture or appliances. Lift them or slide them slowly over the floor on a clean piece of upturned carpeting or thick felt.
- Use floor protector pads on the feet of all furniture.
- Do not use rugs with rubber or vinyl backing or coir mats in high traffic areas.

### **General Care**

Use electrostatic mop or vacuum with a brush head daily for best results. Remove wet spills, grease and food marks promptly using a cloth wet with water. As with all types of flooring, prolonged exposure to water will result in cupping and swelling of the boards. Watch for leaky taps under benches and inside cupboards!

### **Sweeping**

Sweep daily with a soft and dry electrostatic sweep mop. Do not use oil impregnated mops – these spread a thin film which could cause slipping. Loose grit can damage a bamboo floor very quickly when trodden into the surface.

### **Mopping**

We recommend you mop your floor weekly (and more frequently if necessary), using a commercial, non ammonia, neutral PH cleaner, such as Peerless Versadet or Citrus Resources Orange Squirt or Bona Floor Cleaner, that will remove dirt and grime but not damage or bleach the boards. Use as little water as possible. Follow the instructions as directed by the manufacturer.

### **Recommended Cleaning products**

We recommend the following cleaning and maintenance products. Please refer to manufacturer's guidelines and instructions.

Bona Timber floor maintenance products [www.ezifloor.com.au](http://www.ezifloor.com.au)

Citrus Resources [www.citrusresources.com.au](http://www.citrusresources.com.au)

Peerless Timber Cleaning products [www.peerlessjal.com.au](http://www.peerlessjal.com.au)

Gilly Stephenson Orange Oil/Scratch Cover [www.gillystephenson.com](http://www.gillystephenson.com)

### **Refinishing/Recoating**

Proper care and maintenance will extend the life of your floor before needing to recoat. Recoating should happen when traffic patterns have appeared in your finish. If the floor is really worn or damaged sanding and re-coating may be necessary. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for recoating systems.

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