



VALLARES CORK FLOATING FLOOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

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Regular and proper maintenance will assure Vallares long life and keep it looking beautiful. Please follow these procedures and instructions. Contact Expanko if you have any further questions regarding maintenance at 800.345.6202.

SECTION 1.0: POST INSTALLATION MAINTENANCE

- After installation, Vallares Cork Floating Floor require a minimum of 24 hours to set before being exposed to normal foot traffic. Do not finish, clean or move heavy objects on the floor for at least 72 hours after installation.
- 72 hours after installation, the floor should be cleaned with a well wrung-out damp mop and a general purpose cleaner such as *GP Forward Cleaner* (available from Expanko). Do not clean UNFINISHED tiles with any liquid prior to finish application.
- On pre-finished polyurethane tiles, Expanko highly recommends the application of one to two additional coats of *Expanko LS Water-based Matte Polyurethane (Expanko LS)* be applied to all floating floor installations in order to seal the floor seams to prevent any water penetration in the event of a spill. ***LS Polyurethane Application Instructions for Pre-finished Cork (Document ID: 003)*** are available and should be followed. Polyurethane should only be applied by a professional who is knowledgeable about the process.
- If unfinished tiles are installed, they must be finished with *Expanko LS. Sealcoat and LS Polyurethane Application Instructions (Document ID: 004)* are available and should be followed. Polyurethane should only be applied by a professional who is knowledgeable about the process.
- On wax pre-finished tiles, an additional application of paste wax after installation is recommended. ***Wax Application Instructions (Document ID: 005)*** are available and should be followed.

SECTION 2.0: 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 *Johnson's Stride* or *GP Forward* cleaners (available from Expanko). Never flood the floor surface with any liquid or use harsh or abrasive cleaners. Excess or standing water can damage a cork floor.

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For Polyurethane finished floors:

Polyurethane finished floors may be buffed to remove scuffs and restore the visual aspect of the finish. Buff the floor as required according to the following instructions:

- Thoroughly clean and mop the floor according to Section 1.0 instructions listed above. Buff only a clean floor, as dirt and grit can permanently scratch the polyurethane finish during the buffing process.
- 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 or liquid on the floor. Buffing is optional; however it can enhance the look of your cork floor.
- It is the responsibility of the floor maintainer to ensure that the correct materials and equipment are used for all maintenance processes. Test areas are highly recommended to ensure proper techniques are being used.
- If properly cared for, the polyurethane finish on your Vallares 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 Expanko's *LS Water-based Matte Polyurethane (Expanko LS)* finish. This process can be performed overnight and ready for use the next morning. ***LS Polyurethane Application Instructions For Pre-finished Cork (Document ID: 003)*** are available and should be followed. Polyurethane should only be applied by a professional who is knowledgeable about the process. **Vallares should NEVER be sanded.**

For Wax finished floors

Carnauba wax is a rich natural finish, which if properly maintained will provide years of service.

- Proper maintenance includes regular sweeping and damp mopping as well as periodic buffing. Buffing with a white pad on a low rpm swing machine on a regular basis is recommended to maintain the luster and beauty of the wax finish. This process will remove most scuffs; however if stubborn scuffs are present, buffing with a red pad is possible. Apply wax only when required. Do not apply wax each time the floor is buffed. Typically, when the floor is new, it will require buffing more frequently as the wax will not be fully hardened.
- If the wax finish begins to show wear, Expanko recommends the application of additional coats of paste wax. The application is a fast and simple procedure, which can be performed and ready for traffic in a matter of hours. In typical traffic situations, reapplication of wax should occur at least once per year. It is imperative that the wax is replenished as signs of wear become evident in order to prevent possible damage to the cork tile.
- Detailed information regarding re-coating polyurethane or wax, ***LS Polyurethane Application Instructions For Pre-finished Cork (Document ID: 003)*** and ***Wax Application Instructions***

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SECTION 3.0: OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION

- Furniture leg protectors and/or pads available from your local hardware store are recommended to prevent permanent indentations and scratches in the tiles.
- 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.
- Damaged planks may be replaced. ***Replacement of Damaged Planks Instructions (Document ID: 417)*** are available and should be followed.
- In areas subject to intense light, Expanko recommends the use of window treatments. This will help to reduce damaging light that can cause fading of the cork floor.

Please contact Expanko if you any questions regarding the maintenance of Vallares Cork Floating Flooring.

MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM EXPANKO:

Expanko LS Sealcoat
Expanko LS Water-based Matte Polyurethane
GP Forward
Polyurethane Applicators
Stride Neutral Cleaner