

Somerset Hardwood Flooring features the latest in surface finishing technology. Somerset's Ultimate™ finish is an advanced formulation of polyurethane coupled with aluminum oxide. This combination produces a finish with exceptional hardness, more scratch resistance and longer gloss retention — so your floor will stay looking like-new with minimal effort.

Routine Care

- • Sweep or vacuum your hardwood floor on a regular basis (about once a week)
- □ just as you would any floor covering.
- • Clean up spills with Somerset's Ultimate Wood Floor Cleaner which is specially
- □ formulated for the Ultimate finish. This product should also be used for general
- □ cleaning, as needed.
- • Keep your finish looking new with Somerset's Ultimate Restorer. Used as needed, □
- □ the Ultimate Restorer restores luster to the floor's finish and gives it added □
- □ protection.

Somerset's Specially-Formulated Care Products

We recommend using Somerset Floor Care Products to maintain the beauty of your floor. Somerset's Ultimate Wood Floor Cleaner™ and Ultimate Wood Floor Restorer™ have been developed to protect and maintain the Ultimate™ finish. These care and maintenance products have been specially-formulated for the easy cleaning and care of flooring in Somerset's Color, Natural, Exotic and Value Collections. The use of other products not formulated for your Somerset floor may damage your floor and void the warranty (see warranty brochure for details).



Repair/Refinishing

Minor surface scratches can be easily repaired using the Somerset Touch-Up Kit designed for your floor color. Touch-Up Kits are available from the dealer or installer from whom you purchased your Somerset Options floor.

Floors that have been damaged from years of wear and tear or neglect can be restored to their original beauty by sanding, staining and refinishing. For best results, we recommend this be done by a professional wood flooring refinisher.

If your decorating needs change over the years, your floor can be refinished to a new color to complement your new decor. Again, we recommend this be done by a professional wood flooring refinisher.

By properly caring for your floor and following basic preventative maintenance tips and common sense, you can keep your floor looking new for years, delaying and possibly eliminating the need for major refinishing or repair. When you make the decision to purchase Somerset Hardwood Flooring, you are making an investment that will last the lifetime of your home, giving you many years of enjoyment and adding value to your home.

Preventative Care

Hardwood flooring, unlike other types of floor coverings can be kept looking new, regardless of wear, with a minimum amount of effort. To protect against damage, just follow some basic, common sense guidelines. If your floor happens to get damaged, don't panic. One of the benefits of wood flooring is that because it is a natural flooring material, it can be repaired and/or refinished to look just like new. Adhering to the following preventative care guidelines will lengthen the time between (and perhaps even eliminate the need for) major renovation or restoration such as recoating or refinishing.

Protect Your Floor with Rugs and Mats

Don't allow dirt and grit to be tracked on your floor. Place door mats at all door entrances to trap dirt. Dirt and grit are a floor's worst enemy. Make sure you keep door mats and rugs clean.

Use the Right Cleaning and Maintenance Products

Make sure you follow all product labels and use only products designed for wood floors. A damp mop may be used for clean-up, but don't use excessive water that can stand on your floor. Sweep, dust-mop or vacuum your floor regularly, but do not use household dusting products, because they can cause your floor to become slick and may damage the finish. The use of Somerset's specially-formulated Ultimate™ care products will ensure that your floor is properly maintained.

Use Furniture Protectors

To avoid scratching and damaging the floor's surface, place self-adhesive felt furniture pads or other protective pads such as grey rubber non-marking casters on chair and table legs and any other furniture surface that could possibly cause damage when moved across the floor. Be sure to keep the pads clean and free of grit and dirt. Don't use ball-type casters or casters made of hard materials such as plastic or metal — these can damage your floor.

Watch Your Shoes

Make sure the heels of your shoes are in good repair — especially high heels. Heels that are missing their caps or are worn through exposing metal or other abrasive surfaces can cause scratches and dents on any floor's surface. And, of course, never walk across your floor in shoes that have cleats or spikes.

Wood and Water Don't Mix

Never allow water to stand on a hardwood floor for any length of time. Also, don't ever pour water on your floor — it can cause damage to the wood's structure and to the finish. A slightly damp mop or rag may be used for clean-up, but the floor should be dried thoroughly afterward and no excessive water should be present on the floor.

Protect from Spills in the Kitchen

Place rugs or mats in areas that are prone to spills, such as in front of the sink, refrigerator and stove. Cotton mats are recommended because they're easily cleanable. Mats with rubber backings can trap moisture on the floor and cause damage.

Move Area Rugs Regularly

When exposed to ultraviolet (sun) light, wood's natural oxidizing properties can cause the color of your floor and finish to change, taking on an age-worn patina. To keep a consistent color across your floor, rotate area rugs on a regular basis and use window coverings to protect against sun exposure.