

## PREFINISHED NATURAL BAMBOO® with ENDURA AR+™

## Maintenance Instructions

### NATURAL PROPERTIES

**Fading:** Bamboo contains organic pigments. Just like other wood products, bamboo will fade and must avoid extended periods of direct sunlight. Where possible, use drapes or other systems to protect your floor from excessive light.

**Joints:** Bamboo reacts to the conditions in the environment just like any other wood product. Wood floor systems expand and contract in response to fluctuations in temperature and humidity. Controlling the environment, maintaining an adequate temperature and relative humidity will minimize the visible effects of normal contraction and expansion.

### PROTECTION

Lasting beauty can be achieved through purchasing a quality floor covering and providing proper on-going maintenance.

You may protect your bamboo floor by taking the following precautions:

- ◆ To help eliminate fine particles of dirt/grit that act like sandpaper and will scratch any floor, vacuum or sweep as needed.
- ◆ Wipe up spills immediately.
- ◆ Use walk-off mats at entrance doors and in front of kitchen sink. Avoid rubber backed or other non-ventilated mats or rugs.
- ◆ In the kitchen, use a rug in front of the working areas, such as the stove and sink, to prevent local premature wear.
- ◆ Weight distribution is a key factor in preventing indentation. Install proper protectors under “feet” of furniture. Furniture will require different types of protectors in order to achieve maximum weight distribution. Resilient pads such as those made of felt, flexible rubber, and saucer-shaped plastic glides will work for most furniture.
- ◆ Caster wheeled chairs should have wide casters. Use protective mats under office chairs.
- ◆ Maintain adequate humidity levels. If necessary, use a humidifier.
- ◆ Periodically check floor for signs of wear.
- ◆ Never use tape or other adhesive products on an acrylic surface.

### Maintenance

Sweep or vacuum floors frequently in order to avoid build up of abrasive particles. Use only cleaners specified for use on pre-finished hardwood. Microfiber floor mops are the best for removing dirt. The best cleaning solutions are ones that are specific to bamboo floors. They are often environmentally friendly, and designed specifically for bamboo floors. Application and cleaning is by spraying the floor, then mopping up the moisture. Refrain from using any ammonia based cleaners, or any cleaners that contain strong chemicals. If you spill something on the floor, it is important to clean it up immediately. This will prevent any moisture from permanently damaging the wood, and from possible staining the flooring. Never wax a bamboo floor, waxing will result in damage to the floor.