



Expanko Resilient Flooring  
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## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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Heirloom Resilient Cork Flooring when properly maintained can last and look beautiful for decades. Cork is a natural material and when exposed to direct sunlight, cork can fade. Indentations in cork can recover up to 100%, however when excessive pinpoint pressure is applied to cork flooring (i.e. stiletto heels, improper furniture/appliance footings) cork will not recover completely.

After installation, cork floors must be thoroughly cleaned and then be protected with heavy paper or other protective covering to avoid damage on active job sites. Additional coats of finish are applied after installation and should be performed after all trades have completed work.

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 required to ensure proper techniques are used.

**Polyurethane pre-finished tiles:** Apply 2-3 additional coats of Loba 2K Invisible Protect water-based matte polyurethane to seal the seams and create a monolithic look. Finishes should only be applied by a professional who is knowledgeable about the process.

**Unfinished tiles:** Unfinished tiles **must** be coated after installation in order to protect the floor. Apply 3-5 coats of Loba 2K Invisible Protect water-based matte polyurethane to seal the seams and create a monolithic look. Polyurethane should only be applied by a professional who is knowledgeable about the process.

**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* cleaner (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.

**For Polyurethane finished floors:** Polyurethane finished floors may be buffed to remove scuffs and restore the visual aspect of the finish. Buff only a clean floor, as dirt and grit can permanently scratch the polyurethane finish during the buffing process. To dry buff the floor, use a rotary buffing machine with a white polishing pad on a low speed (175-600 RPM). 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.

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When properly cared for, the polyurethane finish will provide years of service. If it begins to show signs of wear (traffic patterns, dulled or scratched finish), it is necessary to re-coat the floor. Re-coating involves lightly abrading the floor and applying two coats of polyurethane. This process can be performed overnight and ready for use the next morning.

### OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION

Furniture legs should have large surface, non-staining floor protectors. Chair leg glides should be of at least 1 1/4" diameter and covered with felt pads, Nassco clear sleeve floor protectors are recommended. The felt pads should be checked periodically for grit and wear and replaced when necessary. Chairs with casters should have easily swiveling casters that are at least 2" in diameter with non-staining hard rubber treads at least 3/4" wide. Do not use ball-shaped casters without chair mats. Chair mats may be required under chairs with casters/wheels.

Use entrance mats or walk off 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.

Cork flooring may be sanded and re-finished. **Stained and Veneered cork cannot be sanded.** Instruction for refinishing *Document ID: 512 Sanding and Finishing Instructions* is available and should be followed.

### MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM EXPANKO:

*Loba 2K Invisible Protect, GP Forward, Stride Neutral Cleaner*

The following documents available at: [www.expanko.com](http://www.expanko.com) or call 800.345.6202