



# LAMINATE FLOORING CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

# EXTENDING THE LIFETIME OF LAMINATE FLOORING

## STAINS

- A EUROSTYLE® laminate flooring can withstand a lot, because it is one of the most resistant floorings available.
- They virtually never suffer from wear and abrasion. Unlike carpeting or parquets, laminate floorings are particularly easy to clean, are ideal for allergy sufferers and are very hygienic. The following "potential threats" are intended to give you an overview of how you can protect your laminate flooring and keep it looking like new for decades.

## INDENTATIONS

- Even heavy furniture leaves no indentations on EUROSTYLE® laminate flooring. If you want, you can therefore rearrange your home every few weeks. You should prevent scratches by using felt pads or rubber mats. Please note that the laminate is after all wooden flooring and appropriate caution is required when handling or moving furniture.
- We therefore advise you to lift pieces of furniture rather than pushing them to prevent damage to the laminate flooring.

## SENSITIVITY TO LIGHT

- EUROSTYLE® laminate floorings are light resistant in accordance with Level 6 on the wool scale, which conforms to EN 13229. No parquet flooring can achieve that - because it becomes darker over time.

## CIGARETTE BURNS

- Cigarette burns resistant: Even hot mishaps such as a dropped cigarette cannot damage EUROSTYLE® laminate flooring; our laminate floorings are extremely heat resistant.

# TIPS AND TRICKS FOR LAMINATE FLOORING

- Care and maintenance of your laminate flooring is important to prevent signs of wear and to retain an excellent appearance - to ensure a maximum life for your floor.
- In general, you should not use any abrasive or scouring agents, polishes (furniture polish), waxes, bleaching agents or strong solvents. EUROSTYLE® recommends a range of products which are ideally suited for maintenance of our floorings.
- The cleaning instructions are based on practical, empirical values. Although we are unable to accept any liability for completeness, correctness and applicability we do make every effort to keep the tips and tricks on these pages up to date, clear and above all useful.

## TIPS FOR LAMINATE FLOOR BOARD MAINTENANCE

- Modern laminate floorings like those from EUROSTYLE® have a life of several decades. You should note and follow several tips for everyday use to ensure they look as good as new for a long time too.
- In special areas susceptible to dirt, for example, at the front door, door mats protect against wear.
- You should fit felt pads under furniture bases and feet to prevent scratches. If you do not do this, your warranty claim can expire.
- You should fit office chairs with castors with soft chair castors made of rubber.
- You should always avoid standing water or other liquids; you should take particular care with flower pots, vases and wherever there are water taps.
- For regular cleaning we recommend to vacuum first, then mop the floors with a very slightly damp cloth.
- If you clean your laminate flooring with cleaning agents, please ensure that no residues remain on the floor.
- Never use cleaning agents or care products containing wax or oil; they cannot penetrate the laminate flooring and form a film on the surface which attracts dirt like a magnet.
- Never clean your laminate flooring with a very wet cloth; use a very slightly damp cloth only to clean it.
- Never use a liquid jet type mop that sprays directly on the surface of the laminate flooring.
- Never use a steam mop because steam is very penetrating and can be absorbed by your flooring and cause damage.

## TIPS ON HOW TO CLEAN LAMINATE FLOORING

- One of the greatest advantages of laminate floorings compared to other floorings is that they are particularly easy to maintain. In addition, laminate designs are often timeless and elegant and their owners want them to stay in top form for decades.
- To ensure this, you should follow several tips, especially for cleaning: You can easily clean your laminate floor with a cloth, mop, broom or a vacuum cleaner. Loose dirt can be easily removed with a static cloth or vacuum cleaner.
- Unlike carpeting, disturbed dust and dirt particles are easily recognized on the laminate flooring and are removed in no time at all. Footmarks and heavy soiling require more sophisticated methods. We recommend you wipe down the floor with a well-wrung out, slightly moist cloth. You should always avoid standing liquid and dry the laminate flooring without streaks.
- If you use cleaning solutions or cleaning products, then you should always dry the floor so that no cleaning agent residues remain on the floor. Never use abrasive polishes; they can damage the surface lamination. Waxes, bleaches and strong solvents must also not be used as they can form residues which are difficult or even impossible to remove.

All information above is available on EUROSTYLE® Flooring's website: <http://www.eurostyleflooring.ca/cleaning-and-care/>.