

Care & Maintenance Guide

The surface of Meritage Laminate flooring is protected with a crystal finish and impregnated with a moisture resistant Melamine resin décor paper. Meritage Laminate flooring is a very durable flooring option - Care and maintenance is simple and easy!

Regular Cleaning & Maintenance

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum (do not use the beater bar) to keep dirt and grit off the flooring surface. This will reduce scratching and/or dulling of the flooring finish.
- For deeper cleaning, use a professional laminate floor cleaner. The laminate cleaner should be lightly sprayed or applied to a cloth applicator (not directly to the flooring.)
 - Do not wet-mop or flood-mop your laminate floor.
 - Do not use soap or detergent-based cleaners, wax-based products or any type of wax or polish on laminate floors as these may leave a dull, filmy residue.
 - Do not use steel wool or abrasive cleaners.
 - Do not use any type of buffing or polishing machine.
- For tough spots such as oil, paint, markers, lipstick, ink, or tar, use mineral spirits on a clean white cloth, then wipe the area with a damp cloth to remove remaining residue.
- For tough spots such as candle wax or chewing gum, allow foreign material to harden. Gently scrape foreign object with a plastic scraper or credit card. Be careful not to scratch the flooring surface. Wipe clean with a damp cloth.

Preventive Care

- It is essential to keep the environment stable with the room temperature between 65-75° F and a relative humidity of 45-55% all year around to minimize the seasonal changes. Use a humidifier/dehumidifier to maintain the relative humidity.
- Place high-quality floor mats and area rugs near outside entrances and high traffic areas to prevent any abrasive substances from being tracked onto the flooring. If you have laminate flooring in your kitchen, a throw rug with a soft or felt backing should be placed in front of the sink area to catch spills and splashes.
- Attach felt floor protectors on the bottom of furniture legs, including chairs, tables, sofas, etc. that sit directly on the floor. Never place plants directly onto a floor. Always use a pot stand or dish.
- Wipe up any spills and spots immediately with a damp cloth.
- Keep outside shoes off the floor to prevent dirt, sand, grit and other substances off the floor.
- Keep shoes with spiked heels or stilettos high heels off the floor. These shoes exert high compression & force which may cause damage and denting to the flooring surface.
- Keep pet nails trimmed.
- Shade windows to protect the floor from exposure to excessive sunlight.
- It is recommended to rotate rugs or furniture periodically to have the floor age evenly.