

## **CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS: MEDITERRA and ECO-CLICKS CORK FLOORS**

With proper cleaning and care, cork floors can look good and last for decades. Capri cork's Mediterra and Eco-Clicks collections are finished with 3 coats of *water-based* matte polyurethane.

A regular maintenance program is essential for keeping your cork floors beautiful. The frequency of cleaning will be depend on the amount of traffic and type of usage.

### **FLOOR CARE BASICS:**

- Vacuum or sweep regularly (at least once a week). Dirt and grit which is left on the floor will abrade the floor.
- Remove spills/liquids promptly.
- Spot clean with a damp cloth as needed.
- Use mats at exterior doors. Do not allow moisture to collect under mats.
- Use protective furniture footings and pads. Use of chair pads under desks/workstations or other areas with casters are recommended.
- Do not use oils, waxes, other household cleaners on Mediterra or Eco-Clicks.
- While cork is resistant to liquid penetration, just like other wood flooring, liquids should not be poured on cork or allowed to stand on cork.
- Clean Mediterra and Eco-Clicks cork with **Capri Neutral Cleaner** which is a biodegradable neutral pH floor cleaner.

One gallon of the **Capri Neutral Cleaner** cleans 1000 sq ft.

The **Capri Neutral Cleaner** is ready to use, no mixing of water for dilution is required. Apply cleaner to the floors with a mop and spread evenly, agitating heavily soiled areas.

Use a Wet Vac to remove liquid. Rinse floor with a damp mop.

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As with all wood floors finished with polyurethane, the polyurethane is subject to scratching if not properly cared for.

The polyurethane finish will eventually need to be recoated. Timing of this will be dependent on traffic and usage. When the polyurethane begins to show signs of wear, and before bare cork is exposed, the floors should be recoated.

EC312E instructions for applying additional coats of polyurethane are available at capricork.com or by calling 800.492.2613.

Direct sunlight will fade cork floors. Use of window treatments is necessary to avoid fading.

The unique cellular structure of cork enables it to withstand impact and cork has the ability to recover. However when excessive pressure is applied to cork (i.e. high heels, spikes and improper furniture footings) dents which may not recover can occur.

The beauty of an aged cork floor has indentations that years of use have left behind. These blend well with the natural imperfections and small voids created by the cork granules. This "patina" should be expected and embraced as nature has created a flooring material which can last decades.