

Hardwood Expert

Care & Maintenance for Bruce, Hartco, Robbins, tmbr., and Capella Urethane Finish Hardwood Floors in a Residential Setting

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Maintenance Video: [How to Remove Drywall Dust from Floors](#)

Recommended Floor Care Products:

[Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner:](#)

- Use on all no-wax Bruce, Hartco, Robbins, and Capella hardwood floors
- Apply to a clean cloth for cleaning small areas or spray directly onto the floor and use a Bruce swivel-head mop with cloth cover for cleaning larger areas.
- Available in convenient ready to use spray quart, and half gallon refills.
- Shelf life is 2 years (from date of manufacture) if not opened.

[Bruce Fresh Finish](#)

- Fresh Finish is an easy do-it-yourself touch-up for all urethane-finished floors.
- A great alternative to sanding and re-coating, it restores the original gloss level of your floor even after years of traffic and wear.
- Available in ready to use quart size. Shelf life is 1 year (from date of manufacture) if not opened.

[Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaning Kit:](#)

- A convenient cleaning kit with all the components for hassle-free cleaning of all urethane-finished floors.
- Kit includes one hardwood and laminate floor cleaner spray; one swivel-head mop; and

one cloth mop cover that is both reversible and machine washable.

Bruce Replacement Mop Covers

- Soft, absorbent, replaceable mop covers are available for quick and easy replacement on the swivel-head mops.
- Covers are machine washable.

Bruce Touch-Up Kit

- Used for blending scratches and nicks on Bruce, Hartco, and Robbins hardwood floors.
- The kit contains touch-up markers and filler sticks that blend with factory-finished stains plus complete instructions and materials to easily repair many problems.

Precautions

- When moving appliances or heavy furniture, lay a plywood panel on your floor and “walk” the item across the panel. This protects your floor. Never slide furniture or appliances directly over your floor.
- Rolling casters may damage the floor. Therefore, we do not recommend them. If you choose to use them, the rubber barrel-type or double wheel types are the best option.
- Place a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt and moisture brought into your home. Area rugs are recommended in front of kitchen sinks and at all pivot areas and within high traffic areas. The rugs must be made of a breathable material to prevent moisture entrapment. Rugs with solid backings are not recommended.
- Do not use rugs with rubber or latex backings.
- When using a vacuum cleaner, disengage the beater bar or use the “bare floor” setting to avoid damaging your floor. The vacuum head must be brush or felt, a wand attachment is preferable.
- Highly abrasive scrubbing tools are not recommended as they can damage your floor.
- Use Bruce maintenance products. Never use any of the following products (or products similar in nature) on your floor: ammonia-based cleaners, acrylic finishes, wax-based products, solvent-based polishes, detergents, bleach, polishes, oil soap, abrasive cleaning pads, or acidic materials such as vinegar. Many of these products can pit or etch the finish.

soaps, or acidic materials such as vinegar. Many of these products can pit or etch the finish of your flooring or prevent the effectiveness of recommended maintenance materials.

- Use floor protectors on furniture to reduce indentation. The heavier the item, the wider the floor protector needed. Use furniture leg protector pads under all furniture and make certain to keep them clean and well maintained.
- Immediately wipe up wet areas from spills, foreign substances, or wet feet.
- **NEVER CLEAN OR WET MOP WITH WATER.** Water may permanently damage the floor.
- Keep animal nails trimmed to minimize finish scratches.
- Shoes with heel taps or sharp objects protruding from the sole such as rocks, exposed nails and gravel will damage your hardwood floor. Avoid walking on wood floors with spike- or stiletto-heeled shoes. Spike or stiletto high-heels must be properly maintained to prevent damage from the steel heel support.
- Keep the relative humidity in your home between 35% and 55%.
- Protect your floor from direct sunlight. Use curtains and UV resistant film on large glass doors and windows.
- Spray the Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner directly onto the floor or on the mop cover. DO NOT allow excess cleaner to remain on the floor's surface. Excess liquid may damage the floor. Bruce Hardwood and Laminate floor care kits include a swivel-head mop with a washable and replaceable soft cover. These mops are highly recommended to clean Bruce, Hartco, Robbins, and Capella hardwood floors.

Initial Care

1. Remove any dried adhesive residue with a clean white cloth dampened with low odor mineral spirits, carefully following warnings on container.
2. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum thoroughly to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit and debris.
3. Clean with Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.

Daily/Regular Care

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum thoroughly to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit and debris. Clean walk off mats frequently.

2. Clean your floor regularly with Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.
3. Allow time for floor to dry after cleaning.
4. Immediately wipe up wet areas from spills, foreign substances, or wet feet.

Restorative Care:

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum thoroughly to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit and debris.
Clean walk off mats frequently.
2. Clean your floor regularly with Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.
3. Allow time for floor to dry after cleaning.
4. Use the Bruce Touch Up kit to repair scratches and gouges.
5. Acrylic wood filler may be used to fill gap, small openings and broken edges.
6. Apply Bruce Fresh Finish. Fresh Finish restores the luster of your floor even after years of traffic and wear.

Quick Fix Tips:

Spots caused by food, water or animals

- Apply Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner to a clean soft cloth.
- Rub the area to remove the stain or spot.

Grease/Lipstick/Crayon/Ink Spots/Rubber Heel Marks

- Apply Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner to a clean soft cloth.
- Rub the area to remove the stain or spot.

Chewing Gum, Candle Wax

- Apply a sealed plastic bag filled with ice on top of the deposit.

- Wait until deposit becomes brittle enough to crumble off.
- After deposit has been removed, clean entire area with Bruce Hardwood & Laminate Floor Cleaner.

Deep Scratches/Gouges

- Individual planks, strips or parquets that are heavily gouged or damaged can be replaced.
- If needed, the entire floor can be refurbished by applying one or more coats of Bruce Fresh Finish.

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