

WOOD FLOORS ARE DURABLE



CRAFTED TO STAND UP TO ALL PHASES OF YOUR LIFE

Today's wood floors are designed to withstand the traffic of busy families, including man's best friend. In fact, wood is the only flooring that can truly last for the life of your home.

- Most wood floors can be sanded and refinished several times to restore beauty and luster.
- Wood floors can also adapt to many décor and style changes over the years while other flooring options require replacement based on decorating trends.

Wood species are rated for hardness and durability. The Janka Scale gives a good indication of how a wood species can be expected to perform based on your lifestyle. The denser and harder the wood, the higher the rating. The ratings are for solid wood flooring only. View the janka scale at woodfloors.org/durability.

If scratches do happen, they are usually in the floor surface only and are easy to repair.

- Consult a professional wood flooring contractor for specific recommendations about how to repair the scratches and minimize them in the future.
- A wood flooring professional may be able to repair by applying a maintenance coat. They will clean the floors to remove all contaminants, then will lightly abrade the floor and apply a new coat of finish.
- If scratches are deep in the wood, or if there are large dents or damaged boards, trained refinishers will be able to repair the damage without affecting the rest of the floor.
- The number of times a floor can be refinished will depend on the floor itself, the degree of repair needed, and the skill of the refinisher.
- A professional will remove very little of the wood to make repairs, generally 1/32" or less.



An Ounce of Prevention

- Place breathable rugs at all doors to minimize dirt and debris from being tracked inside.
- Trim pets' nails regularly.
- Put floor protector pads on the bottoms of the legs of any furniture that comes in direct contact with your floors.
- Avoid walking on floors with sports cleats or high-heeled shoes.
- Sweep floors regularly.

Find out more about wood's durability at woodfloors.org

