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PREVENTIVE CARE

The installation of the floor covering must be the last operation to carry out in a job site. If, however, other works will take place where the floor is installed, protect it with cardboard sheets.

Do not use a wet spray micro fiber mop. Never use wax, polish, abrasive cleaners or scouring agents as they may dull or distort the finish.

For everyday cleaning use a broom or a DRY mop to sweep up any debris. For hard to clean spots use a lightly damp cloth or mop to clean or you can use a hard surface spray cleaner, just spray a light mist on the Micro Fiber mop then mop the area desired.

Avoid using excessive moisture. Too much moisture can cause warping, or buckling which is not covered under warranty. All spills should be cleaned up immediately.

Do not drag the furniture over the floor. Use felt pads on the chair and furniture feet. Chairs with castor wheels must comply with DIN 68131 (type W1). Use a suitable mat under the castor chairs for protection.

Place quality mats in all accesses to retain sand, moisture and dirt. Do not use mats with rubber or latex back because they can irreversibly stain the floor. Never use wire brushes.

Avoid moisture on the floor. Place mats to protect the area in front of kitchen appliances and sink to protect the cork floor from spills, water, food, beverages, grease, etc.

Never use cleaners with abrasives or solvents

Ideal and healthy ambient conditions are 35-65% R.H. at 20 °C (68 °F).

When using intensive room heating, indoor air R.H. may drop to very low values and the floor is prone to dry. This may cause shrinkage of the tiles which will result in small joints between tiles. Use a humidifier to prevent this.

Mats placed on the floor can act as heat accumulators which will increase the temperature of the floor surface more than the maximum recommended (20-22 °C).

The cork, as a natural material, tends to lose some color when exposed to sunlight. Change in color is a natural effect when exposed to sunlight over a long period of time. Cork tends to fade. Change the position of the furniture and carpets to allow the color change homogeneously. Use curtains, blinds or other sun protection system to minimize this effect.