

Cordalera Lakes Collection Installation Instructions

Please Read Before Cleaning your floors. Ensure the best products for the longest life of your floor.

PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

Hardwood floors are a lifetime investment that adds beauty and value to your home. To maintain their condition, it is crucial to maintain a stable indoor environment. Keep the room temperature between 60° to 80°F and the humidity between 30-50% year-round. Using a humidifier or dehumidifier may be necessary to maintain these levels.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Modern hardwood floors are easy to maintain with a few basic cleaning tools and preventive measures. Regularly sweep, dust mop, or vacuum to remove dirt and grit. When needed, clean the floor using a hardwood floor cleaning product compatible with your floor's finish. Follow the manufacturer's cleaning instructions carefully and avoid using wet mops, as water can damage the finish. All-purpose cleaners are not recommended as they may dull the finish or leave a hazy residue.

DOS AND DON'TS

DO:

- Sweep, vacuum, or dust mop regularly.
- Wipe up spills immediately with a cloth or paper towel.
- Use the appropriate floor cleaner for your specific flooring style.

- Use felt protectors or furniture coasters under heavy furniture.
- Limit direct sun exposure by closing curtains or blinds.
- Maintain room temperature between 60°–80°F and humidity between 30-50%.
- Use wide casters on wheeled chairs and place protective mats under office chairs.
- Use extra protection against salt and grit during snowy winters.
- Place rugs at entryways to prevent tracking dirt and debris.
- Use area rugs near water-prone areas like the kitchen sink.

DON'T:

- Use oil-based soaps or paste wax products on lacquered floors.
- Drag heavy furniture without protective padding.
- Expose the floor to prolonged direct sunlight.
- Use steam cleaners on natural wood flooring.

- Place porous flower pots directly on the floor.
- Use steel wool or abrasive cleaners.
- Wet mop the floor, as standing water can damage the wood and leave discoloration.

COLOR CHANGE

Exposure to sunlight, heat, and air conditioning will naturally change the wood's color over time. To minimize uneven color changes, rotate furniture and area rugs periodically. This process is normal and not considered a defect.

SEASONAL GAPS

Wood floors may expand and contract with seasonal changes, especially on wider planks. This natural occurrence is not a defect. Keeping the temperature and humidity within the recommended range will minimize these gaps.

SURFACE CHECKS

During low-humidity months, minor surface cracks may appear but typically close during more humid seasons. This is a natural characteristic of wood and is not grounds for a warranty claim.

WIREBRUSH TEXTURED STYLES

Wirebrushed textures may contain minor snags and raised grains. For maintenance, use a lint-free cotton cloth mop instead of microfiber, as fine fibers may catch on the texture. Maintain recommended humidity levels to reduce snags.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE BY COLLECTION

Lakes & Beaches

These collections have a UV-cured polyurethane finish. Never use wax or oil-based cleaning products. We recommend Glitsa, Bona or Forteko Cleaning products. Avoid all-purpose cleaners, which can dull the finish.

GENERAL CARE AND MAINTENANCE TIPS

Pet Care:

Trim pet nails to prevent scratches. Place a mat under water bowls to protect against spills.

Rugs and Mats:

Use rugs with natural backings like felt. Avoid rubber or plastic backings, which can trap moisture and damage the floor.

Floor Protectors:

Use non-abrasive felt-backed protectors under furniture.

Scuff Mark Removal:

For light scuffs, use a damp cloth. For tougher marks, rub gently with a tennis ball or pencil eraser.

Cleaning Tools:

Rinse cleaning applicators frequently in clean water during use. Avoid leaving moisture on the floor for more than one minute.

Moving Appliances:

Use a 1/8" Masonite sheet under heavy objects when moving them to prevent floor damage.