

# FLOOR CARE GUIDE

Hints and tips to keep your Karndean floor looking as beautiful as the day it was installed

# Cleaning and maintaining your Karndean floor

Karndean flooring can stand up to all sorts of daily challenges and a little extra care can keep it looking like new. This guide contains helpful tips on how to look after your floor.

All Karndean products benefit from our K-Guard+<sup>®</sup> surface protection system. Using PU technology, K-Guard+<sup>®</sup> provides a hygienic and durable finish that will protect your floor against everyday wear, spills and scuffs.

This makes it easier and more environmentally friendly to clean and maintain, giving you peace of mind that your Karndean floor will look great for years to come.



For everyday cleaning follow these simple steps...

## CLEAN

#### For everyday care of your Karndean floor.

- With a soft sweeping brush, remove any loose dirt or dust.
- Add 50ml (1.6 fl.oz) of Karndean Clean (1 notch represents 50ml (1.6 fl.oz)) to approximately 8-10l (2 gallons) of clean water.
- With a household mop, spread the Karndean Clean solution onto the whole floor, removing any excess liquid.
  - Always allow your floor to dry before walking on it.



For an occasional refresh follow these simple steps...

After time you may want to treat your floor to some extra care. We recommend every six to twelve months, depending on wear, that you refresh your floor, to further enhance its look and durability.

### REMOVE

#### Prepares your floor before applying Refresh.

- Dilute Karndean Remove 1 part to 5 with clean water. 200ml (6.7 fl.oz) to one litre of water will cover approximately 10m<sup>2</sup> (114 sq.ft). (One notch represents 50ml (1.6 fl.oz).)
- With a household mop, spread the solution onto the floor liberally and leave to work for five minutes, making sure it does not dry.
- Using the blue applicator with a wet Karndean Remove pad (coarse/white) from your Floor Care Kit, scrub the floor all over. Remove the residue with a household mop, rinsing the floor thoroughly with fresh, clean, warm water.
- Be careful not to allow Karndean Remove to dry on the floor. Always wear protective gloves when using this product.

## REFRESH

#### Creates a satin finish to your floor and adds protection.

- Before you start, make sure the floor is completely dry and free of all traces of Karndean Remove.
- Using the blue applicator with the Karndean Refresh pad (soft/white) from your Floor Care Kit, spread a thin and even layer of undiluted Karndean Refresh onto the floor, in a widthways direction.
- Leave this layer to dry for approximately 30 minutes, then repeat the process lengthways. Rinse the pad thoroughly after use and leave the floor to dry for approximately 6 hours or preferably overnight.

# Helpful hints and tips

- Mop up spills as soon as possible, using Karndean Clean, to reduce the risk of slipping and possible staining.
- For stubborn stains, spot clean with undiluted Karndean Clean or Remove.
- Use entrance mats to protect against grit and moisture (ensure they are non rubber-backed to prevent any discolouration of the floor).
- Avoid sliding or dragging furniture or other objects across the floor use the floor protector pads included in the Floor Care Kit, to prevent scratching.
- Use castor cups to protect against indentation from heavy furniture.
- Regularly sweep the floor to remove loose dirt or grit as these can cause fine scratches. If using a vacuum, please check the manufacturer's guidelines to make sure it's suitable for Karndean.
- Avoid the use of regular household cleaners and bleach-based detergents. These could make the floor slippery or cause discolouration.
- If the floor has a streaky appearance, it may be that:
  - a) Karndean Remove has not been removed completely repeat the process ensuring the floor is rinsed thoroughly; or
  - b) irregular drying of Karndean Refresh due to underfloor heating, strong sunlight or draughts - repeat the Karndean Remove and Refresh process, ensuring the floor is protected from heat, strong sunlight and draughts until completely dry.
- When applying Karndean Refresh to your floor, be careful not to apply it too thickly. Two thin coats will be sufficient.
- The cleaning applicator included in the Floor Care Kit is compatible with any size pole. Simply unscrew the components and attach.

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