

# Laminate Maintenance Instructions:

## INTRODUCTION

Gerbür Laminate flooring is virtually maintenance-free. Routine cleaning requires you only to vacuum, use a dust mop, or a slightly damp (not wet) mop and dry with a clean, cotton cloth. The only product that you will need to use to clean your floor on a regular basis is either water (distilled if your area has particularly hard water) or Gerbür Routine Cleaner.

## GENERAL

NEVER use a wax, polish, oil, or varnish coating on the floor. Do not use detergents, oil soaps, or one-step clean and shine type products, or any product that squirts liquid directly on the floor. Never steam clean your laminate.

For dry maintenance, use a dust mop or vacuum cleaner. Avoid vacuum attachments with 'beater bars', which could damage your floor.

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For damp maintenance: Apply Gerbür Routine cleaner cleaning product or **water** lightly to dry, soft cloth (never directly to the floor), wipe over floor. Only use a WELL WRUNG OUT CLOTH. ALWAYS WIPE DRY IMMEDIATELY AFTER until no moisture is visible on the floor. If you do not wipe it dry, the Gerbür Routine Cleaner product has virtually no effect.

WET MAINTENANCE IS ENTIRELY FORBIDDEN! Never wet mop or use wet or steam cleaners on your floor. Remove stubborn stains carefully with Gerbür Spot Cleaner or a little acetone (fingernail polish remover) on a soft cloth. Never use steel wool, abrasive cleaners, or scouring powder, as they will scratch your floor.

Gerbür laminate is based on pre-treated, glued HDF board. Despite Gerbür laminate's relative moisture-resistance, remove any excess water immediately.

**Enjoy your floor!**

## Cleaning solutions for specific problems:

Problem	Solution
Grease, Juice, Wine, Mustard, Coffee, Tea, Milk	Gerbür Spot Cleaner or Water & non-suds ammonia or water & vinegar
Crayon, Asphalt, Nail Polish, Paint, Lipstick, Ball Point Pen Ink, Laundry Marker Ink	Denatured alcohol or Acetone™ (nail polish remover), then Gerbür Spot Cleaner or water and an alcohol based soap-free non- abrasive household cleaner
Gum, Candle Wax	Allow to harden, then gently scrape free with a rubber scraper

**Note:** the following items will damage your Gerbür Laminate flooring if left on it for longer than 10 minutes. If spilled, they should be removed immediately and the area thoroughly cleaned with Gerbür Routine Cleaner.

- bleach
- hydrochloric acid
- shoe polish
- hydrogen peroxide (30% solution)
- sodium hydroxide (25% solution)
- concentrated vinegar (30% acetic acid)
- acid-based metal cleaners
- mercurochrome
- hair dye and bleaching agents
- iodine
- boric acid
- lacquers and adhesives