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LACQUERED SOLID WOOD

Professional Cleaning & Maintenance Guide

Solid wood is a premium, natural product that adds warmth and value to your home. Because it is a living material, it reacts to its environment—specifically moisture and temperature. To protect the integrity of the timber and the lifespan of the lacquer finish, a professional maintenance regime is essential.

CRITICAL WARNING: NEVER USE A STEAM MOP

Steam mops are the primary cause of modern wood floor failure. The high-pressure steam forced into the grain causes irreversible damage:

- **Clouding:** The lacquer bond breaks, turning the finish a milky white color.
- **Peeling:** The finish delaminates from the wood, leaving it exposed.
- **Cupping:** The planks swell and warp at the edges, requiring professional sanding.
- **Rot:** Moisture trapped in the joints can cause structural decay and mold.

1. THE PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT SYSTEM

We exclusively recommend the following system to ensure your floor remains in peak condition without risking water damage:

A. The Dada Spin Mop System

Standard mops hold too much liquid. The **Dada Spin Mop** uses a centrifugal spinner to remove excess moisture. Before the mop touches the wood, it must be spun until it is "damp-dry." This ensures zero standing water enters the joints.

B. Pallmann Specialist Chemicals

Supermarket cleaners often contain harsh detergents or waxes that build up. We advise:

- **Pallmann Clean:** A pH-neutral cleaner for regular use.
- **Pallmann Finish Care:** A water-based emulsion that adds a sacrificial wear layer to the lacquer.

2. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

Step 1: Dry Soil Removal (Daily)

Grit, sand, and dust act as an abrasive, scratching the lacquer over time.

- Vacuum daily using a soft-brush wood floor attachment.
- Alternatively, use a soft-bristle broom to sweep away debris.

Step 2: Damp-Dry Cleaning (Weekly)

- Add 50ml of **Pallmann Clean** to 5L of lukewarm water.
- Submerge the **Dada Spin Mop** and use the spinner until the head is almost dry.
- Mop the floor in the direction of the wood grain. The floor should be dry to the touch within 60 seconds.

3. INTENSIVE MAINTENANCE (EVERY 3-6 MONTHS)

High-traffic areas will eventually show microscopic wear. **Pallmann Finish Care** refreshes the floor and restores its dirt-repellent properties.

- Ensure the floor is thoroughly cleaned and 100% dry.
- Apply **Pallmann Finish Care** undiluted.
- Apply a thin, even coat using a clean Dada mop head.
- Allow at least 60-90 minutes of drying time before any foot traffic. This creates a fresh protective barrier over the lacquer.

4. PREVENTATIVE CARE & ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY

Prevention is the best form of maintenance for solid timber:

- **Entrance Protection:** Large, high-quality barrier mats at all exterior doors trap 80% of incoming dirt.
- **Furniture Protection:** Apply heavy-duty felt pads to all furniture feet. Do not drag furniture across the floor.
- **Humidity Control:** Solid wood performs best at 40-60% relative humidity. Use a humidifier in winter or dehumidifier in summer if necessary to prevent excessive wood movement (gapping or swelling).
- **Pet Care:** Keep pet claws trimmed to avoid gouges in the lacquer finish.