

# care & maintenance

# bamboo

## Preventative Care Tips

- In areas of excessive traffic and wear, make use of runners or area rugs.
- Use felt protectors under heavy pieces of furniture and chairs.
- Use protective mats at exterior entrances. Avoid rubber-based furniture or mats as the rubber may leach into the floor.
- Maintain relative humidity levels between 30% and 70% (see further information below).
- Use a dolly for moving furniture and appliances, try not to slide or roll across the floor.
- Keep animal nails trimmed to prevent excess scratching.

## Regular Maintenance Tips

- Sweep or vacuum as often as necessary to remove any loose dirt or grit as it may scratch the floor.
- When a spill occurs, soak up the bulk liquid promptly.
- Use a slightly damp mop only – avoid excessive amounts of water. Steam mops are not advised.
- Oil soaps, wax, ammonia, or other household products may affect your coating and should be avoided.

## Recoating your Bamboo Floor

- To repair scratches, try Gilly Stephenson's Scratch Cover, or even lightly applied nail polish.
- Bamboo can be re-coated after a number of years to restore its original finish, although please note that re-sanding is not encouraged.

## Maintaining Relative Humidity in the Internal Environment:

To prevent shrinkage in bamboo floors during hot weather, which can affect the floor's visual appearance, consider the useful tips below to help maintain relative humidity between 30-70%:

1. Use an atomiser (mist spray) at regular intervals during the day.
2. Fill a vase or sink with water when leaving your home for an extended period of time.
3. Keep blinds and curtains closed where possible.

