

Technical Newsletter #3

Aayers recommendations to fix scratches on hardwood floors

Accumulating scratches on hardwood floors are inevitable, even if you're careful. The majority of scratches are caused by moving furniture, pets, and tracking in small rocks from outside. Restoring the look of a scratched hardwood floor can be relatively easy, depending on the severity of the scratch.

Method A- Concealing Shallow Scratches With a Wood Staining Marker

Step 1-Wood staining marker

Wipe the area. Use a soft rag dampened with water to gently clean the surface of the hardwood floor from any excess dirt and debris.

Dampen a rag with a wood stain marker. Find a wood stain marker that matches the color of your hardwood floor.

Fold a clean rag or paper towel in squares, so there are a few layers to the material. Shake the stain marker before opening, and dab the point of the marker into a corner of the folded cloth.

Dab the marker approximately 10-15 times to effectively dampen the cloth with the wood stain.

Rub the stain into the scratches. Lightly press the cloth onto the wood, focusing on the area, and rub the wood stain into the scratches, following the grain of the wood.

Note: Stain markers come in many colors, and can be found in home department stores, hardware stores, and paint stores.

Note: This application method works best (rather than directly drawing the stain marker over the scratches), because it allows for a gradual addition of stain. If you use the marker to draw and fill in the scratches directly, you can saturate it with stain, and end up making the scratches darker than the surrounding wood.

Step 2- Apply a top coating.

When the scratches area is completely dry, use a small tipped brush to apply a thin layer of protective finish to the area of the floor. This protective finish could be a sealant, shellac, or some other kind of polyurethane varnish.

Note: Since the affected area is very small, applying a top coating could be optional.

Step 3-Protection, Cleaning and Maintenance

We recommend "Klump Hydro Care Ready to Use".

Note: Never use any detergent, soap, steel wool, scouring pad or the like, or any other abrasive or ammoniated cleaner.