

# How to take care of your Välinge hardened wood floors

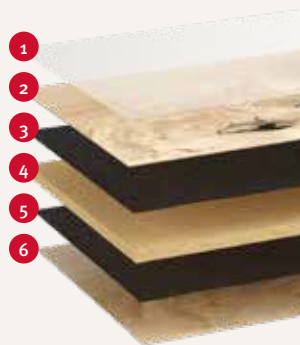


## General information & recommendations

- Wood has hygroscopic characteristics, meaning it moves with natural changes of relative humidity: in the summer it normally swells and in winter it normally shrinks. When the wood shrinks, natural gaps between the boards appear. To prevent excessive movement and consequential damage to the floor, the indoor climate should have a temperature between 60° - 76° F and relative air humidity (RH) between 35 - 65%.
- Keep in mind that underfloor heating dries out the wooden floor more than, for example, radiators. When using underfloor heating, the surface temperature of the floor should never exceed 80° F. Relative humidity (RH) in the indoor air increases with everyday activities such as cooking, showering, etc. Green plants and, for example, aquariums provide a moisture supplement to the air. Relative Humidity (RH) can also be increased by using an air humidifier.
- Välinge Hardened Wood Floors must not be sanded. Sanding makes the flooring lose its protective UV acrylic top coat. For this reason, it is important to maintain and preserve the floor design so that the floor will maintain its beautiful appearance for many years.
- Place furniture feet pads with felt on office chairs, bookshelves, mobile containers, etc. Do not use metal pads as they can scratch and leave marks on the floor. Castors must be equipped with soft, standard running surfaces. We recommend using floor coverings for office chairs to protect the floor from wear. Colored rubber, natural rubber or plastic glides, and castors, as well as dark tires (car, equipment or bike) could cause discoloration on the flooring. Therefore if possible, use only light, nonmigrating furniture glides, castors or tires.
- To protect the floor from dirt, a sufficiently large entrance covering must always be laid (e.g a doormat or carpet). We recommend protecting the floor in heavywear areas with appropriate floor protection mats (e.g polycarbonate mats).
- All floors are subject to minor color changes over time, mostly due to sunlight. To minimize color differences, we recommend that during the first months after installation, carpets should not be placed directly by windows or doors where strong sunlight falls on the floor.

## Product design

1. UV Acrylic Top Coat
2. Natural wood covering
3. Wood-based powder layer
4. Välinge Compositek™ core
5. Wood-based powder layer
6. Wood veneer backing layer



- Don't use floor steam cleaners since the steam might affect the otherwise water proof surface
- Don't use excessive water when cleaning, such as wet mopping with bucket
- Don't use strong cleaning agents without checking if it's suitable or recommended
- Don't use scouring powder as it might affect the lacquered surface

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**LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY FOR STRUCTURAL DURABILITY**  
Välinge warrants the durability of the multilayer product structure relating to the pressing and fusing the single layers with one another. This means that these engineered hardwood floors will not delaminate when properly installed and maintained according to Välinge's installation and maintenance procedures, as enclosed with the floor.

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# Care and maintenance instructions for Välinge hardened wood floors

Lacquered Välinge Hardened Wood Floors do not require any treatment after installation. It is recommended to clean the floor before using it.

## AFTER INSTALLATION:

1. Use a microfiber dust pad to remove dust.
2. Clean the surface with a microfiber cleaning pad together with a Hardwood Floor Cleaner for lacquered floors (e.g Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner).

## DAILY CLEANING:

- Use mainly dry methods, such as vacuum cleaner, dust mop or microfiber mop.

## REGULARLY CLEANING:

1. Clean the surface from dirt and debris with a dusting pad or by vacuuming.
2. Clean the surface with a microfiber cleaning pad together with a Hardwood Floor Cleaner for lacquered floors (e.g Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner).
3. Spray the cleaner on the microfiber cleaning pad.
4. Mop the floor. Make sure the solution is absorbed within 1 minute.
5. When the microfiber pad gets too dirty; change pad and continue.
6. When finished; rinse the microfiber pad and put it in the washing machine on sanitary wash.
7. Do not use string mops or sponge mops, they leave streak marks and do not absorb the water enough.
8. **Note!** Use Hardwood Floor Cleaner specially developed for UV Acrylic Wear Layer Hardwood floors. Normal soap may form a coating on the surface which makes the floor more difficult to clean.

## MAINTENANCE

You can use a Hardwood Wood Floor refresher to freshen up lacquered wooden floors (e.g Bona Hardwood Floor Refresher). Refresher is used to restore the surface of a degraded lacquered floor and gives a protective layer that simplifies cleaning and maintenance. The Refresher is not a substitute for refinish. **Note!** When using Hardwood Floor Refresher on lacquered floors the gloss value is increased. The floor to be treated should be clean and free from polish, wax and any grease stains. Do not use soap that can leave residues on the surface.

- Vacuum thoroughly and clean the floor with a microfiber cleaning pad and a Hardwood Floor Cleaner for lacquered floors.

The floor can now be treated with Hardwood Floor Refresher (e.g Bona Hardwood Floor Refresher).

- Spread out the Refresher with a microfiber mop.
- Allow the Refresher to dry on the floor for at least 60 minutes before you put the furniture back.
- Allow the floor to dry for a few hours before taking it in use.
- Before moving back heavier objects and carpets, the surface should be allowed to cure for at least 24 hours.
- Good ventilation and normal room temperature 68° F (20° C) shortens drying time.
- Be sure to maintain colored products in time, so that the colored surface does not get worn down.

## STAIN REMOVAL:

Remove stains as quickly as possible as instructed below. No warranties apply if using strong stain removal agents in large amounts and/or rubbing the surface excessively.

*Tip: A magic eraser melamine cleaning sponge usually works for the most common stains.*

## NOTE! Don't scrub too hard.

TYPE OF STAIN	REMOVED WITH
Asphalt, rubber, oil, shoe polish, soot and dried residue of chocolate or grease.	Bona Cleaner or Bona Deep Clean solution undiluted.
Crayons, lipstick, felttip pencil.	Ethanol mixed with water, mixing ratio 50/50
Candle wax, chewing gum.	Cooling spray or a plastic bag with ice cubes to freeze the chewing gum. Carefully remove the stain with a knife.
Blood, coffee, tea, soda drinks, wine.	Bona Cleaner or Bona Deep Clean solution undiluted.

## RENOVATION:

The big advantage with Woodura flooring is that it needs no sanding down. If after a couple of years you do feel, that a freshen-up of the floor would be a good idea, we recommend the Bona Recoat System.

## Renovation with the Bona Recoat System in four steps:

1. Clean the floor thoroughly
2. Sand down the floor using the Bona Diamond System
3. Vacuum up/wipe up sanding dust
4. Use a roller to apply Bona Traffic HD

It is only the top layer of lacquer that will be sanded down and then resealed with new lacquer. This removes cleaning product residue, marks and light scratches. The flooring is ready to use again the next day.

We strongly recommend that this is preformed by a skilled profession to get the best results. Please visit [www.bona.com](http://www.bona.com) for more information.



# Lifetime limited warranty for engineered wood floors with Woodura® surface technology



*This warranty covers Välinge Flooring's (Välinge) engineered wood flooring with Woodura® Surface Technology purchased after \_\_\_2020 for residential interior use in the USA. The warranty extends to the first consumer purchase and the original installation only and expires upon transfer of the ownership of the house or apartment where the product is installed, or upon the resale, transfer or relocation (after installation) of the product. Coverage will be lost if the original purchaser fails to strictly follow all installation and maintenance instructions and recommendations as provided by Välinge to the consumer.*

## FREE FROM DEFECT IN MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP WARRANTY

Välinge warrants its first-grade engineered hardwood floors with Woodura® Surface Technology, in their manufactured condition, to be free from defect in material and workmanship in grading, dimension, profiling and assembly. Välinge warrants that your Välinge floor with Woodura® Surface Technology and the 5G® Dry™ installation system will not swell, cup, or crack due to normal cleaning practices (see the Care and Maintenance instructions for additional information).

The purchaser must carefully inspect the flooring panels before installing them in accordance with the installation instructions to be covered by this part of the limited warranty. Flooring panels that have been installed are considered as inspected and accepted by the purchaser under this limited warranty.

## LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY FOR STRUCTURAL DURABILITY

Välinge warrants the durability of the multilayer product structure relating to the pressing and fusing the single layers with one another. This means that these engineered hardwood floors will not delaminate when properly installed and maintained according to Välinge's installation and maintenance procedures, as enclosed with the product.

## LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY FOR WATERPROOFNESS

*What does waterproof mean under this limited warranty?*

Välinge engineered hardwood floor with Woodura® Surface Technology and the 5G® Dry™ installation system has undergone and passed testing according to current applicable industry standards to test the floor's (in particular the joints') resistance to moisture over time. This means that topical spills ("everyday household spills"), as long as the spill does not flow over the edge of the surface (edge of the room, cut boards, etc.), left for up to 24 hours, will not cause your Välinge engineered hardwood floor with Woodura® Surface Technology and the 5G® Dry™ installation system to crack or delaminate. There will be no swelling (i.e. less than 3 %) when the floor has been left to dry for 24 hours and the floor will suffer no visual defects due to the topical spill such as discoloration, change in finish or warping. To best ensure the floor's long-lasting condition however, it is recommended that any spillage is removed as soon as possible.

All sources of subfloor moisture should be remedied prior to installation. In case of standing water or flooding, Välinge engineered hardwood flooring with Woodura® Surface Technology and the 5G® Dry™ installation system will not act as a waterproofing barrier for the

subfloor and/or any surrounding structure. For example, casualty events involving water coming in contact with your floor or damages due to failures normally covered by homeowners insurance, including but not limited to flooding or standing water from leaky pipes, faucets or household appliances are excluded from this limited warranty or damage to the subfloor and/or surrounding structure that is caused by standing water or flooding. Damage resulting from mold and/or mildew growth due to prolonged exposure to moisture is not covered by this limited warranty.

## LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY FOR RESIDENTIAL WEAR RESISTANCE

The Woodura® Surface Technology ensures a durable and wear resistant surface. Every plank is ready to install right out of the carton. There is no need for sanding or staining. With our Woodura® Surface Technology you are assured excellent durability and wear-ability.

Välinge warrants that the wear layer based on the Woodura® Surface Technology, including the veneer layer, will not wear through or peel off of the hardwood flooring, provided the floor is used under normal residential conditions and installed and maintained in accordance with the Installation and Care instructions, in each case as enclosed with the product.



Under this limited warranty, wear defects are considered as visible wear through the wear layer which cover a surface of at least 1 square inch.

#### WHAT IS NOT COVERED

Because all products with a wood surface undergo colour changes when exposed to UV-light from the sun, visual damage such as joints, changes in colour due to exposure to light and the deformation of individual planks caused by seasonal, room climate conditions are not covered by this warranty.

The surface coating (oil or lacquer) is a protective layer for the wooden wear layer underneath and is subject to normal wear. This warranty does not cover wear of the surface coating or any damage caused to the wear layer underneath caused by delayed or improper repair of the surface coating.

This warranty is only intended to cover floors used in what Välinge considers normal conditions, i.e., an indoor relative humidity level between 35% and 65%. Although flooring with Woodura® Surface Technology may tolerate shorter periods of extreme conditions, extended and frequently reoccurring exposure may cause cupping of individual planks.

The warranty does not cover any damage caused by incorrect treatment. In particular, the warranty does not cover damage resulting from sanding or use of other abrasive materials; damage caused from excessive exposure to moisture including but not limited to excessive wet mopping, spills and standing water; acts of God; damage resulting from weight or wear on the floor which is exceeding 500lbs/plank; damage caused by furniture and

other heavy pieces (including but not limited to pianos) not provided with protective furniture pads; mechanical damage (including without limitation reduction in gloss, marks, scuffs, scratches, gouges, dents or cuts) from sharp objects (including without limitation pets' claws, spikes or high heeled shoes), or damage resulting from insect infestation.

The floor with Woodura® Surface Technology must further be properly cared for and maintained according to the care instructions enclosed with the product. If the installation or care instructions are missing and/or incomplete, the purchaser is obligated to request this information from Välinge Flooring directly or at [www.valingeflooring.com](http://www.valingeflooring.com) before installing the flooring.

The above statement of warranty is the only warranty provided by Välinge for its flooring products with Woodura® Surface Technology and the 5G® Dry™ installation system. This warranty is exclusive and in lieu of any and all other warranties whether oral or written, or express or implied.

In no event shall Välinge be liable or in any manner responsible for any claim, including but not limited to compensation claims for the removal/fitting or installation of the flooring, costs for furniture removal, substrate materials and supplies, any loss or damage arising from the purchase, use or inability to use its products or from any form of special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages, including, without limitation, lost profits, emotional, multiple, punitive or exculpatory damages (see below) or attorneys' fees, even if Välinge or its representatives have been advised of the possibility of such damages before sale.

#### HOW TO GET WARRANTY SERVICE

Each panel of Välinge's flooring with Woodura® Surface Technology is carefully inspected by our quality control personnel prior to leaving our factory to ensure they are defect free. The floor is expected to perform in what Välinge considers to be normal applications and conditions.

In the unlikely event that the waterproofness, the wear layer, the bonding or other structural aspect of a flooring panel with Woodura® Surface Technology fails, the purchaser must contact the authorized Välinge Flooring dealer from which the original purchase was made no later than 30 days after discovering the defect but within the time period of the applicable limited warranty.

**The following items must be presented to the authorized Välinge Flooring dealer for a claim under this limited warranty to be considered:**

1. *Valid proof of purchase in the form of a sales receipt or other documents which establish proof of purchase; and*
2. *A description of the problem and/or a photograph/sample that clearly shows the warranty problem.*

Välinge's authorized dealer may inspect the product on site and provide its own conclusions for the claim. Välinge reserves the right to and must be enabled to inspect the product where it is installed for this warranty to apply. Välinge may exercise this right within its own discretion.

### WHAT VÄLINGE WILL DO SHOULD YOU NEED WARRANTY SERVICE:

If your claim is accepted under this limited warranty, Välinge will authorize your dealer to, at Välinge's option, repair or replace the affected flooring material. If the flooring was professionally installed, Välinge will pay the reasonable labor costs for the professional installer to perform the replacement or repair of the flooring for a period of five (5) years from the date of the original purchase. If the installed product is no longer available, Välinge will authorize your dealer to replace the affected floor with another style of equal value.

The foregoing reflect the only remedies available under this limited warranty. In no event will Välinge be liable for any incidental, consequential or punitive damages.

Any claim under the warranty must be made within 30 days of the date upon which the defect first became known to the purchaser.

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### HOW STATE LAW APPLIES

This warranty gives specific legal rights. You may have other rights which may vary from state

to state. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of implied warranties or incidental, consequential, emotional distress or punitive damages and in such event, the exclusions and limitations set forth above shall be construed and enforced to the fullest extent possible by the laws of any such state. Accordingly, some of the above limitations may not apply to you.

This Warranty is governed by the laws of Sweden and any action or proceeding arising out of this warranty shall be exclusively tried by the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce in accordance with their Rules for Expedited Arbitration. The seat shall be New York City, USA.

If any product to which this Limited Warranty applies is a consumer product under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act (15 U.S.C.A. §2301, et seq.) or other applicable law, the foregoing requirements for binding arbitration and disclaimer of implied warranties shall not apply, and such implied warranties and remedies shall apply as provided under applicable law.

