

Finishing Treatments

Prefinished Flooring VS. On-Site Finishing

Prefinished Flooring – Back in the early eighties, prefinished flooring started out as an inexpensive approach to hardwood flooring in an attempt to save time and labor from onsite sanding and finishing. The hardwood flooring market and industry associated prefinished as "cheep" low quality hardwood flooring. So a common misconception for 20 years into the new millennium was to assume that a pre-finished hardwood floor equals poor quality. Although, there are still those prefinished products that are still in fact of poor quality and most of the time price reflects what get. As hardwood flooring has matured, prefinished manufacturing techniques and treatments have perfected into a work of art and master craftsmanship. Providential Products has master a collection of prefinished hardwood flooring treatments that are unlike any other product in the custom flooring market today. Each plank is hand treated and finished no different than a custom piece of furniture. The finished product far exceeds the look of a custom onsite finished floor. Many of these treatments just cannot be performed onsite to achieve such authenticity and depth of texture.

On-Site Finishing – Over the past 100 years, onsite installations have needed the traditional method of sand and finishing with custom stains and finishes using applicators and floor machines. Hardwood floors are installed, sanded (or hand distressed) onsite and treated with limited efforts unable to treat each board with details necessary

Surface Treatments

Smooth Sand - The flooring is drum sanded so that the face of each board is leveled and removed of all imperfections. The finished result is a flat, smooth floor.

Hand Distressed - Each board is scraped by hand to generate an uneven surface that is comparable to antique or reclaimed lumber. Hand distressed is popular because of its low maintenance and Old World characteristics.

Finish Types

Oil Based Polyurethane - A clear tough and durable finish that is applied as a wear layer. *Note: Oil based polyurethane's yellow or "amber" with sunlight exposure and time.*

Water Based Polyurethane - Water is used as part of the chemical makeup of the polyurethane finish. It is a quality finish that is less toxic and more environmentally friendly. It does not yellow over time like oil-based products.

Aluminum Oxide - An optional additive to Polyurethanes for increased resistance to wear and surface abrasion.

Tung Oil - An old fashioned formula of hand blended Tung oil and resin used to give wood a naturally beautiful, protective finish. Tung oil must be applied more frequently because it is more susceptible to wear throughout its life.