



*Out of this world flooring at down-to-earth prices*

## **PREFINISHED or UNFINISHED?**

**PREFINISHED WOOD FLOORING** has a factory applied finish. No sanding is required after installation, avoiding the mess and jobsite delays of a sand-and-finish wood floor. Prefinished floors can be solid or engineered and most carry wear-through warranties in residential applications. These warranties come with a lot of fine print, but call attention to the finish's durability. The advance in technology that allows these warranties is the suspension of aluminum oxide particles within the finish. Aluminum oxide is an extremely hard man-made material (used in grey sandpaper for instance). It is usually the second and third coats of a multi-coat process. The top coats are several layers of clear ultra-violet cured acrylic polyurethane designed to allow for future cosmetic recoating without sanding the wood itself.

**UNFINISHED WOOD FLOORING** is finished after jobsite sanding and results in a completely smooth surface, without the micro-bevelled edges typical of prefinished flooring. The performance of these finishes, although durable, depends on proper application and does not typically carry warranties. An unfinished wood floor can be stained, and offers the choice of a surface "film" finish (like a prefinished floor), or a penetrating finish like oil. Unfinished wood flooring can also be provided in longer lengths on a custom basis milled specifically for an individual job.

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