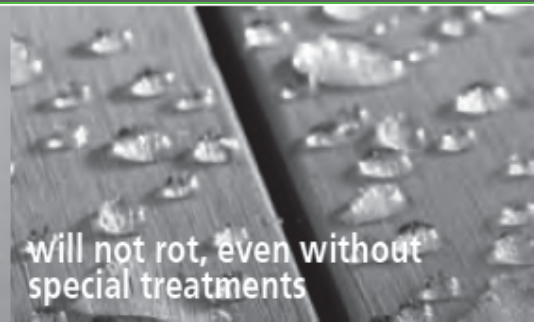




hardwearing whatever the weather



will not rot, even without special treatments



color fast



low maintenance



non-slip



perfect finish every time



warm to the touch, and splinter-free



hardwood



## Maintenance & Cleaning Guide

## MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING GUIDE

All the external construction materials require cleaning. Periodical cleaning of Arline products shall continue the beauty of the flooring. Periodical cleaning of the pollen and other accumulations will help to reduce the mold formation on the surface.

Problem	Solution
Dirt and Accumulation	To remove the surface accumulations, clean the area by spraying water from a hose. Use warm soapy water and a soft brush to remove the dirt and
Ice and Snow	Use a plastic shovel to remove snow from the flooring. To melt the snow and ice on the surface, use calcium chlorine or rock salt.
Oil/Grease/Food	All the food remnants shall be removed as soon as possible. The surface should be cleaned at most in two days to continue the product guarantee. Spray water from a hose and use warm soapy water and a soft brush to remove the dirt and accumulations from the embossed parts
Mold and Rust	If pollen, dirt etc. accumulations are left on the surface, mold formation may happen. It is recommended use of a soft brush and warm soapy water to remove the food remnants and molds.
Use of a Pressurized Washer	You may use a 1500 psi pressure washing machine on the surface to remove the dirt and accumulation. It should be sprayed from at least 30 cm to the surface.
Protection of Arline Products	NEVER use acetone or other solvents if you want to keep the beauty of the surface of Arline products. The only thing required for this is a soapy sponge and warm water.
Concrete, Lime Dust or Construction Wastes	Use a medium soft brush and soapy water. Following, you may perform pressurize washing by considering the aforementioned warnings. You may use if the pressurized washer has a soap drawer. YOU SHOULD COMPLETELY RINSE. If the surface not rinsed properly, soapy water remnants will arise when dried and will require a secondary cleaning.

### General Maintenance and Cleaning Principle of Arline Products

All the external construction materials require cleaning. Arline recommends cleaning twice a year with soap and hot water or by using flooring cleanser being sold in the market. This maintenance will help Arline products to keep their beauty.

Problem	Solution
Dirt and Accumulation	To remove the surface accumulations, clean surface. All you need is soap and hot water.
Water Stains, Leaf Stain and Tree Tannins	Tanning extraction occurs in Arline and all wooden products. Give at least 12 weeks for normal separation. This processed may be catalyzed by using a product that includes oxalic or phosphoric acid (known as flooring brightener in general).
Ice and Snow	Calcium chlorine or rock salt (present in many households) will melt the ice on Arline flooring. Rinse in the first application. Consider the warnings while removing the snow or ice with a snow shovel and NEVER use a metal shovel.

Scrapes and Wears	Normally the scrapes and wears will fade and vanish after a normal separation of 12-16 weeks. This processed may be catalyzed by using a product that includes oxalic or phosphoric acid (known as flooring brightener in general).
Rust Stains, Floor Dirt and Coloring Painting	Use a product aka Flooring Brightener which includes oxalic or phosphoric acid to lessen the rust or dirt. The product may stay on the stain for 10-15 minutes before rinsing.
Oil/Grease/Food	All the food remnants shall be removed as soon as possible. The surface should be cleaned at most in two days to continue the product guarantee. Spray water from a hose and use warm soapy water and a soft brush to remove the dirt and accumulations from the embossed parts
Mold and Rust	Cleaning you flooring twice a year (spring and fall) is important for preventing the pollen and wastes that may cause growth of mold. Use flooring washers and cleaners that include sodium hypochloride. Note: Ardecj may be effectively cleaned by using a hose, warm soapy water and a soft brush.
Use of a Pressurized Washer	Arline does not recommend the use of a pressurized washer. Using a pressure washing machine stronger than 1500 psi may harm the surface of the flooring. All the consequences caused by pressurized washing will nullify the guarantee.
Sanding	Arline does not recommend sanding. The sanding will change the surface and view of the Arline materials and all the consequences caused by pressurized washing will nullify the guarantee.
Disposal	Arline products shall be disposed with normal structural wastes or domestic wastes. Do not burn Arline products.

!!! Use of products including bleach or acid will decolor the surface of Arline.

Test previously in a small and not visible area for to understand if you will like the consequences or not.

**Note:** It is not recommended to place rubber mats, feltings, vinyl or PVC boxes etc. plastic or vinyl materials on Arline for prolonged times. The rubber or PVC diffuse to Arline products in time and cause fade of color.

## **Mold Technical Bulletin**

Mold is a sub-form of plant existence which may exist and grow on any surface including Arline floorings.

The molds can develop especially in humid areas and spores of the molds resemble normal living seeds (being carried by air, water, animals, insects) however are not visible till maturation. Mold easily adapts to the respective environment and has many species. They are hard to control and impossible to destroy at all. However, this may not affect the structural performance of Arline floorings.

To generate visible clusters, the molds require temperatures between 4C and 32C, food and humidity.

Arline flooring is not a source of food itself however the dirt, accumulations etc. falling from the vases or water channels feed the molds. The spaces between the flooring woods may cause the flooring to produce humidity in sized than normal or plugged.



## **How Should the Mold be Removed from Arline Composite**

All the external structural materials require cleaning. Arline isn't an exception. The periodical cleaning of Arline flooring shall remove the dirt and pollen feedings the molds. If the mold clusters are visible, make cleansing with detergent and flooring washer including hypochloride (bleacher) being sold in the market.

The chemical will remove the mold but also bleach the color of the wood. Sometimes the procedure should be repeated for to remove the molds. Even though spores become invisible, they may still be on the surface and may reform.

Always apply the mold removing cleansers to the dry surface. Their application on wet surfaces will decrease their bleaching effects importantly. NEVER use/mix the flooring cleaning materials together with other cleaners (ammonium, phosphoric acid etc.).

Mold diffuses easily and returns back sometimes despite suitable cleaning and taken actions.

## **Painting Technical Bulletin**

Yes you may paint the Arline flooring to obtain a special color however this is not related to protection. The stains well adhering to the wood products may not act so on Arline products. Arline flooring may be painted any time, even after years from drying.

However, paints produced for walking platforms shall be used.