



Refinishing & sanding

Eterna's exclusive Optima 100 finish is reformulated to be more resistant than ever, offers a 25-year wear-through warranty. Optima 100 finish consists of several thin coats of polyurethane finish with aluminum oxide that is superior to other finishes, and will keep your hardwood floor beautiful for many years. From time to time, though, it may be desirable to refinish your floor to refresh its original lustre. Here are a few recommended methods:

1. Pad and re-coat system (i.e. Bona Prep™)

This method allows the application of a new coat of finish without the cost and inconvenience of a complete sanding. It is not recommended for the repair of deep scratches, dents, or water damage. This method will not affect your original wear-through warranty. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

2. Screen and recoat

Using an abrasion method with a screen enables the repair of deeper scratches and prepares the surface for excellent adhesion of a new coat. Unfortunately, it voids the rest of the original Optima warranties.

- Ensure that the floor is clean and free of oil, grease, or any residue.
- Abrade the floor with a conditioning screen and buffer.
- Vacuum.
- Tack the floor using a mop or a cotton rag dampened and then well wrung out.
- Apply two coats (with or without primer, according to the manufacturers' recommendations) of a good waterborne urethane finish. Follow instructions provided.

3. Sand and recoat

For a severely damaged floor or to allow a complete color change, Eterna's exclusive Optima 100 finish can be completely removed by sanding right down to the wood surface. Use of a drum sander is not recommended for floating installations. When choosing a new finish, consider a waterborne one – it offers excellent durability and is environmentally friendly. As this is a major procedure, it is recommended that it be done by a professional. This procedure also voids the rest of the original Eterna's Optima 100 warranties.

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