



Repel Water Resistant Laminate is designed to stand up to the toughest household conditions. However, to keep it looking its best, follow these simple instructions for protection and care.

Everyday Durability

- Scratch, stain & fade resistant
- Kid & pet friendly
- Easy to install
- Simple to clean and can even be wet-mopped!



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WATER RESISTANT LAMINATE

Find Your Peace of Mind

Accidents do happen. But Repel Laminate from Shaw gives you time to clean up spills making it easier to protect the beauty of your floor.

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Repel Water Resistant Laminate Care & Maintenance

Warranty

To request a copy of the 30-Year Limited Warranty, please call 1-800-441-7429.

Routine Maintenance

- Use a damp cloth to blot up spills as soon as they happen. Never allow liquids to stand on your floor.
- Use acetone/nail polish remover on a clean white cloth to clean tough spots such as oil, paint, markers, lipstick, ink, or tar. Wipe the area with a damp cloth to remove any remaining residue.
- As a primary cleaning method, regularly sweep, dust, or vacuum the floor with the hard floor attachment (not the beater bar) to prevent accumulation of dirt and grit that can scratch or dull the floor finish.
- As needed, for best results, utilize a dry-damp sponge mop or microfiber mop and a neutral pH cleaner, such as Shaw Hard Surface Cleaner, by spray misting the mop with the neutral cleaner

- When cleaning, do not saturate the floor with water as this could cause swelling, warping, delamination and joint line separation. Remember, Repel is water resistant, not water proof.
- Do not use steel wool, abrasive cleaners, or strong ammoniated or chlorinated type cleaners.
- Do not use any type of buffing or polishing machine.
- Do not use any type steam cleaner or cleaning device that applies steam or water directly to flooring
- For spots such as candle wax or chewing gum, harden the spot with ice and then gently scrape with a plastic scraper such as a credit card. Be careful not to scratch the flooring surface. Wipe clean with a damp cloth.
- A more frequent dust-mopping or vacuuming schedule may be required in very sandy areas such as a beach home.

Environmental Protection

- Entry mats will help collect the dirt, sand, grit, and other substances such as oil, asphalt, or driveway sealer that might otherwise be tracked onto your floor.
- To prevent slippage of area rugs, use an approved vinyl rug underlayment.
- Use floor protectors and wide, load-bearing leg bases/rollers to minimize the chance of indentations and scratches from heavy objects. As a rule, the heavier the object, the wider the floor protector.
- To minimize the natural expansion and contraction of the wood, maintain a normal indoor relative humidity level between 35 and 65% throughout the year.

a. Heating season (Dry): A humidifier is recommended to prevent excess shrinkage due to low humidity levels. Wood stove and electric heat tend to create very dry conditions.

b. Non-Heating Season (Wet): An air conditioner, dehumidifier, or periodically turning on your heating will help to maintain humidity levels during summer months.

- Avoid excessive exposure to water during periods of inclement weather.
- Keep your pet's nails trimmed to prevent them from scratching your floor.
- Never try to slide heavy objects across the floor.
- A protective mat should be used under furniture or chairs with castors/wheels.

Repel Laminate Board Replacement Repairs

- Shaw Repel Laminate may be assembled and disassembled several times.
- Carefully disassembled joints will retain their original locking integrity during reassembly. New replacement plank(s) should be acclimated in the replacement area for at least 72 hours. This allows them to equalize to the conditions of the flooring in the room where the replacement(s) will take place.
- To replace the damaged board(s), first remove baseboard, wall base, or quarter round as needed. Take the flooring apart one row at a time. Lift each row to detach, then separate the individual boards.
- Be sure to stack the individual planks in the proper order for re-installation. This usually eliminates the need to cut planks for start or end of the row lengths.
- For best visual results, replace the damaged board with a piece from the edge of the original installation.
- Insert the properly acclimated new plank(s) along the outer edge of the original flooring installation during reassembly. This practice minimizes the chance that a newer plank will stand out from the original installation.
- Reinstall the baseboard, wall base, or quarter round, and the replacement repair is complete.

