

## CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF THE NEXT STEP LACQUERED FLOORS

The high quality floors produced by Barlinek are made of real wood. The floors provide superior performance and have excellent aesthetic features.

The manufacturer grants a warranty for the installed floors, provided that they are used in compliance with their guidelines:

1. The room temperature for wooden floors should be between 18°C and 24°C.
2. The relative humidity in the area where the wooden floor is used should be kept between 45% and 60%.
3. The maximum temperature on the surface of the boards installed on underfloor heating should not exceed 27°C. Laying carpets, rugs or putting furniture without feet with a minimum height of 10cm is forbidden on floors installed on underfloor heating.
4. Floor maintenance should be carried out using only the products intended for that purpose: "Protektor Komplet", "Protektor Blask" and "Protektor Koncentrat". Information about the method and frequency of floor maintenance can be found on the packaging of care products and on the [www.Barlinek.com](http://www.Barlinek.com) website. Using other care products may result in damage to the lacquer layer, changing the colour of the lacquer, forming of stains, changing the slipperiness of the floor surface, or changing its gloss.
5. Daily care should be limited to normal vacuuming or sweeping of the floor.
6. The frequency of floor care depends on the amount of traffic.
7. Any sand present on the floor surface should be removed quickly. Any deposited sand causes scratches on the lacquer layer and minor dents and scratches on the surface of the wood.
8. The room with a wooden floor should have doormats that effectively remove sand, water, and other impurities, placed in front of and behind entrance doors, terrace doors, etc.
9. The product can be installed in kitchens, bathrooms and other similar rooms where water splashes can occur. In order to avoid sediment and penetration of standing water under the surface of the floorboards (which may create conditions for the development of fungi, mold, unpleasant odors), any spilled liquids should be removed on an ongoing basis, before their evaporation. Additionally, a flexible hydrophobic sealant (e.g. silicone) must be used on the peripheral expansion gaps. Expansion gap must be used around walls, shower tray covers, bathtubs, toilet bowls and other obstacles permanently attached to the ground. When installing floors in bathrooms, laundries and other similar rooms, the floor must be glued to the subfloor using a special adhesive recommended by Barlinek.
10. Dry and soft brushes or a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush should be used for dust removal. You can also use a damp cloth, optionally moistened with "Protektor Koncentrat". Under no circumstances must wet traces remain on the floor after cleaning.
11. Felt pads should be applied to all pieces of furniture and other interior fittings that are in direct contact with the floor.
12. It is obligatory to use protective mats made of plastic, flooring, or carpets protecting the wooden floor against mechanical damage, under chairs and other furniture with castors. Check for and immediately remove any sand or other dirt that may get under the protective mat. Failure to remove this type of dirt shall result in scratches to the lacquer under the protective mat.
13. Under no circumstances should the wooden floor be covered with PE foil or other moisture- and air-tight materials.
14. The boards' wood shall change its original colour when exposed to sunlight (UV light).
15. Ignoring the afore-mentioned recommendations shall void the warranty on the material and service immediately.
16. Allowed are only electrical and water underfloor heating systems which heating installation is embedded in the screed. **IMPORTANT** The heat source of the heating system must be situated at least 15 mm away from the floorboard. Only assembly by gluing down to the surface is allowed.
17. Before installing a sandwich board on an underfloor heating system, the investor should perform heat treatment of the floor, in accordance with the "Heat Treatment Protocol for floors". A completed and signed "Heat Treatment Protocol for floors" constitutes an annex to the Warranty Card. If such a protocol is not produced, it shall void the warranty on the floorboard installed on the underfloor heating system.
18. For the floating system, it is recommended to use underlayment materials with a CS parameter (static load) of at least 220 kPa found in Barlinek's product range. The use of other materials may result in a defective installation of the entire floor and limiting the warranty conditions.
19. Information concerning the installation of the Next Step boards on the underfloor heating can be found in the Installation Instructions and at [www.Barlinek.com](http://www.Barlinek.com)

**IMPORTANT:** The user/investor is required to make sure that the cleaning staff is made aware of the above "Conditions for the use of the NEXT STEP lacquered floors".