

Job Site Finish

versus

Factory Finish (Pre-Finished)

Colour/stain options unlimited.

Finishes cured on-site:

- contaminates in finish
- usually 2-3 coats
- oil-base, water-base and ceramic finish options, offer varying durability
- finish provides seal between wood pieces
- risk of inconsistent stain and/or finish
- higher VOC emissions (off gas) with solvent based finishes
- choice of gloss levels

Sand on-site:

- dust throughout job site
- floor sanded level, less overwood
- much wood filler is used in floor

Square edge/end:

- gapping that develops is more noticeable
- overwood that develops is more noticeable on products with square edges or ends
- un-finished, beveled edge products available through special order

Installation:

- lengthy when including sanding and finishing
- cure time required for finishes

Colour/stain options limited to manufacturers' offering.

UV cured finishes in controlled factory environment:

- cleaner, contaminate free finish
- multiple coats provide greater mil build-up and more consistent finish
- aluminum-oxide or ceramic finishes are more durable/resilient also acrylic impregnated used for commercial applications
- floor not sealed
- colour and finish are apparent throughout installation
- no fumes or off gas
- usually semi-gloss or satin

No Sanding Required:

- no sanding mess
- some minor overwood should be expected
- pre-stained fillers used for touch-up only

Beveled or Square edge/end:

- gaps less apparent/visible on products with micro-beveled edges/ends
- overwood less apparent/noticeable on products with beveled edges or ends
- some manufacturers offer products with square edge profile

Installation:

- very quick; pre-finished woods lend themselves to do-it-yourself
- floors can be used immediately following installation



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