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STOP! Give your floor time to mature.

All floors have a tendency to leave behind minor imperfections, many temporary in nature. Contractors and manufacturers are accustomed to these small quirks, but I realize they may be a bit startling when seeing your floor for the first time.

*When inspecting your new wood floor, remember to do so from a standing position with normal lighting. Glare, particularly from large windows, magnifies any irregularity in the floor and should not determine acceptance.

With this in mind, I've created the following list of POSSIBLE, TEMPORARY outcomes after a finish application.

1. **Blemishes & Debris:** Settling resins can exaggerate the appearance of blemishes in the early stages of a floor's life. Any small debris, such as tiny airborne particles in your house, can refract light more during this time. However, almost all blemishes disappear completely as finish sets.

Length of time before you should become concerned: 60 – 90 days

2. **Discoloration:** Many types of wood are susceptible to slight discolorations with other types of finish. However, the vast majority of wood types will receive a color enhancement by Swedish finishes. As the finish sets, you may see very slight color differentiations in your wood floor. These differentiations are normal and will most likely even out.

Length of time before you should become concerned: 60 – 90 days

3. **Screen Marks, Brush Strokes & Abrasions:** Minor screen or brush marks may remain slightly visible during the initial drying phases. Likewise, small underlying abrasions may seem almost painfully obvious at first. Be assured that as the finish sets, resins tighten across the wood and many of these marks will seem to disappear during the process.

Length of time before you should become concerned: 60 – 90 days

4. **Uneven Sheen:** Many factors can contribute to uneven sheen. Dramatic factors such as humidity, temperature, and varying wood species' composition can make the application process tricky, leading to possible uneven application. As with color differentiation, sheen variance should even out over time.

Length of time before you should become concerned: 120 days

Overall, you will save yourself quite a bit of stress and grief if you remember it's not uncommon to have some minor defects in a finished floor. SMALL, TEMPORARY SIDE-EFFECTS WILL ALMOST ALWAYS DISAPPEAR DURING THE CURING AND MATURATION PROCESS. It is very much like the small cut or blemish on your arm as a child that faded very quickly and has since disappeared entirely.

Again, small irregularities such as those listed here may be present but should not be prominent when inspected from a standing position.

Please understand this process is normal. If, however, these side-effects are still obvious after the above mentioned time allotments, it may be time to call **Jason at 503-502-4855**.

*Standards set forth by the National Wood Flooring Association in the NWFA hardwood floor manual