



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Circular sanding marks on newly coated floors

In some instances, circular sanding marks can be seen under some light sources. The problem is known as cob-webbing, and appears as very fine swirling scratches in the finished floor coating and is particularly prevalent in the presence of down lights. These scratches are not darker in colour than the general colour of the floor and appear between coats of floor finish. They are often more visible at night when lights are turned on or in areas exposed to reasonably high levels of natural light.

The Wood Flooring Association has an excellent article explaining the issue, as well as providing some ways to minimise the occurrence of cob-webbing. Their web site address is

<http://www.woodflooringassociation.com.au>

Then look under Data Sheets.

In summary :

- There is probably some cob-webbing on almost all floors given the right conditions.
- These marks may be aesthetically unacceptable to a customer, and in the extreme, the sander may be required to re-sand the floor entirely to correct the condition.
- The circular sanding marks will significantly reduce in intensity with time.
- Methods can be employed to minimise the occurrence of cob-webbing.

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