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Discover How To Stop Your Furniture From Damaging Timber, Tile or Laminate Floors

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Why do I need Floor Protectors?

Furniture is by far the most common cause of damage to hard floor surfaces. Most furniture will generally have ineffective or no form of floor protector attached to it, so when it's moved it causes scratches, gouges and other expensive damage.

Fitting good quality floor protectors will dramatically help to stop these problems.

Which floor protectors are right for me?

Choosing the right floor protectors can be worked out by asking yourself the following questions:

- 1. Do I want a long term or short term solution?
- 2. Do I want premium or budget?
- 3. What type of furniture do I have and what's it used for?

In order for you to answer the first 2 questions you'll need to know the difference and I'll explain below.

There are a couple of choices on the market that we have reviewed and each have their upsides and downsides.

<u>Felt Floor Protectors</u> are your short term and budget solution.

Slipstick Foot Floor Protectors are your long term and premium solution

Felt Floor Protectors

<u>Felt Floor Protectors</u> are designed to be used under chairs, tables and most furniture pieces to protect timber, vinyl and tile floor surfaces.

Felt floor protectors are:

- Self Adhesive.
- Heavy Duty Felt.

Upside of Felt Floor Protectors:

Protect floors

- Slide easily & makes furniture easier to move
- Reduces noise
- Suitable for most types of furniture
- Easy to fit
- Can be used on most floors

Downside of Felt Floor Protectors:

- Can peel off easily
- Need to checked regularly for wear
- Can flatten out when carrying heavy weight
- Need to be cleaned on a regular basis to avoid lint and dirt build up which becomes very abrasive
- Short lifespan.
- Can come off unexpectedly

Slipstick Foot Floor Protectors

If you are looking for, long term floor protection products, that won't come off, and last a long time, than you cannot go past a product called, "Slipstick Foot".

They have a comprehensive range of <u>"furniture sliders"</u> for chairs and barstools, a range of <u>"furniture grippers"</u> to stop your furniture moving and a range of <u>"castor cups"</u>, as well as <u>"furniture movers"</u>.

All designed around durability and multiple uses for most types of furniture.

Upside of Slipstick Foot Floor Protectors

- Never peel off attached with a super strong adhesive and screw.
- Very stable! Large and small castor cups fit securely under wheels and castors.
- Easy to keep clean. Just wipe with a damp cloth.
- Each foot can hold up to 250kg
- Large variety of floor protectors that slide and grip as well as castor cups and more.
- Specially formulated "O" ring will protect all floor coatings.
- Easy to follow fitting instructions are on the back of every Slipstick foot packet.

- Long lifespan.
- Slipstick feet are backed by a 5-year Free Replacement Warranty (Commercial Warranty 1-year).

Downside of Slipstick Floor Protectors

- More expensive than felts
- Slightly harder to fit than felt

Now that we have identified the difference between each type of floor protector the easiest way to go from here is to answer the following:

What type of furniture do I have and what it is used for?

Is the furniture stationary and only moved occasionally? Example: TV Cabinet, Wall Unit.

In this case you could use either felt or the <u>Slipstick Foot Furniture Grippers</u>. The grippers would be excellent for putting under a coffee table or a dining table where it could get bumped or any item that could cause damage if it was accidently moved.

The **felt** would be perfect under a Wall Unit where it would never get moved or bumped.

Is the furniture being moved all the time? Example: Dining Chairs, Barstools.

In this case the <u>Slipstick Sliders</u> or the felt could be used, so you would need to decide whether you are willing to risk the possibility of the felt peeling off or eliminating that risk and use the Slipstick Foot Slider that is permanently attached and won't peel off.

Is the furniture on castors? Example Piano, Bed Ensemble.

In this case you only have one choice and that is the <u>Slipstick Foot for Castors</u>. The reason being there is no way of attaching felt under a castor wheel.

Whether you decide to use the Felt Floor Protectors or the Slipstick Foot Premium Floor Protectors or a combination you still have one last thing to do.

You'll now need to create a list of all the furniture items you have and what pieces will need protectors.

Next workout whether you will need sliders, grippers or felt and measure the size of the legs that the protectors will need to be fitted too and take that information with you to your nearest retailer to ensure you get the right ones.

If there's something you still have questions about checkout the Frequently Asked Questions Section below for more answers.

FAQs

Q. What types of floor can they be used on?

A. All Hard surfaced Floors, Including Hardwood, Parquetry, Tile, Slate and Laminates.

Q. Do the Slipstick feet have a warranty?

A. Slipstick feet are backed by a 5-year Free Replacement Warranty (Commercial Warranty 1-year). Any Slipstick product that fails due to premature wear, faulty materials or manufacture defect will be replaced free of charge.

Q. Will Slipstick Feet work on carpet?

A. Yes. They will protect carpet, however the Slipstick foot was mainly designed to protect hard floor surfaces.

Q. Is the Slipstick foot suitable for all types of furniture?

A. The screw on Slipstick feet are not suitable for furniture with metal or plastic legs.

Q. Are they easy to fit?

A. Yes. The Slipstick foot products, supplied with screws, require a simple pre-drilling before attachment. The rest of the range is simply placed underneath the furniture leg or wheel.

Q. How do I know what size Slipstick foot to fit onto my furniture?

A. Just measure the width of the leg you are fitting the foot to and ensure that the Slipstick Foot is as close to that width as possible.

Q. My furniture has square legs will a round Slipstick foot work?

A. Yes, a round Slipstick foot will work on a square leg, just keep the Slipstick Foot size smaller than the leg.

Q. If I fit Slipstick feet to my dining chairs, will I have to lift the chair to move it?

A. No, as the smaller sized Slipstick feet are designed to Slide Freely utilizing a firm rubber and will reduce marking and scuffing of clean floor surfaces.

Q. Do I have to fit the Slipstick Large Castor Cups on every leg of my bed ensemble?

A. No. One <u>Slipstick Large Castor Cup</u> under each corner of an ensemble is sufficient to stop the bed moving.

Q. Will Slipstick Castor Cups carry the weight of a piano?

A. Yes, Slipstick Castor Cups are designed to take up 250 kg (500lb) on each foot.

Links to recommended products:

Felt Floor Protectors

Slipstick Foot Premium Floor Protectors

Floor Cleaner

Repair & Touch Up Products

About the Author

Chris Green the owner of Furniture Care Products has been involved in the furniture industry since 1980 in a number of areas including 20 years Furniture Transport & Logistics, 20 years in selling furniture care and floor care products as well as upholstery cleaning, fabric protection application and leather cleaning.

During his time in the furniture transport business he discovered that customers were having a hard time getting the right advice the right care products to look after their new furniture.

In 1998 Chris started Superior Furniture Care and built the business by sourcing a range of premium quality timber furniture care and repair products. Over time the range expanded to leather care, fabric care, floor protection and floor care products.

In 2013 the business was split into two separate businesses. Aussie Furniture Care for the product range and Superior Furniture Care for the fabric protection, upholstery cleaning & leather cleaning services.

With his knowledge and experience Chris has been able to build up a range of top quality products that he has personally used and tested. No products are added to the range unless they adhere to a strict criteria.

All products must do what they say they will do, they must be safe, environmentally friendly and must produce excellent results for customers.

Every product in all ranges come with a 100% Money Back Guarantee

<u>Furniture Care Products</u> was started back in 2005 and since then Chris has also written 6 ebooks available for Free download on the site as well as numerous how to videos which are also available to view on this site.