



Chatter Marks

Chatter marks are ripple-like waves in finished flooring that become visibly pronounced in reflective overhead and/or natural lighting. These marks are a visible phenomena and almost never constitute a real concern or impair the playability or performance of the floor because the ripple effect is not perceptible to the touch. It should be noted that chatter marks will often diminish or even disappear as the floor finish experiences wear through use and with age.

Primary causes of chatter marks involve either the use of a drum sanding machine on certain resilient flooring system with built-in-give or on floors finished with a drum sanding machine wherein the sanding drum is slightly out-of-balance.

Since chatter marks are a visible phenomena and practically impossible to quantify, the Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association (MFMA) has no written policy or specification regarding the appearance or frequency of chatter marks in MFMA flooring installations.

If you have any additional questions, please contact MFMA's Technical Director at 888-480-9138.

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