



## *Wood Filler*

As a rule, the MFMA does not recommend the use of fill material along the side joints of maple floors, due to the physical properties of maple strip flooring and commonly available maple fillers.

Wood fillers do not generally expand and contract with the surrounding wood. When wood flooring expands, fill can impede the natural movement of adjacent strips and cause permanent damage to the edges of those strips. When wood flooring contracts, fill can dislodge and cause aesthetic and safety concerns. Minor filling of pinhole knots and end-checks is generally acceptable, as fill in those areas is much less likely to dislodge due to the direction of movement in a gymnasium flooring system.

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

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