



Antique Warehouse Maple Scar'dFace Flooring

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product information

back in the day, the day when multi level industrial buildings were built primarily of wood, a nice, clean and beautiful Hard Maple floor was laid as the wear layer for the warehouse or work areas; Hard Maple was used because, well, it's hard, and would hold up to the abuse of heavy equipment, forklifts and anything else a warehouse, mill or shop would dish out; decades later, after the floor has seen its share of abuse, dirt and grime it was carefully removed; it's dirty, real dirty, and usually a bit oily; this is a good thing, we go to work to remove the dirt and oil, but not all; what is left is a flooring product that shows off some serious use and can go back down and authentically replicate the warehouse from which it sprang

specie

American Hard Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

source :: antique 100% recycled

wear layer from industrial buildings

moisture content

air dried

hardness

janka hardness rating: 1450

character rating

our character rating: 8.7 (very rustic)

our character scale rates floors on a 1 - 10 scale; a low number is a refined floor and a high number is very rustic

grading

the appearance standards outlined here apply to a floor as a whole and not to individual boards

knots

there are generally very few knots, but there is no limit on the concentration

holes

there are generally very few nail holes in the face; occasionally other fastener holes will be included

cracks/checks

an unlimited amount of surface checking is allowed; cracks through the thickness of the board are allowed as long the board is stable enough for nail down installation

color

the face color will usually vary from black to dark brown to tan and possibly creamy white with a red tint; an unlimited combination of colors is allowed

grain

the majority of the wood will be flat or cathedral grain; some rift cut or quarter sawn or birds eye boards may be included

millwork

$\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1" thick depending on current availability; **the original tongue and groove will remain, but with frequent breakage of the tongue and bottom side of the groove, at times either may be completely broken off; the ends of the boards will be cut square to the groove side of the board; since the millwork was done decades ago some boards will have warped, twisted, cupped or crowned and will be included if it is possible to nail them down**

widths

widths will depend on current stock; we endeavor to stock $\frac{3}{4}$ " planks, but may have any size from $2\frac{1}{4}$ " and wider; **natural shrinkage of the planks will have changed the net face width so that the boards are not exactly the same width which they were originally milled; this variance will create gaps in the floor as it is installed**



mimicking the floor's condition when it was removed

lengths

1' through 10'; with an average length of about 5'; boards up to 12' included if available

surface

unless otherwise stated the original finish will have long ago worn away; all four sides of the planks have been brushed, with the face brushed to remove most of the dirt and grime; **the floor will need to be screened after installation to bring the floor to the desired look; screening or sanding will lighten the color of the wood; enough sanding would bring most of the surface back to bright white; some areas of the original floor were more worn than others creating variances in thickness which will create overwood in the re-installation**

installation

installation of one of these floors is much more difficult than a standard wood floor installation; the original millwork is not as crisp as newly milled wood, the boards have shrunk, twisted slightly or bowed, the tongues and bottom side of grooves may be missing; much more time is needed to cut, fit and nail the flooring down; the debris remaining on the surface of the wood will make sanding and finish prep more difficult as it will load sand paper and buffing pads very quickly

unfinished

this flooring product comes unfinished and is designed to be prepped and finished on site