



# 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