Care and maintenance of Oiled Floors.

Natural Oils are exceptionally durable finishes however to ensure that your floor stays in perfect condition, it is recommended that an additional coat of Oil is applied where the floor is in a particularly hardwearing environment, such as a kitchen. Any additional coat should be an OSMO Oil (or equivalent).

UV Oils are cured under UV light and are even more durable. No additional coating is necessary.

If in doubt as to which Oil your floor is finished with, please ask.

Cleaning Instructions

The key to keeping your wooden surface looking good is a regular cleaning and maintenance program. We have a range of products which are designed to easily look after wooden surfaces. Please be mindful that some brands of cleaning products may contain ingredients that could damage the surface though failing to replace necessary oils or even stripping the oil from the floor.

Surface Cleaning

A build-up of dust, dirt or grit can act like sandpaper, scratching and dulling the finish. It is therefore important to keep wooden surfaces clean. Dust, dirt and grit should be regularly removed using either a vacuum cleaner with a soft attachment, a microfibre mop, or a damp cloth. Microfibre mops use an advanced material consisting of thousands of microscopic fibres which effortlessly glide across wooden floors, actively lifting dirt and grime.
Regular use of OSMO Wash & Care will gently replenish the Oils during cleaning and help maintain the floor.

Using OSMO Wash & Care

OSMO Wash & Care is designed for the day-to-day cleaning and maintenance of wooden surfaces treated with an Oiled finish and is based on a natural soap. It is available in both diluted and concentrate form (1L makes up to 200L litres of cleaning solution)

To use, mix the concentrate as instructed (50ml diluted in 8-10 litres of water) and either wipe or spray a light coat over the surface and then clean, using a mop, cloth or buffing machine.

Alternatively use a **SPRAY MOP**. This microfibre mop carries a cartridge which can be filled with diluted Wash & Go and the trigger mechanism is used to apply the solution at the same time as mopping the floor. Whilst being a convenient and simple device, one significant advantage is that it does not introduce too much liquid.

Do not soak the floor: whilst you may not damage an uncompromised Oiled finish, any water that tracks down the board joints may affect the timber.

Always follow the instructions on the container and, if in doubt, please ask.

Tips:

- To safeguard your floor, we recommend **all furniture** be fitted with felt pads or castor cups.
- **Apply Floor Protector Pads**: All moveable pieces of furniture need, soft, clean pads or castor cups on the bottom of the legs or supports.
- **Protect** floors by using a good quality doormat to trap abrasive particles at the door.
- **Mop up spills** of water and other liquids as soon as possible.
- When using a mop ensure that the mop is only ever slightly damp and **never "soaking wet"** with water/cleaner.
- **Do not** use bleach or aggressive cleaners on wood. (Remember that anything that is designed to remove "Grease and Oil" will strip the Oil coating from the floor.)
- **Only use** cleaners that are specifically designed for Oiled finishes. (Many widely available cleaners are classed as "suitable for sealed wooden floors". This often means "Lacquered Floors" and many of these will incrementally and slowly strip the oil from the floor without replacing it.
- **Never** use a steam cleaner on your wooden floor.

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Flooring in commercial locations

Floors in high traffic commercial locations may need a specialised cleaning and maintenance program. We can work with you to put together a cleaning and maintenance program to keep your floor looking good. Please contact us for help.