

Care and Maintenance of Oiled Floors

AFTER FINAL OIL IT IS RECOMMENDED TO,

- Remain off the floor for 24 hours (at least).
- Avoid water totally for the first 4-6 weeks (the longer the better). Only use dry methods of cleaning, ensuring the vacuum cleaner or rotary machine broom (as below) has good bristles. If spillages occur, dry immediately, do not wash floor in the early stages. This is necessary to allow the oil to harden and cure. Light and ventilation aid in the curing process. It may sometimes require many weeks before full strength is achieved.
- Place felt protectors under furniture contact points.
- To avoid scratches or dents, always lift heavy furniture into place. Do not drag.
- Wait for 4-6 weeks before placing mats or rugs down.
- If oil "sweats" between boards, remove gently with a paper towel.



Cotton mops



vacuum with good bristles

CARING FOR YOUR FLOOR

A little sensible care will go a long way. Prevent problems before they occur. The amount of care needed will depend on the area treated, location and maintenance plan.

- Do not wash the floor in the early stages.
- Immediately remove any liquid spills.
- Protect your floor against abrasive dust or grit by placing a quality doormats at the entrance. This helps remove extra dirt from shoes, helping to prevent surface scratching.
- After the initial curing time, and for regular cleaning, floors may be wiped over with a slightly damp (not wet) mop.
- 10 ml (1 tbs) of Livos TRENA PH Neutral Cleaner #556 (Concentrate) to 10 Lt of water is strongly recommended. Avoid higher concentrations. This is a mild and effective cleaner, leaving the oil layer untouched.
- One may use the GLANOS Liquid Wax Cleaner #559 (Concentrate) mixed with water every 4th wash to aid in obtaining a sheen to the floor. 10 ml (1 tbs) in 10 Lt of water. (This should be alternated with the TRENA)
- Do not use excessive water. Use a damp not wet mop.
- Avoid abrasive chemical products or harsh micro-fibre cloths as these will damage the new oil-resin-wood layer.

CLEANING WITH MACHINE

With a Scrubber Drier, e.g. a Kärcher BR 90/140 R or a Nilfisk-Alto S. Fill in TRENA PH Neutral Cleaner into the tank in a ratio of 1:1000. Remove any excess with a wet/dry vacuum if necessary.

RENOVATIONS

(if required after the floor has been completed)

It is highly recommended to sand and oil the floors after painting and all trades have finished. If unavoidable, POP 3 paper may be obtained from Australian Flooring Supplies (ph: (03) 9872 4800). This allows the floor to breathe and allow trades to safely work on the surface whilst the paper protects the surface. Alternatively clean cotton sheets or carton (not plastic drop sheets). When this protection is removed vacuum floor with an attachment that has soft bristles and move along the grain of the timber. If this does not remove fine plaster dust, then a final buff with a white pad (non abrasive) may be necessary. Do not wash the floor in the early stages.



CLEANING OF SURROUNDING AREA

If windows or furniture are to be cleaned after the floor has been oiled. Ensure your cleaning contractors are aware that the surface is a natural oil finish and will not tolerate harsh chemical detergents and is sensitive to water in the initial stages. It is strongly advisable to cover the floor with a thick cardboard under where e.g. the windows will be cleaned.

LONG TERM MAINTENANCE

Do not use detergent on the floor.
 Do not pour water directly on the floor.
 Do not use baking soda, ammonia or abrasive cleaners.
 Please be aware that some Micro fibre cloths are extremely harsh and may strip the nutrients/oil from the flooring. Cotton mops or cloths that may be removed and washed are ideal.

REJUVENATION

In areas with heavy traffic it is suggested to rejuvenate the floor annually. Rejuvenation is easily carried out when the floor either looks too dry or does not repel water. No sanding is required therefore no dust is created.
 For rejuvenation applications and hints please see REJUVENATION OF TIMBER FLOORS doc.

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Quality natural paints, oils and varnishes
 Healthy cleaning and household
 Luxury organic bed linen
 Gentle baby care
 Biodegradable bags and tableware

Really green gardening
 Biodegradable disposable nappies
 Water and energy saving
 Select books, stationery and gifts
 Natural personal care