



OILED ENGINEERED WOOD FLOORING

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CLEANING

Engineered wood flooring prefinished with a oil gives it a smooth, easy-to-clean surface. With any wood product it is wise to limit the amount of water that is used and we recommend regular vacuuming to control dust and prevent particles of grit from being walked into the surface.

Periodically the floor can be cleaned with a well-wrung mop or spray mop system (recommended). Use a neutral detergent, maximum pH 8. Please ensure that any water that is applied becomes dry within one minute. A spillage will not mark your floor if you wipe it up immediately.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

There are precautionary measures you can take to ensure a long-life for your beautiful new wood floor:

- **Door Mats**

Keep a door mat both outside and inside entrance doors, this will remove dirt and gravel before it is walked in, which will greatly reduce the wear on your floor. Ensure you clean the mats regularly to keep them effective at removing dirt and grit.

- **Furniture**

Furniture legs should be fitted with felt pads to avoid unnecessary marks and scratches on the floor. Regularly check and clean the felt feet and replace when required. Use castor cups to protect the floor from castor damage.

- **Moisture Protection**

Mop up any spills; never allow water or other liquids to lie on the floor. Please ensure that any water that is applied when cleaning becomes dry within one minute.



HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR FLOOR

An effective maintenance program will keep the floor clean and looking great! The following information is designed to provide a starting point for such a program and is appropriate for both commercial and domestic floors. However, all floors are unique and will require individual assessment as the factors affecting them will vary. Changes in traffic levels and seasonal changes will also need to be taken into consideration, for example, additional matting may be required during periods of snow or heavy rain. The frequency of any maintenance should reflect the use of the floor, and should be altered accordingly.



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AN EFFECTIVE MAINTENANCE REGIME SHOULD CONSIST OF:

DRY CLEANING

Floors should be cleaned daily using dry cleaning methods, such as vacuum or dust control mop, such as a standard anti-static dust mop. This will remove any particles of dust and grit which may scratch the floor seal when trafficked under footwear, chair legs, and other items moved across the floor.

DAMP CLEANING

Soluble dirt should be removed by cleaning using a mop system such as the **Osmo Telescopic Handle with the Osmo Optiset Microfibre Cleaning Kit** – a sturdy mop and set of 3 mop heads that includes a microfibre dust mop head. The removable cleaning head (which is machine-washable) should be replaced periodically to ensure effective maintenance.

The solution to be used for frequent cleaning of oiled wooden surfaces is the **Osmo Maintenance Kit of liquid cleaning solutions** (order ref: HWMKF), which cleans, and refreshes the floor in one operation, without leaching the surface.

NOTE: The Osmo Telescopic Handle, Optiset Microfibre Cleaning Mop Head Kit, and the Maintenance Kit of Liquid Cleaning Solutions are all available from Havwoods and can be purchased individually or together as a complete cleaning solution.

ADDITIONAL CLEANING

Wooden floors often become scratched and dull over time and require reviving. This can be done by preparing the surface and re-applying a ready-to-use solution. This process not only revives dull and scratched surface but will improve wear protection. Please contact your Havwoods consultant to discuss your options further.

THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE FLOOR

Periodically it will be necessary to re-finish previously oiled floors. Depending on the surface condition, the degree of sanding required will vary and in some circumstances the floor will have to be sanded back to bare wood prior to oil application. Removal of all contaminates is required.

NOTE: It is good practice to keep extra boards when your floor is first installed. This allows you to simply replace any damaged boards rather than needing to sand and re-laquere the damaged board.

