



Natural Oil Finish Maintenance Guide

Proper care and maintenance are the key to ensuring that your floors remain aesthetically pleasing for years to come. Floors with a natural oil finish contain penetrating hardening oil that is designed to protect the floor without an actual surface film on top of the wood. This finish allows the wood to give and take moisture in harmony with the surrounding environment. It also provides a surface that is more resistant to dirt and wear when maintained properly.

Installation and maintenance guidelines may be revised periodically as new products develop or reflect changes in industry standards or procedures.

Please visit our website at www.lwfflooring.com to review the most up-to-date documents.

AFTER INSTALLATION

Use paper or cardboard to cover the floor to prevent wear and/or dirt penetration when additional construction is needed. Do **NOT** tape paper or cardboard directly to the floor. After all installation/construction work is completed, vacuum the floor and clean thoroughly using WOCA Oil Refresher.

WOCA Oil Refresher Instructions: Mix solution according to package recommendations and clean with a lightly wrung mop, leaving as little moisture as possible on the floor. Allow the floors to dry 2-4 hours before use. Use the WOCA Oil Refresher White on white oiled floors; use the WOCA Oil Refresher Natural on all other oiled floors.

Only WOCA products (www.woodcareusa.com) are recommended to clean, replenish, and maintain your natural oil finished hardwood floor.

CLEANING

Perform daily, weekly, or monthly maintenance by vacuuming or sweeping. For routine cleaning, use WOCA soap, which contains nourishing coconut fats and soy to aid in dirt and wear resistance.

WOCA Soap Instructions: Mix solution according to package recommendations. It is recommended to work with 2 buckets, one with a soap solution and one with clean water to rinse your mop. Mop solution onto the floor, allowing dirt to dissolve, while being careful to avoid excessive water on the floor. Remove dirty soap water with the hard-wrung mop and rinse in the bucket with clean water. Always wipe the floor with soap water on a hard wrung-out mop in order to re-establish the protective WOCA Soap film. Let dry 30 minutes before using. Never use other cleaning products which can damage your oiled floor. Use the WOCA Soap White on white oiled floors; use the WOCA Soap Natural on all other oiled floors.

REMOVING STAINS AND SCRATCHES

Light scratches are best repaired by hand rubbing WOCA Master Oil or, in some cases, WOCA Maintenance Paste on your floor on the affected area using a cloth.

WOCA Master Oil Instructions: Rub a small amount of WOCA Master Oil on scratch. Leave the oil to absorb for a short period of time before removing the oil from the surface with a clean cotton cloth. Be sure to remove all of the oil on top of the wood and allow the area to dry. Always soak oil-stained rags in water before laying flat to dry and dispose of by following package instructions. Use the WOCA Master Oil White on white oiled floors; use the WOCA Master Oil Natural on all other oiled floors.

Tough stains caused by red wine, coffee, etc. can be removed by using WOCA Spot Remover. Be sure to apply oil to the area after use as Spot Remover may lift oil along with stains.

Spot Remover Instructions: Simply spray the Spot Remover on the spot and leave approximately 5 minutes to dissolve. Wipe or scrub the spot before wiping it clean. If necessary, repeat the treatment. After removing the spot, the floor should be treated with a small amount of WOCA oil.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE

UV oil finished floors should never have to be re-sanded when properly maintained. However, over time it is necessary to apply more oil to your floor and the frequency of oiling applications may differ depending on usage and traffic on the floor. Typically, in a residential application, this is anywhere from 2-5 years after initial installation depending on the use of your floor. Correct maintenance with the use of WOCA products will help to extend the time needed between oil applications.

PROTECTION

A natural wood floor expands and contracts in response to changes in temperature and relative humidity. By controlling the environment, maintaining an adequate temperature and relative humidity, you will minimize the visible effects of the seasonal contraction/expansion, cupping, or gapping of your wood floor.

- Wipe up spills immediately. Never let water stand on wood for any length of time.
- Sweep, vacuum with the beater bar up (no beater bar), or dust mop regularly.
- Do not use cleaning products other than the ones recommended in these instructions or by WOCA.
- Use walk-off mats at entrance doors and in front of sinks and service doorways.
- Install proper felt protectors under the chair and furniture legs.
- Never use any type of tape on your floor.

Information on additional maintenance products and other resources can be found online at www.lwflooring.com