

Care & Maintenance of your Oiled Wooden Floor

In order to maintain the look and finish of your floor, it is important to clean and care for it on a regular basis. In order to maximize the durability of your floor we recommend the following as part of your normal care & maintenance:

- Use interior and exterior doormats at entrances to collect excess moisture, sand, grit etc. Spillage won't mark your floor provided that you wipe it up immediately. Don't allow water to lie on the floor.
- Keep animal nails trimmed to prevent finish scratches.
- Keep the relative humidity in your home between 35% and 55%.
- Remember that wood and water do not mix and the increase in the moisture content of your floor will result in the expansion of the wood causing difficulties with its performance. Therefore only ever use a clean damp mop when wiping the floor after you have swept the floor clean.
- If the floor is very dirty we recommend you use 3 caps of **Loba wax cleaner** in 5 liters of water. First sweep the floor, then use a squeezed mop, it must be just damp - mop towards yourself to avoid smearing dirt over clean areas – Ideally use 2 buckets one with soap water & one with clean water for rinsing out .
Dry floor with a clean soft cloth
- As an annual maintenance treatment the floors should be treated with **Loba Parkett Oil** – it refreshes the floor's finish while removing marks, dirt & other grime. It is easy to apply & retains the matt finish.
- On a tri-annual basis the floors should be treated **Loba Wax Remover** which will remove a buildup layers of wax & thoroughly clean off heavy soil & grime. **Parkett Oil** is then re-applied.
- Protect your floor from direct sunlight.

DONT'S

- **Do not** allow excess liquid to remain on the floor's surface
- **Do not** use soap-based detergents, abrasives cleaners or "clean and shine" products that wax or polish, ammonia-based cleaners, acrylic finishes, bleach or acidic materials such as vinegar.
- **Do not** use rubber, foam back, or plastic mats as they may trap moisture and possibly discolor your floor.
- **Do not** steam clean or use chemicals that may damage the floor surface
- **Do not** use vacuums with beater bars or hard heads while cleaning wood floors.

***Floor cleaning products especially for oiled wood floors can be obtained from Eurofloors Knysna.
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