

# MAINTENANCE FOR HARDWOOD OILED FLOORS



## REMEMBER

Place doormats inside and outside the front door to stop dirt and grit being walked in, which can cause considerable wear. Put protective pads on furniture (not metal feet, which mark wood floors) to avoid unnecessary marks and scratches on the floor.

In rooms where you know water is frequently spilled, and where it may also be left on the floor, we recommend that the floor be treated with Oil Refresher after laying. This seals the joints between the boards and gives better protection against water.

Wood floors expand and contract depending on the ambient climate. To counteract excessive movement, and consequential damage to the floor, maintain a normal room temperature and a relative humidity of 30–60%.

Certain wood species such as Beech and Hard Maple are more susceptible to climatic variations than others.

## CLEANING OILED FLOORS

For daily cleaning, use dry methods such as vacuuming. When necessary, damp-clean the floor with a well wrung-out floor mop. The floor must only become slightly damp.

The film of water formed in this way must dry within one minute.

For the best cleaning results, use pH neutral cleaner. (Maximum pH 8) Do not allow spilt water to be left on the floor, particularly on Beech and Hard Maple floors, which are particularly susceptible to moisture.

The frequency of damp cleaning depends on how much the floor is used and how soiled it gets. Regularly cleaning the floor prevents dirt from adhering to the oiled surface. Unnecessary cleaning using damp methods do more harm than good. This applies particularly to the first few weeks after maintenance with an Oil Refresher.

## REMOVING MARKS

Remove marks as soon as possible using water and a neutral cleaner. If this does not work, remove the mark using a green nylon pad, e.g. Scotch- Brite. After removing the mark, you may need to apply a little Touch-up Oil to the area before applying new Oil Refresher.

## REPAIR OILED FLOORS

UV oil is hardened using UV-light. As it is an industrial method, UV-oil cannot be applied on site. The surface, therefore, cannot be recreated in its original condition.

## PARTIAL REPAIR OF OILED FLOORS

Treat small surface scratches and scrape marks with Oil Refresher.

First fill deep dents, scratches and cracks with Wood filler, then oil with Touch-up Oil.

Boards with major damage can be replaced.