

Timberwise

wooden floors

MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

PUBLIC SPACES - WAX OILED FLOORS

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GENERAL CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Timberwise floors are immediately ready for use after their installation and first clean. The floor will last for decades when appropriately installed, used and cared for. Marks of use are part of a wooden floor's natural character. The degree and types of use must be considered in the maintenance of oil-waxed floorings.

Wood is a hygroscopic material, it will tie up and give up moisture according to the surrounding circumstances. In practice this means that parquet floor is swelling when the relative air humidity increases and shrinking when the relative air humidity decreases. The relative air humidity is the most important factor affecting to the functionality of the parquet floor. The most optimal air humidity for parquet floor is **40 - 60% RH and temperature +18 - 24°C**. Exceeding or going under the recommended values will stress the parquet and will weaken the functionality of the parquet floor. Due to this, Timberwise recommends that the room temperature and relative air humidity will be monitored throughout the year with digital combination meter.

Timberwise floors are easy and simple to maintain when the following main principles are followed:

- appropriate humidity (RH 40-60%) and temperature conditions (+18-24°C), ventilation, air humidifying
- doormats should be placed on both sides of front-doors
- Do not keep wet shoes on parquet. In hallways, plastic mats should be placed under shoes to prevent water damage
- use of a minimal amount of water when cleaning – after wiping, the floor should be dry in one minute!
- immediate stain removal



Maintenance instructions for wax oiled floors

THE FIRST MAINTENANCE OILING IS OBLIGATORY FOR PUBLIC SPACES, AND MUST BE DONE RIGHT AFTER THE INSTALLATION. OPENING THE SPACE FOR USE WITHOUT THE FIRST OILING IS FORBIDDEN!

General

The below intervals are approximate and might need to be shorten or extend depending on the condition of the wooden floor.

• Daily

Clean away the loose dirt, such as dust and sand, from the floor.

The work is done with a vacuum cleaner with a brush tool (not broken), or a dust mop or a soft broom.



• Monthly (or when needed)

FIRST THE CLEANING ACCORDING TO THE DAILY OPERATIONS!

Wash the floor with Osmo Color Wisch-Fix (Wash and Care in English) liquid soap solution (product number 8016). Blend the soap with lukewarm (not too hot) water (mix ratio of 1:3).

Spray the soap/water solution onto the floor. Clean the floor with dust mop or with a single disk floor machine. With a single disk floor machine use a red pad (3M pads are the best quality). Do not use a combination machine. A suitable machine is heavy (30 to 40Kg in weight) with a slow speed (150 to 200 rpm).

Never pour water directly onto the floor as this water will run into the joints between the parquet boards and damage the floor.

Remove the dirty water from the floor with thick clothes or water vacuum cleaner.



OR

• Quarterly

FIRST THE CLEANING ACCORDING TO MONTHLY OPERATIONS.

After the hardwood floor has dried (normally a couple of hours in a heated room in Nordic conditions) the surface needs to be treated with Osmo Hartwachs-Öl Effekt Natural (Color Hard Wax-Oil in English). Check the correct product/color code. The application amount is very small (1.0 ... 1.5 liters per 100m²) and for a professional person it is easy to apply with a single disk machine using a 3M white pad. In some cases this can be done using floor microfiber roller and smoothing with a single disk machine and white 3M pad.

After oiling the floor must be allowed **to dry for a minimum of 12 hours at room temperature, before the surface can be in use.** Please ensure the area is well ventilated during this time.

If you have any questions concerning the cleaning and maintenance, please contact the factory.



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