



# Natural Oil Finish Maintenance

Proper care and maintenance is 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 wood. This finish allows 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 guides may be revised periodically to apply to new products or reflect changes in industry standards.**

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## **AFTER INSTALLATION**

Use paper or cardboard cover to prevent wear and dirt penetration when additional construction is needed. Do **NOT** tape paper or cardboard 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 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](http://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 soap solution and one with clean water to rinse your mop. Mop solution onto floor, allowing dirt to dissolve, while being careful to avoid excessive water on the floor. Remove dirty soap water with hard wrung mop and rinse in bucket with clean water. Always wipe floor with soap water on 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 the 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 area to dry. Always soak oil stained rags in water before lying 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**

Natural 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 use of your floor. Correct maintenance with the use of WOCA products will help to extend the time needed between oiling applications.

## **PROTECTION**

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

- Wipe up spills immediately. Never let water stand on wood for any length of time.
- Do not use any cleaning products other than the ones recommended in these instructions.
- Use walk-off mats at entrance doors and in front of kitchen sink.
- Install proper protectors under chair and furniture legs.
- Never use tape on your floor.

*Information on additional maintenance products and other resources can be found online at [www.lwflooring.com](http://www.lwflooring.com)*