

Maintenance of oiled domestic floors



Bona products have been protecting and maintaining timber floors worldwide for over 100 years. An important part of the Bona system is the ongoing care of the floor. The following information will help you keep your oiled timber floor in good condition and looking great.

Prevention

Preventative measures are very important in maintaining timber floors. Install a good quality mat both inside and outside of external doors. Mats should be as large as possible and able to remove both grit and moisture.

Whenever possible remove your shoes. This will help reduce the amount of dirt brought into the property and potential impact damage from stilettos. In very heavily trafficked areas, such as entrance halls and kitchens, the use of mats should be considered to reduce surface wear. Rugs should be permeable to allow the floor to 'breathe'.

Whilst Bona finishes are designed to provide a sealed surface that is resistant to wear, scuffing and spillage, etc. no surface applied finish system can prevent physical damage to the timber or 'harden' the floor. Indentations in the wood and scratches may be caused by furniture, dropped items, dog claws, etc. and steps should be taken to reduce the possibility of this occurring.

Use felt protective feet on all furniture legs / bases to prevent damage. Similarly make sure that pet's claws are regularly trimmed to reduce the possibility of scratches and indentation.

Cleaning

Clean the floor regularly using dry cleaning methods. Suitable methods include the Bona Spray mop system with the Bona Dusting pad, soft broom or vacuum with a soft brush attachment. Regular removal of surface dirt and sand will prevent the surface from being scratched.

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Do not wet mop a timber floor. Excessive quantities of cleaner / water may damage the floor by causing it to swell, lifting the board edges and leaving the surface uneven. It may also lead to cleaning product residues remaining on the floor after it has been cleaned resulting in a hazy discolouration being evident.

Avoid using household cleaners or polishes on the floor as they may damage the finish and make overcoating more difficult in the future

To remove water soluble dirt, clean using Bona Oiled Wood Floor Cleaner. First dry clean the floor to remove surface dirt, etc. Spray the surface sparingly with Oiled Wood Floor Cleaner and clean using the Bona microfibre Cleaning pad. The mop should be used along the boards wherever possible.

Rinse the Cleaning pads regularly in clean water during use and replace when dirty; Rinsed pads must be well wrung out before use. It is suggested that Cleaning Pads are rinsed or replaced after 10 – 15 m².

Bona Cleaning Pads can be washed at 60°C in a washing machine after use. They can be washed at least 500 times but should not be washed with added conditioner as this affects their effectiveness.

Deep Cleaning

Over time regular cleaning may not remove all the soluble material from the floor or is simply unable to remove spills of some materials. Where a build-up of material has occurred, the floor should be cleaned using Bona Wood Floor Deep Cleaner and the Bona Deep Clean pad.

Bona Deep Cleaner products are based on a hydrogen peroxide formula which brings a greater cleaning power than Bona Wood Floor Cleaner. The oxygenated formula creates micro cleaning bubbles to loosen the dirt, deep clean and lift away the residues.

According to the CDC in the USA, hydrogen peroxide is a stable and effective disinfectant against a wide variety of microorganisms, including many bacteria and viruses, when used on hard, non-porous surfaces.

For the best results dust, etc. should be removed from the floor. Then mop the floor in the normal manner before cleaning with the Deep Cleaner system. Spray an area and let the Deep Cleaner work for a minute. Then wipe the surface using the Bona Deep Clean pad.

Bona Wood Floor Deep Cleaner is safe for occasional use on oiled floors. However, any cleaning with a detergent system will gradually reduce the protection of a penetrating oil finish system. It is recommended that oiled floors are treated with a maintenance application once the surface starts to look dull or worn.

Maintenance

If the floor begins to look slightly dull and worn then the use of a maintenance application of oil should be considered.

Ideally the application of an additional coat of Bona Craft Oil 2K will be carried out before the floor is damaged to a point where a complete refinishing process is required. To refurbish the floor usually all which is required, after thorough cleaning, is to abrade the floor back to an even surface, using a Bona Scrad pad or Diamond Abrasives, and to apply an application of the appropriate finish.