

## Caring for your timber floor

Your new timber floor is a long term investment and with a small amount of regular care and maintenance you can ensure the quality and appearance lasts. Floors with a moisture cure, water-based polyurethane finish usually have 3 coats applied to the timber, so the surface will take time to cure completely. We recommend the following:

### Cleaning for oiled finishes

- > Oiled wood floors need to be cleaned with a specific soap designed to clean and add protective oils. For floors coated with Rubio® Oil we recommend using the Rubio® Monocoat soap, see below for more details. Always use the recommended soap for your particular floor.
- > Its important to avoid using any other type of household detergent, wax, polish, steel wool pad or similar products. These products can leave a surface film or can scratch the floor.
- > Use a good quality lint free floor mop and make sure your mop is thoroughly cleaned after each use.
- > Avoid using steam mops. The heat and moisture from the steam can cause the floor to expand and damage the oil finish.
- > Ensure your mop is well wrung when cleaning the floor. Over wetting can cause the timber to expand.
- > Do not leave any water on the floor surface, a damp clean is sufficient.
- > Do not walk on the floor until it is completely dry.
- > Never pour water directly onto wooden floors. Use a damp cloth or floor mop to remove excess water immediately.

### After the final coat

- > Only walk on the floor with socks on.
- > No shoes for 48 hours.
- > Avoid getting water on the floor for 7-10 days.
- > Do not place furniture, including appliances and rugs on the floor for 7 days.
- > When moving furniture and appliances ensure they are lifted not dragged into place. Fit protective pads to legs as an extra precaution.
- > Keep the areas well ventilated.

### General maintenance tips

- > Mop up any spills immediately as water can damage your floor.
- > Vacuum or sweep your floors regularly using a soft broom or attachment.
- > We recommend mopping your floor every 2-4 weeks using the cleaning product specifically designed for your timber floor.
- > Avoid dirt or grit coming in contact with the floor, remove immediately. Door mats and runners are helpful in trapping dirt and we recommend using them in high traffic areas.
- > Avoid walking on the floor with high heel shoes or stilettos.
- > Ensure you maintain a consistent level of humidity in your home as drastic changes can cause shrinkage and swelling, creating large gaps between boards. A dehumidifier can help with this.

- > Protect your floor from direct sunlight and strong light by using curtains/blinds and moving rugs regularly. Excessive light can cause the wood colour to change.
- > Fit protective pads to furniture legs for extra protection from scratching.

### Cleaning for moisture cure, water-based polyurethane finishes

- > We recommend using Bona® mop to clean your floor, see below for more details.
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- > Avoid using steam mops. The heat and moisture from the steam can cause the floor to expand and damage the finish.
- > Ensure your mop is well wrung when cleaning the floor. Over wetting can cause the timber to expand.

### Bona® Pro series hardwood floor mop

The Bona® hardwood floor mop is recommended for all types of un-waxed, polyurethane finished wood floors and pre-finished or aluminum-oxide floors. This ultimate hardwood floor mop combines Bona's high quality, no residue professional cleaner with a durable, premium spray mop (with washable microfibre pad). It's quick and easy to use, non-toxic and leaves no dulling residue. Contact us for purchase details.

#### Key benefits

- > Safe for wood.
- > No dulling residue.
- > Quick and easy.
- > Durable, ergonomic design.
- > Picks up moisture and dirt, leaving floors clean - with no dulling scratches.
- > The microfibre pad is machine washable and reusable up to 300 times. Avoid fabric softener.
- > Gentle on your floors.

### Rubio® Monocoat soap

Rubio® Monocoat soap is for the regular cleaning of oiled wooden surfaces. It removes all dirt and grease thoroughly without leaving a film and keeps the matte, natural look of the floor. Rubio® Monocoat soap is very concentrated so very economical. Contact us for purchase details. **We offer a free 1L bottle of Rubio® Monocoat soap with every floor that has been coated with Rubio® oil.**