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WAXES

FOR BEAUTIFUL TIMBER, NATURALLY...



Care, Cleaning and Maintenance of Waxed Wooden Floors.

Cleaning in domestic locations:

N.B Your Hardwax finish will take about 10 days to reach its maximum strength, both physically and in its moisture repellent properties. Please refrain from mopping the floor for a week or so and take care to soak up anything spilt on the floor.

Once dry:

- Regularly lift all dirt with broom or vacuum cleaner.
A vacuum cleaner is the easiest and most efficient way of increasing the longevity of a floor finish as it lifts the abrasive particles of sand that grind away at the surface.

Clean regularly with **Whittle Waxes Floor Care** diluted in water. (50ml to 5ltrs of water)



- Put the solution into a spray bottle and mist the floor,
- Clean the floor with a flat rectangular mop, do not use a string mop, and allow to dry.

HEAVY SOILING

- For heavy soiling use of **Whittle Waxes Preparation Cleaner** 25-50ml to 5ltrs of water
- Put the solution into a spray bottle and mist the floor,
- Clean the floor with a flat rectangular mop, do not use a string mop, and allow to dry.
- Care must be taken not to wet the floor excessively,
- *Avoiding penetration of moisture into the joints of the floor boards.*
- Leave the floor to dry for approx. 3hrs.



- Apply a thin coat of **Whittle Waxes Object Oil otherwise known as Repair Wax** with a cotton cloth or buffing machine.
- Allow to dry overnight. The floor is then ready for use again.

NB. Warmth and ventilation will speed up the drying process.

- Cold and humidity may slow down the process.
- For Matte Surfaces use **Matte Object Oil**, for Luster, Classic, Satin and Gloss use the regular **Object Oil**.

Repair:

- A good regular maintenance program will reduce general wear on a floor...
- Very deep scratches or gouges will need professional attention.

Maintenance:

- Marks, fine scratches or more persistent stains can be removed with **Object Oil**.
This should be applied thinly to a dry clean floor and then lightly polished.
Polish by hand on a small area or a floor polisher on a larger one.
- Occasionally freshen up the entire floor surface or hard worn areas.
- Initially cleaning with **Whittle Waxes Floor Care**. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- Apply **Whittle Waxes Object Oil** to the area. Leave for 10 minutes and buff off until dry.



Whittle Waxes Floor Care has a neutral pH value and contains no solvents or dyes. It is manufactured on a base of biodegradable tensides and natural wax of the carnauba palm sustainably harvested.



Whittle Waxes Object Oil

Also known as **Repair Wax**. A versatile product that can be used as a finish, as well as maintenance of existing interior waxed and oiled surfaces.

**Object Oil can leave a higher sheen on matte surfaces. For matte finish, please request a matte Object Oil or matte Repair Wax.*

To protect the floors we recommend...

- Doormats at all exterior doors, to trap dirt and grit from outdoors, before it gets to the floor.
- Encourage of checking the soles of your shoes for gravel and grit caught in the treads.
- All 'moveable' pieces of furniture need soft clean pads on the bottom of legs or supports.
- Rubber feet on items such as dining room chairs.
- Apply floor protector pads to heavy items of furniture.
- Always remember to pick up furniture rather than slide it across the floor.
- Floor guards enable you to move your appliances forward for servicing without gouging your floor.
- Some areas always experience more wear than others (example: under the office chairs)

Use thin non slip protective mats in these areas.

- High heels concentrate a person's weight on a small point (60kg person = approx 150kg per sq. cm when taking a normal step). This kind of force can damage many types of flooring, fracturing ceramic tiles and perforating vinyl, as well as denting wood floors. While high heels in good repair may not damage wood floors, discourage high heels where practical.
- Spills from the food and liquids are usually no problem if wiped up in good time.
- Rugs can be used to minimize damage in high traffic areas.
- Make sure any rugs are kept clean and dry. Have them shaken out and vacuumed regularly.

Other tips:

- Depending on the type of use the floor is getting will depend on the maintenance regime, obviously the kitchen will require more regular maintenance than the bedroom. Heavy soiling can be cleaned as described above, or careful use of a Steam Mop will lift grime without saturating the floor. Use of Floor Care is often enough to keep the floors looking great.
- Work surfaces, tables and Bench tops should be cleaned in the same fashion, using the Floor care as the cleaner, spray the area to be cleaned and wipe dry. The application of Object oil will maintain the Waxes properties and maintain the look and feel of the surface. Treatex exhibits 99.9% antibacterial properties, negating the need to use aggressive detergents.
- Wood floors are very sensitive to their surrounding climate. Seasonal cracking is a common occurrence. They expand in humid conditions and contract when the air becomes dry, usually due to heating. Using a humidifier or dehumidifier in conjunction with heating/cooling system is recommended, to maintain a constant 30-50% humidity level. This will minimise shrinkage and cracking.
- Never place plants directly on a wood floor even if they are in a waterproof saucer. If there is no alternative always use trivets or short stands under the pot and saucer so that air can circulate underneath. This will prevent condensation on the saucer from damaging a wood floor. It will also be easier to see if the plant is over watered or if water has spilled onto the floor.
- Many people are shocked when a rug is moved and there is an outline of the rug on the floor. Luckily there is no need to panic. If you remove the rug completely, the colour will blend eventually but it will take a while. So be patient! This is called oxidation and happens because UV light hits one part of the uncovered floor and does not reach the area of floor underneath the rug.
- A deep scratch or gouge is not always easy to repair. We recommend consulting a professional when the damage exposes the bare wood.

Please always refer to our information sheets on our website.



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