

# CARING FOR YOUR OIL / WAXED FLOOR

*In order to keep your oil/waxed flooring protected and looking well over its lifetime, please follow below guidelines. The recommended Woca care products should be used as they are compatible with the factory applied surface finish:*

## OIL/WAX FINISH

An oil/waxed finish penetrates the timber pores but not as deeply as a natural oiled finish. There can be a slight silk sheen off the finish which will dull down over time. It has a slightly more sealed feel to the surface than a natural oil finish. With an oil/wax finish, it is important to use the recommended maintenance products for the flooring as it provides ongoing protection to the floor surface – essentially feeding the floor.



**WOCA SOAP**

Avg. Coverage: 320-400m<sup>2</sup>/L



**WOCA WOOD CLEANER/STRIPPER**

Avg. Coverage: 200-300m<sup>2</sup>/L



**WOCA HARDWAX OIL**

Avg. Coverage: 8-12m<sup>2</sup>/L

## 1: IMMEDIATELY AFTER INSTALLATION

An application of Woca Soap should be done as first treatment immediately after installation. This comes in a 1 litre or a 2.5 Litre can covering 320-400m<sup>2</sup>/L. This can be applied simply using a mop and bucket. It is important to protect the floor until all renovation works are complete. If the floor has gotten dirty during renovation, a coat of hardwax oil may be required. Please use Woca Wood Cleaner the day before the Hardwax Oil is first applied. The hardwax oil should be applied with a buffing machine as per step 3 below. N.B. Woca Wood Cleaner is a high strength intensive cleaner and is not for general/regular cleaning. It should only be used as outlined above and as per step 3 below.

## 2: ONGOING CLEANING & CARE

Oil Wax floors require ongoing regular cleaning with WOCA Soap to maintain and build up surface protection. This is especially important in first 3-6 months to build up and saturate the surface with soap. Higher traffic areas e.g hallways, kitchen areas will require frequent cleaning. White/Grey tone floors will also require more frequent care. It is recommended to always work with 2 buckets, 1 with soap water and 1 with rinsing water. Mix 125ml of soap with 5ltrs of luke warm water. Clean the floor with the minimum quantity of water. Steam cleaning machines are not suitable for use on all engineered/solid wood flooring.

## 3: RE-OILING & RESTORING YOUR FLOOR

Residentially, the floor will need to be re-oiled every 1-4 years depending on the area and level of use. Commercially the floor will require more frequent oiling again depending on the area and level of use. When the floor needs to be re-oiled, the floor should be first washed with Woca Wood Cleaner. A buffing machine with a white pad can be used for more stubborn marks/stains. The following day a coat of Woca Hardwax Oil is then applied by buffing machine. It takes 1 week for the oil to fully harden. Do not wash the floor for 1 week. After 1 week, please follow Step 2 recommendations above for ongoing cleaning and care of your floor.

*For natural oaks and darker wood floors, use natural finish products.  
For white/grey tone floors, use white finish products.*