

UV Oil Finished Flooring Maintenance Guide

Ecological and environmentally friendly, UV oil contains primarily cold pressed vegetable oils and aromatic hardening oils that penetrate into the surface of the wood floor curing it as well as emphasizing the natural colors of wood. UV Oil Finish allows the natural beauty of the wood to show, as the gloss level is significantly lower than a UV lacquer finish. These oils harden in contact with the wood, forming a protective permanent coat that is thin and flexible so that eventual scratches, dents or even the damage caused by regular use is not as visible and much less noticeable than in high gloss level finishes. Also, the wood can breathe through the oil coat all along its surface, and not just the edges, this will result in a more natural and healthy look of the wood.

UV oiled floors differ from any natural oiled floor because they are cured with UV lights. This option gives the possibility of having a wood flooring that does not require oiling right after installation.

In comparison to urethane finish, UV oiled floors are also easier to repair. Once urethane finish is broken, it is necessary to sand and recoat the entire floor, while in UV oiled floors wiping touch-up oil is enough.

A well cared and maintained wood flooring is an added value to a home and, if treated correctly, can last for many years. Here are some guidelines to give your hardwood floor a proper care to keep it looking its best:

Only WOCA products (www.woodcareusa.com) are recommended to clean, replenish and maintain your UV oil finished hardwood floor. WOCA Soap is a purpose-made quality soap, which due to its nourishing properties quickly closes wood pores and protects against dirt and the penetration of liquids. WOCA Soap is ideal for cleaning and maintenance of all oiled wood surfaces. WOCA Soap White is recommended for light wood species, while WOCA Soap Natural is ideal for dark wood. May be used for the cleaning and maintenance of all known oil systems

WOCA Soap cleaning instruction

- Natural Soap White is shaken carefully before use.
- Mix a cleaning solution with 1/4 cup Natural Soap per gallon of lukewarm water. It is recommended always to work with 2 buckets: one with soapy water and one with rinse water. Clean the floor with minimum quantity of water – leave soapy water on floor briefly in order to dissolve dirt. Remove dirty soapy water with hard wrung out mop or cloth and rinse out in bucket of rinse water.
- Always wipe floor with soapy water with hard wrung out mop in order to re-establish the protective Natural Soap film.

Removing stains and scratches

Light scratches are best repaired by hand rubbing WOCA Master Oil Natural or, in some cases, the matching WOCA Master Color oil on your floor on the affected area using a cloth.

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. Allow to dry.

Tough stains caused by red wine, coffee, etc. can be removed by using WOCA Spot Remover. 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

UV oil finished floors should never have to be re-sanded. However, over time it is necessary to apply more oil to your floor. Traffic patterns or wear areas can be easily eliminated with this step. Typically in a residential application this is anywhere from 5-6 years after initial use of your floor. WOCA Maintenance Oil provides the floor with additional hard wearing properties. Use WOCA Maintenance Oil White on White oiled floors and Maintenance Oil Natural on all others. Follow directions on the label.

Tips for floor protection

- Maintain room temperature at 60-80°F and humidity at 35-55%
- Sweep, vacuum or mop regularly
- Place good quality breathable doormats rugs at the entrance
- Avoid standing water on the floor, wipe up any liquid immediately.
- Prevent scratches by sticking felt pads under the legs of chairs, tables and any other furniture, and avoid dragging when moving them; use protective mat for office chair or comply with EN12529 for the rollers
- If you have pets, trim their claws regularly.
- Use only recommended products to clean and maintain the floor. All purpose cleaners should NOT be used as they can dull your floor's finish or leave a hazy residue.
- Do not pour cleaner directly onto the floor.
- Make sure you have special dirt-trapping floorings in entrance areas
- Rearranging furniture periodically will allow your floor to age evenly.
- Avoid the use of steam cleaners in any kind of hardwood floor, regardless the finish, as it will damage the wood.