

## **(02\_oil\_on)** How to maintain UV oiled floors

### **General Maintenance**

Prevent accumulation of grit and abrasive dust which can scratch and dull the lacquered surface. Do this with regular sweeping and vacuuming and by installing barrier mats such as coir matting inside and outside all external door ways.

Protect all furniture with felt pads to avoid any scratching with movement.

Wipe up any spilled liquids and avoid any standing water or liquid as wood will absorb liquid and expand which could effect the stability of the floor. Any stains should be removed while wet with a clean damp cloth.

Avoid use of any household cleaners. These can be abrasive and damage or dull the surface and can leave a dangerous slippery film.

### **Regular cleaning of UV oiled surfaces using WOCA Natural Soap\***

Natural Soap white is recommended for light wood species, while Natural Soap natural is ideal for dark wood. May be used for the cleaning and maintenance of all known oil systems. Natural Soap is a quality soap, which due to its nourishing properties quickly closes the pores of the wood and protects against dirt and penetration of liquids.

Natural Soap white is shaken carefully before use. 125 ml Natural Soap is mixed into 5 lt of lukewarm water. It is recommended always to work with 2 buckets: one with soap water and one with rinse water. Clean the floor with minimum quantity of water – leave soap water on floor briefly in order to dissolve dirt. Remove dirty soap water with hard wrung mop or cloth and rinse in bucket with rinse water.

Always wipe floor with soap water on hard wrung out mop or cloth in order to re-establish the protective Natural Soap film.

### **Initial and regular maintenance care with WOCA Maintenance Paste\***

Before a new floor is taken into use it is recommended to buff it – both industrially oiled floors and residentially oiled floors. The final buffing provides a hard-wearing surface and may take place either by hand or with machine.

Oiled floors should be maintained regularly – normally once a year, but more often in case of floors exposed to extremely hard wear.

#### **Cleaning**

Clean the floor with 125 ml Wood Cleaner mixed into 5 l water. Leave the floor to dry for at least 8 hours. The floor must be completely dry. In case of extreme dirt scrub floor manually using a pad or by machine. Wipe clean with mop or cloth. Always wipe a second time in order that as little water as possible remains on the surface. Repeat cleaning procedure if necessary.

#### **Tip**

**Always work with two buckets – one with Wood Cleaner mixed with water and one with rinse water.**

#### **Application**

Leave the floor to dry for at least 8 hours after cleaning. The floor must be completely dry. Apply thin coat of Maintenance Paste onto 1-2 m<sup>2</sup> floor at the time with a white polishing pad or a cotton cloth. Use a floor machine for the distribution of Maintenance Paste for large areas

#### **Polishing**

Make sure that the Maintenance Paste is polished uniformly into the wood. Buffing continues until the wood appears saturated and silk-mat. Apply more paste if necessary.

#### **Final polishing**

If a very mat finish is required, make buffing with cotton cloths under polishing pad.

Let surface rest for 4 hours. Do not expose floor to water for 48 hours after finishing.

#### **Important note:**

**Risk of self-ignition: Due to the risk of self-ignition it is important that sanding dust and oilwetted cloths are soaked in water and disposed of in a tightly closed container after use.**

### **Occasional care and maintenance of oiled wood floors using WOCA Oil Refresher\***

1. Shake the bottle of WOCA oil refresher well before use.

2. The floor must be free from dust before treatment.

3. Mix WOCA Oil Refresher into lukewarm water:

– For traditionally oiled floors: 1:20 (250 ml WOCA Oil Refresher into 5 litres of water).

– For UV-oiled and oil-waxed floors: 1:40 (125 ml WOCA Oil Refresher into 5 litres of water).

The mixture ratio can vary depending on wear and requirement.

4. Use two buckets – one with WOCA Oil Refresher mixed into water and one with rinse water. At first, dip the floor cloth or mop into the Oil Refresher mixture and clean the floor with the light wrung cloth or mop lengthwise of the floor. Then rinse the cloth or mop in clear water, wring hard and dip it into the Oil Refresher mixture again. This time the cloth or mop needs to be extremely hard wrung before wiping the floor again lengthwise of the floor, in order to leave as little moisture on the floor as possible. It is recommended to clean an area of approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup> at the time. By doing it this way the floor is exposed to moisture only for a short period.

5. Leave the floor to dry for approx. two hours before use.

6. If a light shine is wanted, polish the dry floor with a white pad.

**TIP**

**Always work with two buckets – one with Oil Refresher mixed with water and one with rinse clear water.**

WOCA Oil Refresher Natural is typically used for natural oiled and colour oiled floors, and WOCA Oil Refresher White for white oiled wood floors.

WOCA Oil Refresher combines efficient cleaning with re-oiling, as additional oil is penetrating into the wood forming a mat protective layer on the surface.

**\*For more information on WOCA maintenance products contact your local V4 distributor.**