



URBANE LIVING

WOOD FLOORING CARE & MAINTENANCE

The importance of Maintaining a suitable environment

As it is a natural material, wood reacts to changes in ambient conditions. Maintaining this environment is the key to your parquet's long life and good condition.

An RAH (relative air humidity) of 45% to 60% represents an ideal environment for timber floors. In winter, artificial room heating tends to make the flooring shrink, which can lead to splitting. Use special humidifiers to prevent the air in the rooms becoming too dry. Hygrometers and thermometers should also be used to keep an eye on room conditions.

Room temperature should be kept at 15-30°

If using under floor heating, temperature of the wood floor must not exceed 27° Please ensure your installer has adjusted the settings to limit the heat output.

Tips to caring for your wood floor

Caring for a pre-finished parquet involves just a few simple rules:

- Use entrance mats to removed grit and dirt from shoes
- Use a broom or vacuum cleaner for daily cleaning, and stains should be removed with a damp cloth.
- Only ever use the recommended cleaners, NEVER ammonia-based products.
- Wear is an inevitable characteristic of a living material such as wood but, over time, it actually contributes to the floor's beauty by creating a 'lived in' feel. Accidental damage can be avoided by sticking felt pads onto the base of chair legs and any other furniture that is often moved around.
- Areas which are most frequently walked over, such as doorways and hallways, can be protected with rugs; flower and plant pots should be provided with suitable bases to prevent water spilling out of them.

Natural Oiled Floors

Routine Cleaning:

- Wipe with a damp mop or cloth using diluted PH balanced Neutral Cleaner. Work on one area at a time, rinsing the mop or cloth regularly. It should always be well wrung out to avoid getting the wood to wet. A buffing machine fitted with a micro fibre cleaning pad is also suitable.
- Frequency: From once a week on light-traffic floors to daily cleaning in high-traffic areas.

Maintenance:

- Deep cleaning and if present remove wax build up
- Refinish with maintenance oil
- Frequency: Every 1 or 2 years on light-traffic floors to every 6 months in high-traffic areas.

Suggested products – always test a small area first:

- Wax removers – L94, Bona wax remover, Liberon Floor Cleaner
- Natural oil cleaner – Bona Cleaner, Osmo Wash & Care, Treatex cleaner
- Natural Oil maintenance oil – Bona Oil Care, Marbec Velux, Blanchon Universal Maintenance Oil