



Maintenance procedures for Baltic Wood product - oiled surfaces

General information

The Floor you selected has an oil finish and therefore require a special treatment with dedicated products. Use of any other products to clean and maintain your oiled floor may void your Guarantee.

Baltic Wood requires that after initial installation, a thin coat of Polyx®-Oil (Hard Wax Oil) be applied to your floor in order to give a light coat of additional protection.

1. Preventive actions

- 1.1. Doormats must be definitely installed. A mixture of water and grit combined with intensive usage brings the same results as abrasion with abrasive paper. Make sure that doormats are big enough, i.e. allow effective removal of grit and water as well as their structure allow right absorption of grit and water
- Keep the doormats clean, replace or clean them from time to time.
- 1.2. Use protective pads. Pads made of felt adhered under the legs of chairs and furniture protect the surface of the floor from scratches. Make sure that the applied pads are designed to protect wood floors.
- 1.3. Do not expose the floor to water. In the case of water spill, wipe the floor immediately!
- 1.4. Relative humidity of the room where the floor is installed and later used should be approx. 30-60% (use of an effective humidification system is recommended).
- 1.5. Remove spills immediately by using a soft dry cloth. Keeping floors free of grit and dirt will prolong the finish of your floor.
- 1.6. Exposure to the suns UV rays will cause wood to fade and change color. We recommend that you rearrange rugs and furniture periodically so that your floors age evenly.

2. Regulary cleaning

- 2.1. Every day - at the end of the day, floor needs to be cleaned.
- 2.2. Regulary cleaning include:
 - a) daily cleaning must be based on vacuuming the floor to remove dust, sand and dirt from the surface.
NOTE: NEVER USE A BEATER BAR HEAD ON YOUR VACUUM OR A STEAM VACUUMER.
 - b) once a week the floor should be washed to remove most day to day stains. To do so, use water with the addition of *Baltic Protect System™ Concentrated cleaning agent for oiled wood floors* (OSMO Wisch Fix/Wash and Care no. 8016) and apply using a damp micro mop.
Proportion: 1 cup of concentrate agent to 1 litre of lukewarm water.
This solution delicately cleans and cares for the floor, especially when used regularly. Finally (if necessary) the floor should be wiped dry.
The container should be shaken before use, to mix the contents thoroughly.
Always work with two buckets: one with detergent, second only with water to rinse a mop.
Use of concentrate: approx. 1000 sqm from 1 litre.



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NOTE: NEVER USE A STRING MOP (IT LEAVES TOO MUCH MOISTURE ON SURFACE)

- c) problematic, difficult to remove stains can be easily removed using *Baltic Protect System™ Agent for revitalizing oiled wood floors* (for transparent oil or for white oil) (OSMO Liquid Wax Cleaner no. 3029 or 3087). We recommend you wipe the dirty parts of the floor hard with a cloth or cushion soaked in this agent (or a sponge in the case of oak floors). Use directly to the effected area.



Do not use alcohol based products for cleaning your floor!



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3. Periodical refreshing and intensive cleaning

3.1. Depending on the scale of usage of the floor, surface must be periodically cleaned more intensively and refreshed.

3.2. Preparation for refreshing oil-coated wooden floors can also be used to refresh floors if they begin to take on a matt, worn appearance. Use of refreshing agent is especially justified in certain places such as around doors or on 'pathways'. Apply the preparation thinly and undiluted using a non-teaselling cloth on the washed and dry floor surface and then buff lightly. After this is done, the places thus cleaned will perfectly match the rest of the surface.



3.3. In the case of visible wear of the surface it is suggested to refresh the floor with a one-off coating of *Baltic Protect System™ Agent for revitalizing oiled wood floors* (for floors covered in transparent oil or for white oiled floors) ([OSMO Liquid Wax Cleaner no. 3029 or 3087](#)). Floor must be damp washed previously with *Concentrated cleaning agent* (see 2.2.b).

It is highly recommended to refresh the surface at least twice a year.

For partial renovation (depending on requirements) the degree of polish of the renewed areas should be evened out with that of the rest of the surface. To do so it is recommended that you polish the freshly renewed areas (completely dry) with preparation for renewing oil coated wooden floors.

Use of agent: approx. 100 sqm from 1 litre.

Drying time: approx. 2 hours

4. Large surfaces and public areas

4.1. Cleaning techniques for public areas are the same as for private although the frequency must be increased.

4.2. In order to give floors located in busy places (e.g. restaurants, shops, offices) a durable resistance, areas need to be damp mopped daily.

4.3. Larger surfaces may be maintained by single disc machine with white pad. After using machine, remove dirt from surface immediately using a lint free cotton cloth!

4.4. When damp washing, please add *Baltic Protect System™ Concentrated cleaning agent for oiled wood floors* ([OSMO Wisch Fix/Wash and Care no. 8016](#)) to the water to avoid lime scale deposits forming. The floor should then be wiped dry. Particularly lasting and troublesome stains can be removed with the help of Preparation for renewing oil coated wooden floors.

4.5. After cleaning and drying the surface, places which are particularly heavily used (especially 'pathways') should be cared for regularly with *Baltic Protect System™ Agent for revitalizing oiled wood floors* ([OSMO Liquid Wax Cleaner no. 3029 or 3087](#)).

5. Preparation for renewing oil coated wooden floors

Renovation:

5.1. Apply a thin coating of the aforementioned *Baltic Protect System™ Agent for revitalizing oiled wood floors* ([OSMO Liquid Wax Cleaner no. 3029 or 3087](#)) onto the clean (use Concentrated cleaning agent ([OSMO Wisch Fix/Wash and Care no. 8016](#))) and dry surface of the coating (mop, microfibre, cotton cloth). This should be done in order to avoid trampling of the coating applied.

5.2. After 2 hours the surface is ready to use. To get a lustre, the dry surface should be polished (white pad, felt, cotton rag). It is important that this agent should be applied to intensively used surfaces where the hard wax coating has been damaged. This should be repeated 2-3 times per year for normal domestic use.

5.3. In high-traffic public use (restaurants, shops, dance halls), application of the above-mentioned agent can be necessary up to once a week.



When applying the renewing preparation on larger surfaces a buffing machine with one white polishing pad may be used.

5.4. To retain the original surface properties over years you must renew the worn surface areas using various Osmo Polyx®-Oil products from OSMO GmbH (appropriate to the original finish). First clean the floor surface thoroughly, as above, allow to dry thoroughly and then apply a very thin coat of Polyx®-Oil. This operation is recommended to be done by experienced specialist.



It is recommended to use this procedure once per few years in private objects.

Recommended application – manually – 30g/sqm (the use of polishing machine is not recommended).

Use of agent: approx. 30 sqm from 1 litre. Average drying time – approx. 12 hours.