

for oiled/waxed hardwood floors with ClassicOil impregnations according to DIN 18356

Having had its surface treated, the wood has acquired a protection and thanks to that became mostly impervious to water penetrating into. Depending on the traffic all floor protection coats are subject to natural wear. For this reason floors need not only cleaning, but regular maintenance too in order to protect the floor from penetrating water. Beyond that, the correct maintenance refreshes the floor's appearance.

The warranty for the surface finish and the wood floor is valid only when the maintenance system as specified by the wood floor manufacturer is obeyed.

General advice

Wood is one of nature's own products. The build and the structure of the wood lend the wood floor its natural touch. Its treatment by oiling or waxing does not impair the wood's breathability. It expands and shrinks and permanently adapts to the humidity in the room air. In the heating period the relative humidity drops considerably. The wood reacts to that of necessity, dispenses own humidity; it shrinks. Optically this can be perceived in the widened joints in the hardwood floor. The longer the heating period, and the higher the temperature in the room that much drier the room's air will be and that much wider the joints will be. The widest joints can be expected at the end of the heating period. Conversely, at the end of the summer, because of the high humidity, they will be, as a rule, the smallest or they will disappear altogether. At about 20°C-23°C and 50%-60 % relative humidity the ideal room climate will be established. The people's well-being and the maintenance of value of the floor make it necessary to look after and adhere to a healthy room climate. In order to counteract the widening of the joints in the winter season, electric humidifier must be operated. Additionally, a sufficient number of room plants can influence the room climate in a positive way.

Too-dry air is physiologically critical too: The well-being in too-dry air is impaired, it dries the mucous membranes and thereby increases the infection proneness.

Tables and chair legs must be equipped with suitable felt pads. In case chairs with rolls are being used only soft rolls as per EN 12529 or suitable chair mats (e.g. of polycarbonate) shall be used. Dirt being carried onto the wooden floor can be reduced by clean-run zones. Permanent exposure to water should be avoided.

As the optimum maintenance for oiled areas, after the usual waiting interval, we recommend this:

Maintenance cleaning

The intermediate or maintenance cleaning is effected every time the wood floor gets dirty. First the bigger dirt is removed with a mop, hair broom or vacuum cleaner, since this dirt has the same effect as sanding paper; so it must be immediately removed. Fine dirt and dust are removed with a fog-damp mopping unit or cloth, with BRILLIANCE BIOSOAP being admixed – 2 cups (about 300ml) for 10 litres. The floor is not to be swamped over with water. How often the intermediate cleaning is effected depends on the desired cleanness of the wood floor. Alternatively, our product BRILLIANCE NEUTRALCLEANER is suitable for maintenance cleaning in conjunction with our BERGERTOOL SPRAYMOP COMFORTCLEAN.

Maintenance

For the initial and all-out maintenance, use our Brilliance AquaOilCare product. It is the water-based, non-polishing everyday care product based on oil and wax emulsion for oil impregnated wooden surfaces. Shake it well before use, it is very easy to apply and offers a beautiful matt wooden surface with long-lasting care effect. It also protects the surface against daily wear, such as marks from walking and scratches. Smaller scratches are covered and "healed". To effect everyday cleaning and simultaneous maintenance, add 0.2 to 0.3 litres of BRILLIANCE AQUAOILCARE to 8-10 l of mopping water. Mop the floor with well-wrung, fog-damp floor cloth or gauze cloth. Use in alternation with Brilliance Neutral Cleaner.

An all-out maintenance can also be effected with the water-based wax emulsion BRILLIANCE AQUASATINPOLISH. There is an exception to this. If CLASSIC HARDOIL has been applied, the care must be carried out with BRILLIANCE EVERCLEAR. This is recommended in particular for areas with little up to normal traffic. When doing this, the care product gets well shaken and is uniformly applied in a thin coat by help of our BERGERTOOL CARE APPLICATOR together with a folded rag or with a soft woolen cloth. It dries giving a mat shine; after having dried it can be buffed with a buffing machine and a white pad. BRILLIANCE AQUASATIN POLISH, diluted, can be used for maintenance care. For this, to effect everyday cleaning and simultaneous maintenance, add 0.2 to 0.3 litres of BRILLIANCE AQUASATINPOLISH to 8-10 l mopping water; mop the floor with well-wrung, fog-damp floor cloth or gauze cloth.

As an alternative, the floor can be maintained with the solvent-based wax care BRILLIANCE FITPOLISH. Simply let the FITPOLISH drip onto the floor and buff with a rag or white pad.

In case the maintenance shall be effected with an oil-wax care product in high-traffic areas it can be done with BRILLIANCE OILCARE. Simply let the care product drip onto the floor and uniformly buff with a rag or a white pad, without leaving any residue. It's important to let the care film harden one day during which time nobody shall walk on the floor. In case of coloured floors this can be done optionally using a mixture of BRILLIANCE OILCARE and of the respective CLASSIC BASEOIL COLOR (recommended MR 1 l:0.125 l).

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How often the floor should be maintained depends on the room's usage, the water exposure and the floor's appearance.

- In rooms with little traffic and mainly dry cleaning, such as bedrooms and sitting rooms, it is sufficient to do the maintenance about once a year.
- Heavily used floors (as in e.g. restaurants, schools and barracks) and floors often exposed to water (which are wet-cleaned often or are situated in entry areas) accordingly must be maintained much more often.

Basic cleaning

A basic cleaning becomes necessary when due to frequent and too-thickly applying of the care product used unacceptable coats build up, or the dirtied care film cannot be removed by the maintenance cleaning mentioned above. Areas with open pores, in particular, will require a basic cleaning also in those cases when dirt penetrated into the wood pores and the normal maintenance cleaning is not sufficient any more. Additionally, a basic cleaning is recommended before the floor is re-oiled.

If spots shall be removed or a basic cleaning is to be effected, our product BRILLIANCE BIOSOAP is recommended. It is diluted with water at the ratio 1:5, applied to the floor with a mop applicator and rubbed into with a brush or a green pad. After that, the floor is to be mopped and to be left to dry thoroughly. Because of the water's effect on the wood it is recommended to basic-clean the floor section after section.

After the basic cleaning the floor must be oiled again!

Re-oiling

After the basic cleaning it is absolutely necessary that an initial floor care be effected. Furthermore the floor must be re-oiled when the initial impregnation got trodden away because of traffic and cleaning, or for that matter leached out.

BRILLIANCE OILCARE in dependence on the absorption, is either dabbed or troweled onto the dry floor and buffed uniformly and without leaving any residue with the one-disc machine. If the floor has cracks or joints in the parquet, you should refrain from filling the care oil, in this case it should be placed directly on the white pad and evenly distributed with the single-disc machine. After that the floor must be left to dry/rest for 24 hours before the next use. Optionally CLASSIC PLUS can be used.

Floors oiled with coloured oil can be re-impregnated in the originally applied colour shade with CLASSIC BASEOIL COLOR. CLASSIC BASEOIL COLOR is applied with the trowel and buffed without leaving any residue with the one-disc machine and the white pad. After that the floor must be left to dry/rest for 24 hours before the next use. Optionally CLASSIC PLUS can be used.

After the re-oiling it is recommended to effect a new initial floor care with a care product, as described above.

Since it is very rare that the end consumer has a one-disc machine available to do the buffing it is possible to arrange a maintenance agreement with the wood flooring contractor. The expert examines the floor together with the customer once a year, does, if necessary, the basic cleaning and effects the after-treatment (re-oiling). This is comparable to regular servicing one's car in a garage.

Please pay attention to the technical data sheets too!

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| <p>Your floor was oiled/waxed on: _____</p> <p>with Berger-Seidle _____.</p> <p>In the event of subsequent treatment, please submit these instructions to us together with the technical data sheet so that the correct treatment can be selected.</p> | <p>Presented by your speciality store:</p> |
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