

Maintenance Guide for Oiled Wood Floors

NB: This guide applies to floors treated with traditional oils such as Bona Craft Oil or Bona 90/45, Bona Hardwax Oil and floors factory pre-finished with oil. For floors treated with varnish/lacquer please refer to our 'Maintenance Guide for Lacquered Wood Floors'.

Preventative Maintenance

Abrasive particles of dirt and grit trafficked on to a wooden floor finished with oil can be very damaging and seriously shorten the lifespan of any treatment. Matting placed at external entrances can be highly effective at prolonging the appearance and life of the floor whilst reducing the frequency of refurbishment. It is important that matting is of a type which allows abrasive particles to drop through it rather than remain on the surface where it can then be tracked on to the floor. Matting should be large enough, ideally, to allow two steps across it but, as a general recommendation, the mat should be as large as is practical. Periodically matting should be thoroughly cleaned. A dirty mat is ineffective and can act as a 'reservoir' of abrasive particles.

How to look after your floor

The following information is designed to provide a starting point for a maintenance programme and is appropriate for both commercial and domestic floors. However, all floors are unique and will require individual assessment because factors such as changes in traffic levels and weather will vary.

An effective maintenance regime should consist of:

- 1. Dry Cleaning:** Floors should be cleaned daily using dry cleaning methods, such as vacuum, scissor mop or soft broom. It is important to remove any abrasive particles of grit and dirt which may scratch the surface when trafficked under footwear, chair legs, and other items moved across the floor.
- 2. Damp Cleaning:** For larger/commercial floors soluble dirt should be removed by using diluted Bona Soap and a spray buff system or scrubber drier. Smaller/domestic floors can be cleaned using our ready to use Bona Wood Floor Cleaner/Bona Spray Mop. When using a buffing system the machine should be fitted with a tan pad. A red pad can be used on floors which are very dirty. Coarser pads should be avoided as they may damage the surface. All cleaning materials should be replaced periodically to ensure effective maintenance.
- 3. Ongoing Maintenance:** Floors finished with traditional oils (Bona Craft Oil, Carls 90/45) should be maintained by buffing in Bona Care Oil and the frequency will depend upon the environment and how often the floor is used. In homes once each year may be sufficient. Commercial areas may need treating once each month. To add further moisture resistance to a floor treated with traditional oils the surface can also be treated with Bona Wax Oil Refresher.

Newly Finished Floors

One of the benefits of an oiled floor is that it can be put back in to use faster than a floor treated with lacquer. However it is best to wait around 24 hours before putting the floor back in to full use or replacing heavy furniture etc in a busy, commercial environment.



Bona Soap

A slightly alkaline cleaner that includes additives to nourish the surface and replace the material removed during the cleaning process. Bona Soap is suitable for use in homes as well as commercial/public areas. NB: Do not use this product on floors treated with Bona Hardwax Oil or UV pre-finished oiled floors.

Application: After removing loose dust/grit from the floor with a vacuum, scissor mop or broom, shake the container well before diluting with water. Clean the floor along the grain using a well wrung out cloth or mop. For very dirty floors the use of a buffing machine with a red pad is recommended.

Dilution: 0.2 litre/10 litres water



Bona Care Oil

Made from a mixture of vegetable oils, Bona Care Oil is designed for the maintenance of previously oiled floors in homes or public/commercial areas. Bona Care Oil offers excellent penetration and produces very little odour. NB: Do not use this product on floors treated with Bona Hardwax Oil or UV pre-finished floors.

Application: Bona Care oil is ready to use and should be distributed thinly with a Bona Wool Pad or cotton cloth fitted under a buffing machine. Surplus oil should be removed before allowing to dry for a minimum of 12 hours.



Bona Wood Floor Cleaner

A ready to use, safe formulation which leaves a streak-free finish on all types of wood and other hard floors. Particularly suitable for cleaning wood floors that are pre-finished with UV oil or treated with Bona Hardwax Oil. Available in 1L spray as well as 4L refill pack.

Application: After removing loose dust/grit from the floor with a vacuum or broom, spray and wipe along the grain using a well wrung out cloth or mop. Alternatively use a Bona Spray Mop fitted with a refillable cartridge of Bona Wood Floor Cleaner.



Bona Wax Oil Refresher

A maintenance product for all oiled floors to provide for for increased protection against water and spills. Bona Wax Oil Refresher is made from a concentrate of natural oils and waxes, is fast drying and produces very little odour. NB: In certain circumstances the use of this product may increase the sheen level of the floor.

Application: Bona Wax Oil Refresher is ready to use and should be applied thinly using a Bona Wool Pad or a stainless steel trowel. Any surplus should be removed immediately using cotton cloth and the floor should be allowed to dry for a minimum of 12 hours.



Bona Deep Clean System

The Bona Power Scrubber and Deep Clean Solution are designed to remove the toughest dirt and grime from wooden floors. The two counter-rotating brushes are specially designed for use on wooden floors and are highly effective even on rough or brushed surfaces and boards with bevelled edges.



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