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INSTALLATION GUIDE:
OILED WOOD
FLOORING

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES FOR OILED WOODEN FLOORS

Natural Oil – Pre-Oiled or On-Site finished

All natural oil finished floors should immediately be maintained, using the correct treatment, upon installation.

An oiled floor is an environmentally sound choice, as the penetrating oil is absorbed in the wood fibres and cells and hardens the floor to a considerable depth. It is surprisingly resistant to impact and, importantly, easy to maintain. Unless there is substantial mechanical damage (individual planks or sections can be substituted), the oiled floor will not require re-sanding to restore it to its original condition. This means that your floor can literally last a life-time.

Buffing and maintenance after installation

Often you will be required to buff a newly-laid natural oiled floor for the first time, it must be cleaned beforehand. Buffing makes the surface more hardwearing and adds protection. This treatment can be carried out either buffing machine and maintenance oil. Make certain that during this period the floor remains water-free since it is necessary for the oil to harden completely.

Refurbishment and maintenance

Oil-treated floors need to be treated with maintenance oil at regular intervals. This would be annually for floors subject to normal wear and more frequently for floors subject to greater wear. Maintenance should ideally not be restricted to just those areas which are subject to the greatest wear, but should be treated on the whole surface.

Regular maintenance with soap (natural or white)

We recommend that during the first month you give your floor a soaping once a week. Natural soap, formulated for wooden floors, dissolved in water removes dirt and provides all floors with a protective surface. Use as little water as possible when cleaning the floor and remove water that has not dried after 5 minutes. Do not walk on the floor until it is completely dry (about 15 minutes). Subsequently, you can soap it as need arises, when the floor is dirty or has a dry look. In between, you can sweep or vacuum-clean the floor. Never clean your oiled floor with only clean water!

Stain and excessive soap residue

Special cleaners are available for particularly stubborn stains such as grease, red wine, blood, coffee stains etc. Occasionally (about once a year) a wood cleaner is needed to remove excessive soap residue as well as stubborn dirt spots. Afterwards apply a coat of maintenance oil and then treat with natural soap for wooden floors, ref. above.

To avoid risk of combustion, the pieces of cloth that are drenched in oil must be soaked/wetted thoroughly in water before being disposed off in a tightly closed container after use.

Changing the colour of your oiled floor

In order to change the colour of the floor you will need to sand down the floor to the original colour. This process is very technical so we suggest contracting in only qualified tradesman to perform this work. Always ensure you are happy with your sample before going ahead with the finishing.

Warranty Details

- Normal and reasonable wear and tear of the flooring is not covered by our warranty
- Fading of stains and normal wearing of protective coats is not covered by our warranty
- Sub-standard installation is not covered under the warranty
- We cannot be held responsible for an inadequate sub-structure of the base upon which our product is laid.
- Water or moisture damage is not covered under the warranty and is null and void