

Natural oil finished floors have a very different appearance from traditional UV finished or polyurethaned floors. Over time, as applications of oil and maintenance occur the floors will tend to look better as it ages and develops a rich patina.

Natural Properties

Fading: Natural floors contain organic pigments and are subject to fading when exposed to direct sunlight. Where possible, use drapes or other systems to protect your floor from excessive light.

Joints: A natural plank floor system expands and contracts in response to fluctuations in temperature and humidity. By controlling the environment, maintaining an adequate temperature and relative humidity, you will minimize the visible effects of the seasonal contraction and expansion of your floor. Optimum recommended temperature is 68°F – 72°F and relative humidity is 30% - 50%. *In very dry climates, the use of a humidifier might be necessary.*

To purchase recommended maintenance products, see your USFloors Authorized Retailer or click on the “Floor Care Shop” link at www.usfloorsllc.com.

- **AFTER INSTALLATION:** Clean the floor thoroughly with a floor soap diluted in water, per instructions on bottle.
 - Floor soap is available in natural and white and can be purchased through an authorized USFloors retailer or online at www.usfloorsllc.com.
 - Perform normal daily or weekly cleaning by vacuuming or dry mopping grit, dust etc.
- **ROUTINE MAINTENANCE WITH FLOOR SOAP:**
 - For proper application of floor soap, follow instructions on bottle.
- **PRIOR TO APPLYING MAINTENANCE OIL**
 - When dullness occurs in the floor or it starts to show wear patterns, it is time to apply a coat of maintenance oil.
 - It is sometimes not necessary to recoat the entire floor but only the affected areas.
- **INTENSIVE CLEANING REQUIRED PRIOR TO APPLYING MAINTENANCE OIL**

Intensive cleaning of oil finished floor is required prior to applying maintenance oil.

DO NOT USE FOR ROUTINE CLEANING.

 - Remove dust and loose dirt using a vacuum cleaner.
 - Mix and apply intensive cleaning solution according to instructions on bottle.
 - Once the floor has completely dried, you may begin an application of the maintenance oil. **Caution: If the floor has not completely dried, mildew could form in moisture trapped under the oil. We recommend letting the floor dry for several hours before the application of oil.**
- **APPLYING MAINTENANCE OIL**

Maintenance oil is suitable to touch-up, re-oil and renovate indoor floors finished with natural oils.

 - Apply maintenance oil according to instructions on bottle or packaging.
 - After application, leave the floor to dry thoroughly (six to eight hours), before walking on the floor.
 - Wait at least 48 hours before cleaning the floor.
- **REMOVING STAINS, SCRATCHES AND BURNS**

To remove shoe marks, and light stains:

 - Clean spot or stain with intensive cleaning solution following instructions on bottle.
 - Apply a small amount of maintenance oil on a cloth and cover the area.
 - Let dry and rub with a polishing cloth.
 - Sand down deep scratches or burns to an even surface with an abrading sponge or with sandpaper.
 - After this, always restore the surface using maintenance oil.

▪ **PROTECTION**

- To help eliminate fine particles of dirt/grit that act like sandpaper and will scratch any floor, vacuum or sweep as needed.
- Wipe up spills immediately.
- Use walk-off mats at entrance doors and in front of kitchen sink. Avoid rubber backed or other non-ventilated mats or rugs.
- In possible reoccurring wet spill areas, such as a sink, use a rug in front of those working areas to prevent local premature wear.
- Install proper protectors under "feet" of furniture.
 - Furniture will require different types of protectors in order to achieve maximum weight distribution.
 - Resilient pads such as those made of felt, flexible rubber, and saucer-shaped plastic glides will work for most furniture.
 - Caster wheeled chairs should have wide casters. A protective mat should be used under office chairs.
- Maintain humidity level of 30% - 50% in the room.
 - If necessary, use a humidifier.
- Never use tape or other adhesive products on this surface.
- Periodically check floor for signs of wear.
- When signs of wear are visible, it is time to repair your floor with an application of maintenance oil.