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## Cleaning & Maintenance Instructions for Hard Wax Oil Finish Floors

It is imperative that you look after your timber floor with the correct cleaning and maintenance products. Following a few simple maintenance procedures will keep your timber flooring in excellent shape for a long period of time.

### Preventative Maintenance

- + Wood prefers gentle soles. Do not allow people to wear spiked heels on the floor, this will damage even the hardest wood and finish. Preferably a shoes off policy is best.
- + Avoid scratches. Pet claws should be properly trimmed at all times.
- + Sweep or vacuum frequently. Most damage caused to wood flooring is caused by debris that is walked on.
- + Felt protectors. Place felt protectors under all furniture to protect timber surface
- + Entrance mats. Place at entrances to remove dirt and dust off feet. Preferably outside the door.

### Cleaning your timber floor

- + Sweep or vacuum prior to cleaning to remove any surface dust or dirt
- + Clean using a spray mop, microfibre pad and the correct cleaning solution for your finish. Clean your floor in the direction of the boards.
- + Never wet-mop your floor, and always clean up spills and standing water as soon as possible.
- + Never use a steam mop, the combination of heat and moisture will break down the surface coating and damage the timber.

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An oiled floor can be vacuumed or treated with a dry mop. Never allow an oiled floor to get too wet. An oiled floor must also be regularly fed.

### Regular Cleaning

- + The protection of a wooden floor can be increased by regularly treating the floor with Ciranova Flooring Soap. Mix half a capful of soap to 1 litre of water in the bottle of the spray mop.
- + Using the trigger handle spray the cleaning solution onto the floor and with a clean microfibre pad on the mop, move in the direction of the wood grain.
- + Once the microfibre pad is dirty, rinse in clean water or pop into washing machine.
- + Ciranova Flooring Soap contains only natural ingredients and will nourish the wood with every use.

### Intensive Cleaning

- + As required - approx every 1-3 years depending on use
- + If an oiled floor becomes dull and dirty, soap residue and dirt are visible and the floor appears 'dry' or 'thirsty' it is better to rinse the floor with Ciranova Intensive Cleaner and apply the maintenance oil.
- + Mix the solution 1/20 into your spray mop and clean your floor. If it is particularly dirty you can use it more concentrated. Afterwards the floor will need to be cleaned with water to remove any residue.
- + Always treat the floor using Ciranova Maintenance Oil following an intensive clean coating and damage the timber.
- + It is possible to use the Intensive Cleaner to remove spots or stains that cannot be removed using Flooring Soap.

### Maintenance Oil

- + Suitable for the maintenance of timber floors previously treated with Hardwax Oil. Prior to application of the maintenance oil the surface must be cleaned with Intensive Cleaner and rinsed with water.
- + Apply thinly using a white pad on a buffing machine or a lint free cloth. Ensure all excess has been removed.