

Oil Finished Flooring Maintenance

While all ADM oil finished floors are prefinished and ready for use, applying a fresh coat of oil to your newly installed floors is strongly recommended; this will add protection and help you begin to build a timeline for future maintenance.

Initial Oiling - Once your new oil finished wood flooring has been installed, vacuum up any dust/dirt from the installation process and then clean with **WOCA Oil Refresher**. **WOCA Maintenance Oil** can be used in place of the WOCA Oil Refresher should added protection be preferred. **WOCA Master Oil** is a light, commercial grade, oil finish product that should only be applied to flooring that is unfinished or will see high traffic regularly.

Continued Maintenance - Simple vacuuming / sweeping on a regular basis and using **WOCA Natural Soap** for a deeper clean (See instructions below). Swiffers **and well rung out rags are acceptable methods of cleaning as well. Never repeatedly hard scrub an oil finished floor, to remove stains use WOCA Natural Soap by scrubbing the affected area lightly with a rag or soft bristle brush. WOCA Spot Remover can be used for overly stubborn stains but only as a last resort. See Woca's website for instructions on any products they manufacture.**

For added protection, and on a quarterly basis, **WOCA Oil Refresher** should be used to clean and re-oil the surface of your oiled wood floor.

Because of the availability of spot treatments of oiled wood floors, sanding and refinishing of an aging oiled floor is relatively unnecessary. However, oil finished wood flooring will start to show wear due to habitual residential traffic patterns. This can be remedied by re-applying an oil to your wood flooring. This is something that is typically done every few years in residential settings and once a year in commercial settings. **WOCA Maintenance Oil** is recommended for this application.

Although the oil finish on a wood floor will bead up liquid spills and protect the wood from moisture, it's important to wipe up spills right away. Standing water for any amount of time is not good for wood flooring, regardless the finish type.

WOCA Natural Soap – Needs to be diluted in water (3 oz per gallon) prior to mopping your oil finished wood floor. Work with two buckets: one with the soap mix and the other with clean water for rinsing. Mop the soap mix onto your oiled floor (with as little water transfer as possible). After letting the soap sit briefly on the oiled wood floor to dissolve any dirt, make sure to clean up any dirty soap water with your wrung-out mop. After cleaning, let floors dry for 30 minutes before walking on them. Do not exceed use beyond **3 times a month** (with equal time between each cleaning).

WOCA Refresher Oil -Similar to the Natural Soap - dilute and use two buckets, work in sections and allow the newly cleaned oil floor to dry before walking on it; dry time is approximately two hours.

WOCA Maintenance Oil – Using either a polishing machine or a roller (for manual application), working in sections, make sure to saturate the surface of the wood floor and polish it into the wood. Once the floor looks evenly coated, use lint-free cotton cloths to wipe the section. Continue from section to section until the entire wood floor surface has been covered. The Maintenance Oil takes approximately 4 to 6 hours to dry if done with a polishing machine and approximately 24 hours to

dry if applied manually. Proceed to walk on the newly oiled floor with caution. The entire floor should be fully hardened after 3 days. This is an oxidizing oil, opening the windows will allow for faster curing.

WOCA Master Oil – Consult Professional

WOCA Spot Remover - Spray evenly right onto the stain, let it sit for 10 to 20 minutes while it dissolves the stain and then just scrub the spot until the stain is removed. Finish by wiping with a damp cloth. After the flooring is entirely dry, re-oil the cleaned area with Woca Master Oil. Spot Remover removes blood, coffee, wine and more. DO NOT let sit for longer than 20 minutes.

* Don't use any cleaners or maintenance products on your oil finished wood flooring that aren't specifically made for oil finished wood flooring. This especially refers to products featuring waxes, ammonia, vinegar, detergents or bleach. Cleaners for oil finished wood floors and urethane finished (or similar) wood floors are different. Oil cleaners and maintenance products should not be used on urethane finished (or similar) flooring and vice versa.

* Protect the surface of your oiled wood floor by using mats at doors leading to the outside, [rug pads](#), and [chair glides](#).

* Never use tape or any other adhesive products on any hardwood surface.