



“Builders Clean” Advice Document

(For Pre-Finished Oiled & UV Oiled Wood Flooring)

This advice guide should be followed for wood floors newly installed. Please read this in conjunction with our T&Cs, Guide on Storage, Fitting & Maintenance and the relevant Product Datasheet.

We understand that it is not always possible to fit the wood floor last. If this is the case and there are works continuing then it is imperative that a good quality floor protection system is used. The protection must be breathable and provide a soft cushioning to the wood floor (this will further protect the floor from grit, dust, paint and also heavy boots), you can then top the cushioned breathable layer with hardboard and tape the hardboard together (never apply tape directly to the wood flooring). Don't use plastic coverings as these can sometimes cause the floor to “sweat” which can be detrimental to wood. Under floor heating systems must be switch off before any floor covering is used.

No matter the type of protection that has been installed over the wood, there will always be dirt, dust and grit which will accumulate from the surrounding environment and will get onto the surface of the wood. This is why we advise fitting the wood floor last (when all other work has been completed and no more tradespeople will be walking on the floor and potentially damaging the surface with debris, equipment etc...).

Please follow the advised procedures below and use the recommended products:

- Once protection has been removed, make sure that anyone who needs to enter an area with wood flooring is wearing clean, soft-soled shoes. (Boot covers can be used, but be aware that these covers will not stop the impact of heavy footwear with potentially sharp debris from site imbedded in the soles).
- Vacuum clean the floor thoroughly with a soft brush attachment to remove the grit and dust from the grain/surface of the wood. Note: This step is not to be rushed, carefully remove debris from the floor before cleaning it with liquids.
- Once all dust & debris has been vacuumed and removed from the floor, you'll then need to clean the floor using Blanchon Natural Soap (available in colourless or white). You can view our step-by-step guide here: https://www.thesolidwoodflooringcompany.com/media/wysiwyg/Oile_UV_care_guide.pdf (hard copies are available upon request)
- After cleaning, always allow the floor to dry naturally and fully before allowing the floor to be used or coating with a maintenance oil (if required).
- If you're fitting a natural oiled product (i.e. not UV Oiled) it is recommended that you apply a coat of the recommended maintenance oil before you put it into use.
- If plaster dust/debris is on the wood floor, carefully vacuum clean the floor with a soft brush to remove the dust. This process must not be rushed.

Important! Never do the following:

- Never use non-breathable protective floor coverings.
- Never apply tape to a wood floor
- Never use detergents or chemicals to clean the floor this includes steam mops
- Never over-wet the floor
- Never use 'off-the-shelf' oils or soaps
- Never clean a floor using only water
- Never try to just sweep a floor without vacuum cleaning on site. Sweeping alone is likely to leave debris on the floor and potentially damage the surface if abrasive contaminants are on the floor.
- Never turn on a under floor heating system when the floor is covered.
- Never wipe/clean a wood floor with plaster dust/debris with just water or by sweeping it.