



WOOD FLOOR FINISHES FROM THE SOLID WOOD FLOORING COMPANY

This document explains the **difference** between the different finishes we apply to our engineered wood flooring and the appropriate way to look after the finish. Please **do not** use cleaning solutions or proprietary products you can buy at a supermarket as you will do more damage than good. The specialist correct professional cleaning products designed for wood floors are always the best and you can buy them online in the links below or call 01666 504015 to order from the workshops.

LACQUERED FLOORS (Industrial grade lacquers)

All our wood floors are finished with a commercial grade industrial mat lacquer which covers the boards' surface making it fully resistant to minor damage and stains. However over time it can wear away.

Maintenance: vacuum or sweep with soft brushes; wipe dirty marks with a damp cloth or sponge using Bio C a ph. neutral soap. [The Correct Professional Maintenance Kit can be bought here>>](#)

Renovation / Repair: This type of finish will need a full sand to remove all the lacquer and expose the grain.

UV OILED FLOORS (Hybrid)

UV oil is cured by heat and UV lamps on a finishing line with normally 3 coats applied. The oil penetrates part of the wood pores but sits on top of the board like a lacquer. Depending on the local environment the pores of the wood will open up after 1 to 2 years. At this time the floor will be more like a natural oiled floor and can be maintained in the same way. This is one of the easiest floors to maintain and clean.

Maintenance: Vacuum or sweep with soft brushes; wipe dirty marks with a damp cloth or sponge using Bio C a ph. neutral soap or the Bona spray mop. [You can buy the Correct Maintenance Kits here>>](#)

Renovation / Repair: This type of finish will never need to be sanded. It can be rejuvenated with a wax and oil remover for really badly soiled areas and then cleaned and re-oiled with a natural maintenance oil.

NATURAL OIL (Natural plant oils)

The natural oils we use penetrate the cell structure and pores of the wood. The oils protect the floor and by using the Heavy Duty UV plus oil we also include the UV inhibitor to stop excessive yellowing over the years. The wood will retain its natural patina but will need regular maintenance as the pores can become open over time. These floors are the most natural looking and age beautifully as the timber can still "breathe".

Maintenance: vacuum or sweep with soft brushes; wipe dirty marks with a damp cloth or sponge using Bio C a ph. neutral soap. Depending on use, you should use the universal maintenance oil. [Buy here>>](#)

Renovation / Repair: This type of finish will never need to be sanded. It can be rejuvenated with a wax and oil remover for really badly soiled areas and then cleaned and re-oiled with a natural maintenance oil.

HARD WAX OILED FLOORS (carnauba Waxes)

Hard wax oils penetrate the wood pores and cell structure of the wood and the carnauba waxes seal them closed. This is a much better protection than natural oils but does not allow the floor to breathe and will create a "Satin" type look rather than the really natural look of a normal oiled floor. It does however give better stain resistance. These hard wax oils can also be used on top of natural oil to help seal the wood pores if required and it is a simple operation to just apply one coat for additional protection. Regular maintenance.

Maintenance: vacuum or sweep with soft brushes; wipe dirty marks with a damp cloth or sponge using Bio C a ph. neutral soap. These hard waxed oiled floors can also be maintained to bring back the lustre with the [Universal Maintenance Oil, which can be bought here>>>](#)

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ENIVRO OIL BARE TIMBER / RAW TIMBER FINISHED FLOORS

This is a water based finish and as such will slightly raise the grain of the wood as it seals and dries. This means that the surface will have a very "dry finish look" and is one of the reasons why it does not darken or change the colour of the wood when it is applied. When applied on line at our factories the surface will look even drier than if the product had been applied on site.

It is imperative that once installed the floor is thoroughly cleaned (especially on large developments where lots of trades and dust will have accumulated) with the recommended cleaner which must be Ph Neutral. For very dirty dusty floors you must increase the amount of Bio C you mix with very hot water or even use the Blanchon powerful cleaner. You then apply a coat of the Bare Timber with a short haired roller. This will add an extra protective coat and reduce ongoing maintenance of the floor. There is no buffing required and this should only be done after all trades have finished work.

[You can download the Cleaning and Maintenance Manual here. >>>](#)