

Maintenance Instructions for Element7 Leather Floors

An Element7 floor finish is achieved by the uncompromising use of only the very best raw materials and technical superiority of the finishes.

Our Expert Guide to Maintaining your Beautiful Element7 Leather Floor

It is easy to take care of an Element 7 leather floor and it will retain its beauty for many years. Following our care and maintenance guide will help to ensure that you retain the performance and appearance of your floor.

As leather is a natural material, it will react to changes in ambient conditions. Wear is an inevitable characteristic of a living material such as leather but, over time, it contributes to the floor's beauty by creating a 'lived in' feel.

Helpful Tips for Caring for your Leather Floor

Leather, as with all natural products, may fade naturally from excessive exposure to UV light, so to preserve the look of your beautiful floor we recommend the use of UV filtered glass, film or blinds. Room temperature should be kept at 15- 30 degrees and if underfloor heating is used, as with all timber floors, the surface temperature should not exceed 27 degrees. This is quite a large range and is something that most homes or commercial environments will normally be within. However, if you are away from your home for long periods of time, we recommend setting your heating to maintain the lowest temperature of 16°C. This can help avoid dehumidification of the leather.

Upon Installation

Wax and buff the floor at least three times prior to using it, this will both enrich and protect the leather floor. Allow at least 24 hours between coats, wax is wet and needs time to cure, it is important NOT to use too much wax, the thinner each coat the better.

Routine Cleaning

Never clean the leather floor, our floors are not coated with a plastic synthetic surface, they are vegetable tanned and aniline dyed, therefore the surface will develop its own character from use. The scratches and marks that will appear as you live with the floor enhance the character of the leather and help build a rich patina over time.

Sweep with a soft broom or vacuum with the brush on the vacuum head engaged as often as is necessary. If there is a spillage use a slightly damp (not wet) cloth and blot off.

Maintenance

The floor will need to be waxed 2 to 3 times a year in high traffic areas, or once in low traffic areas. The thinner the coat of wax the better, dab a level teaspoonful of wax every 2 square metres, then buff it in.

Leather floor wax can be purchased from Element7 on 020 7736 2366