

Maintenance Instructions for Natural Oiled Wood 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 Wood Floor

It is easy to take care of an Element7 engineered wood floor and it will retain its beauty for many years without the need for re-finishing. Following our care and maintenance guide will help to ensure that you retain the performance and appearance of your floor.

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

Helpful Tips for Caring for your Wood Floor

Wood, 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 wood.

Only ever use the recommended PH neutral cleaners and NEVER use ammonia-based or abrasive products.

Care and Maintenance of Engineered Wood Floors

Scratches on Timber Wood Floors

To help avoid scratches on wood flooring, we recommend the following ways to protect your floor:

- A doormat at the entrance to remove grit and dirt from shoes and boots
 - Ensure felt pads are installed on all furnishings
 - Lift items, do not drag them
 - Remove stains with a damp cloth
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Cleaning a Natural Oiled Wood Floor

You will need the following cleaning equipment:

1 x Danecare Breakframe Flat Mop

1 x Woca Natural Soap

1 x Danecare Bucket and Wringer

1 x Woca Maintenance Paste

Routine Cleaning:

Continued maintenance of any wood floor requires regular cleaning to avoid any dust or dirt scratching or damaging of the surface of the wood. Therefore, regular sweeping is a must for oiled wood floors. Everyday cleaning can be done using a vacuum cleaner, make sure the head brushes are out. Alternatively sweep with a brush.

If there are any spillages on your oiled wood floor, then wipe up immediately with a damp, not soaking, cloth to prevent stains. We suggest the WOCA Natural Soap Spray for its convenience.

Oiled Flooring will need a little extra care. We recommend that you use a Woca Natural Soap which is formulated for oiled wood flooring and is a light cleaning fluid recommended to be used once a month, but no more than a maximum of once a week.

Shake the concentrate thoroughly and mix 25ml (2.5% or 1.5 capfuls) of soap per litre of warm water. Use the Danecare Breakframe flat mop, which has a cotton head. Keep your soap solution in the Danecare bucket and wringer. Soak the mop head in the soap solution, wring out the excess liquid by braking the mop head with the lever and wringing out the hanging cotton head in the bucket wringer, then clean the floor. After every pass with the mop, wring out the dirty head in the wringer, soak it once again in the soap solution, wring out the excess liquid as before and carry on cleaning. Let the soap solution dry into the surface when you finish, do not rinse the floor, the soap leaves a protective film.

We would not recommend using a floor cleaner, bleach or any other all-purpose cleaner as this can cause blemishes and leave your floor dull.

Maintenance:

Regular maintenance can help keep your oiled wood floors looking fresh and beautiful, as well as letting the natural grain stand out.

Every so often a Woca Maintenance Oil should be applied that will feed new oil into the surface, helping to ensure that it remains protected. This can be every 6-24 months, depending on use. It's easy to do and helps ensure your oiled wood flooring stays

protected and looking beautiful. We suggest the [Woca oiled flooring maintenance box](#) which is available in natural (for natural or dark flooring) and in white for lighter colours.

Always test a small area of the floor first before total application.

Scratches: - Woca Maintenance Paste If you see a scratch on the floor surface then use your finger-tip or a cotton rag to apply a fraction of paste into it. Do not treat the whole board. Remove any excess paste around the scratch with a cloth.

Mechanical damage and heavy scratches: - should be professionally repaired by a French polisher.

Future maintenance: - Re-oiling. Recommended for residential floors every one to three years depending on use. This should be undertaken professionally.

DANECARE supply the above cleaning equipment and products. They should also be contacted for French polishing and all your future floor maintenance requirements.

When ordering the repair and maintenance products please ensure that you state the colour of your oiled finish.

Contact **Danecare** on 01952 727899

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