

Maintenance Instructions for Varnished 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 Element 7 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 Varnished Wood Floor

You will need the following cleaning equipment and materials:

1 x Danecare Breakframe Flat Mop

1 x Woca Master Cleaner (1 litre)

1 x Danecare Bucket and Wringer

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 varnished 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 varnished wood floor, then wipe up immediately with a damp, not soaking, cloth to prevent stains.

Regular cleaning:

"Woca Master Cleaner" is a light cleaning fluid recommended to be used once a month, but no more than a maximum of once a week. Shake thoroughly and mix 25ml (2.5% or 1.5 capfuls) of detergent per litre of warm water. Use the Danecare Breakframe 100% cotton flat Mop and keep your cleaning solution in the bucket and wringer. Soak the mop head in the cleaning solution, wring out the excess liquid by breaking the mop head with the lever, then clean the floor with a damp not soaking mop head. After every pass with the mop, wring out the mop head, soak it once again in the cleaning solution and carry-on cleaning with a damp not soaking mop head. Ensure when finishing that no water is left on the floor.

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.

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

Maintenance:

For periodic maintenance, "Ciranova" Lacquer Care (not refinishing) from Danecare is sometimes required for residential floors depending on use. This is best undertaken professionally.

Mechanical damage and heavy scratches: - should be professionally repaired by a French polisher or Danecare. For heavy mechanical damage, then contact Element7 for advice.

Danecare supply the above cleaning equipment and products. Contact Danecare on 01952 727899