

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OILED HARDWOOD FLOORS

GENERAL

An oiled hardwood floor from Junckers is designed to last for generations and when cared for correctly, the floor will retain its natural beauty for many years. This instruction describes how to conduct cleaning and maintenance of Junckers' factory oiled hardwood floors.

BEFORE USE

After installation the floor is ready for use, but please note that transportation and handling of the floorboards during installation can add a few small scratches to the finished floor. Before use, we therefore recommend refreshing the floor with Junckers Maintenance Oil. This oil hides minor scratches and provides extra protection to the floor.

In high traffic areas e.g., restaurants or hotel lobbies, which may be subjected to high levels of spillage and where very frequent cleaning will be needed, we always recommend the floor to be given a coat of Junckers Maintenance Oil right after installation.

MAINTENANCE

Junckers Maintenance Oil is also recommended for regular care and refreshing. The oil dries in just 30-60 minutes and is easily applied with a flat cotton floor mop or cotton cloth.

Floors regularly maintained with Junckers Maintenance Oil can be spot repaired with same product in walking lanes and other areas with high traffic.

When not to use Maintenance Oil

Junckers Maintenance Oil cannot be used if any of the existing oil is worn through to bare wood. In this case the floor must be sanded and reoiled with Junckers Rustic Floor Oil or Eco 2K Floor Oil.

Find more information under the section "Further information".

REGULAR CLEANING

The floor must be regularly swept and vacuumed, and when necessary wiped with a well wrung out mop or cloth. For larger floors a scrubber dryer machine can be used. To help removal of dirt from the surface a solution of Junckers Floor Cleaner can be added to the cleaning water or the scrubber dryer.

Always use as little water as possible for cleaning. Use a well wrung out mop or cloth and remove excess water immediately. Any water spillage must be wiped up straight away so as to avoid water damage. Find more information under the section "Further information".

When to clean a newly oiled wooden floor

Floors which have recently been reoiled must not be cleaned for at least 72 hours after reoiling.

PROTECTION OF THE FLOOR IN USE

Felt pads

Protect the floor from scratches and scuffs by fitting felt pads to furniture legs. Please note that felt pads will eventually wear out and will need to be replaced periodically. Wear and tear from office chairs etc can be reduced by use of purpose made plastic mats.

Barrier matting

A good quality barrier mat is a very effective way to keep dirt, water and grit off the floor. Mats must be of sufficient size and the correct type to suit the type of building and number of users.

STAIN REMOVAL

Remove any spillage and stains as soon as possible. Dried out stains are often more difficult to remove than fresh ones.

- **Fruit juice, milk, cream, tea, soft drinks, beer, wine, coffee:** Remove with Junckers Floor Cleaner.
- **Chocolate, grease, oil, shoe polish, scuffs marks from shoes:** Remove with Junckers Floor Cleaner or white spirit.
- **Ink, lipstick:** Remove with Junckers Floor Cleaner or methylated spirit.
- **Blood:** Remove with cold water.

PREVENTION OF SLIPS AND TRIPS

A properly maintained and installed Junckers floor will have good slip resistance, however any spillage will make the floor more slippery and increase the likelihood of accidents. Always wipe up spillage straight away.

TEMPORARY PROTECTION OF THE FLOOR

Point loads; eg legs, static wheels

In order to prevent damage to the floor it may be necessary to use pressure distributing plywood or metal plates to spread the load. The flat side of the plywood or metal plate must be placed against floor surface. By risk of spillage of liquids, it is recommended to place a waterproof covering on top of the plywood or metal plate. For specific advice on protection contact Junckers technical department.

Ordinary covering of the floor

Use a breathable covering where possible, eg, cardboard, ply, hardboard etc. If protection from extensive spillage is needed a waterproof covering may be used eg polythene. Ensure that the covering is laid flat and that there are no creases or seams that may cause indentations to the floor under load. Ensure also that the covering does not have printing or anything similar which may transfer to the surface of the floor. For floors with under floor heating use only a breathable covering and the thinnest type possible so as to prevent the floor from over heating.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Products:

- F 2.1 - Junckers Rustic Floor Oil
- F 2.7 - Junckers Maintenance Oil
- F 10.2 - Junckers Floor Cleaner
- F 20.6 - Junckers Eco 2K Floor Oil