

# Maintenance of oiled wood floors

## Initial 10 days after installation

Freshly applied hard wax oil takes 10 days to harden right through so a few simple precautions should be taken while the surface is hardening, to prevent damage to your new floor:

- Do not cover the floor with sheets or rugs.
- Do not move heavy furniture across the floor.
- Remove any dust carefully with a vacuum cleaner, brush or cloth.
- Use protective felt pads underneath table and chair legs

## Regular Cleaning

- Remove dust regularly using a brush or vacuum cleaner.
- Stains and marks can be easily removed using a damp mop or cloth and neutral detergent. Never use a soaking wet cloth or mop to avoid the moisture seeping into the floor. Work on one area at time, rinsing the mop or cloth regularly. Using a natural soap for oiled wood floors cleans thoroughly and protects the wood's surface.
- Aim to clean light-traffic floors once a week, and high-traffic floors daily.
- After cleaning the floor, apply maintenance oil using a clean, dry cotton cloth.
- Bi-annual and annual maintenance can be made easier by using a polishing or buffing machine, make sure that the floor is used only minimally 4 – 6 hours after buffing to avoid damage.

## Repairing a Small Area of Damage

Small areas with specific damage such as cigarette burns or impact damage can easily be repaired by rubbing or scraping the damage off the floor and then re-applying some Hard Wax Oil.