

Different flooring finish types require specific maintenance and care. reSAWN TIMBER co. separates its pre-finished flooring products into Polyurethane, UV Oil, and Hardwax Oil categories to provide finish-specific maintenance recommendations.

BASIC CARE AND GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Sweep and vacuum frequently. When vacuuming, make sure the brush roller is turned off.
- Quickly wipe up any spills.
- Immediately remove any water and/or sand that comes in contact with the floor surface.
- Never wet mop a wood floor, spot clean as necessary.
- Only use recommended flooring cleaning products fit to purpose.
- Use breathable mats near sinks, dishwashers, and workstations.
- Place walk-off mats at all entrances.
- Remove shoes before walking on floor to avoid trapped pebbles and sand. Avoid spiked heels.
- Install felt floor protectors on all furniture legs and bases.
- Protect the floor surface when moving furniture.
- Keep pet claws trimmed.
- Follow NWFA guidelines for relative humidity (35% - 55%) and temperature (60°F - 80°F).
- As a natural product, anticipate slight seasonal movement in the floor. This is not considered a defect.

HARDWAX OIL FINISHED FLOORING OVERVIEW:

- Hardwax oil finishes contain plant-based, non-toxic ingredients. They provide durable protection and resistance to wear while not obscuring the natural appearance of wood.
- reSAWN TIMBER co. recommends Rubio cleaning and maintenance products for hardwax oil finished floors. Maintenance products can be purchased directly on Rubio's website: rubiomonocoatusa.com

POST-INSTALLATION:

After installation, care should be taken to protect the floor. Consider using a breathable protective product, such as Ram Board, to cover the floor until all final construction work is complete. Clean all debris off the floor before laying a protective covering. Do not tape protective covering directly to the floor; the adhesive in the tape can pull the finish when the tape is removed. Wood flooring will fade when exposed to direct sunlight. Consider covering the full surface of the floor and monitor the condition of the floor under the covering on a regular basis. Fully and carefully clean the floor after the protective covering is removed.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE:

- Vacuum the floor regularly with the brush roller turned off.
- Use Rubio Surface Care Spray for isolated spot cleaning. This spray removes dirt and grease without leaving a film or altering the sheen level of the floor.
- Damp mop the floor at least once per month using Rubio Soap (diluting the soap at a ratio of 1:100 with clean water makes Rubio Surface Care Spray) and a Rubio Microfiber Mop. Work from two buckets, one with soap solution and one with clean water to rinse the mop. Fully wring the mop and keep the amount of water on the floor to an absolute minimum. The cleaning surface of the mop should only be damp, not dripping wet when applied to the floor. Do not wet or steam mop. Allow the floor to fully dry for ~15 minutes.

REMOVING STAINS AND SUPERFICIAL SCRATCHES:

- For difficult stains, use Rubio Tannin Remover.
- It is possible to reduce the visual impact of superficial scratches from the surface of a Hardwax Oil finished floor while restoring its depth and vibrance. Carefully hand apply Rubio Renew following Rubio's application instructions.
- Test all applications of all maintenance and cleaning products in a low visibility area first.

REFINISHING:

A properly maintained hardwax oil finished floor can last for years. Over time, it may be necessary to apply maintenance oil to the floor to restore sheen. The frequency of re-oiling depends on extent of traffic on the floor. Use Rubio Universal Maintenance Oil for re-oiling following Rubio's application instructions. Maintenance Oil is produced in "Pure," "White," and "Black" tones; select the most appropriate tone based on the color of your floor.

HARDWAX OIL FINISHED FLOOR DO'S:

- Frequently sweep and vacuum the floor. Keep grit and surface dirt off the floor.
- Quickly clean up any liquid that comes in contact with the floor.
- Use Rubio Surface Care Spray for spot cleaning.
- Damp mop the floor monthly with Rubio Soap.
- Use Rubio Renew to restore depth and vibrance to the floor while reducing the visual impact of superficial scratches.
- Test all applications of maintenance and cleaning products in a low visibility area first.

HARDWAX OIL FINISHED FLOOR DONT'S:

- Don't use ammonia, vinegar, petroleum-based or abrasive cleaners, wax, polish, scrubbing pads, or furniture cleaners on the floor.
- Don't wet or steam mop the floor.
- Don't mop with water only.