

Wood Flooring Maintenance & Guidelines

CARE INSTRUCTION: Wood floors, coated with Rubio Hardwood Floor Products

MAINTENANCE: Rubio Hardwood Floor Cleaner

- Wood is a natural product. It changes its dimensions and adapts permanently to the rooms' relative humidity.
- Relative Humidity must remain between 35%-55%
- During the heating period, relative humidity decreases significantly, causing the wood to inevitably react and emit its own humidity - it shrinks. The longer and stronger rooms are heated, the drier the air will be, and thus broader joints will form. Usually, the broadest joints are to be expected at the end of the heating period. At the end of summer, the joints are commonly least broad or completely closed.
- To counteract the joints formation, relative humidity values below 35% are to be avoided. Use a humidifier throughout the winter months to keep wood movement and shrinkage to a minimum
- During cooling season wood takes on humidity from the environment and expands in size. Relative Humidity must stay below 55% in order to maintain proper performance. Use a de humidifier as needed to maintain controlled environment
- Rubio Monocoat Natural Soap is used to clean oil finished floors and maintains a matte finish. The first cleaning can be done 3 weeks after treatment with Monocoat Oil Plus. Surfaces treated with Monocoat Oil Plus can be cleaned weekly, if necessary, with a solution of . cup of Rubio Monocoat Natural Soap per gallon of water.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Sweep or vacuum the floor using a soft brush attachment.
- Mix a solution of Monocoat Natural Soap and water, ¼ cup per gallon of water.
- Use 2 buckets: one for the soap and water mixture and the other for clean water only. Immerse a mop in the soapy water and wring it out until it is only damp. Clean a section of floor. Rinse the mop in the bucket of clean water and wring it out thoroughly. Immerse the mop in the soapy water and wring it out until it is only damp. Clean the next section of floor. Repeat this routine until the floor is clean.
- Take care not to flood your floor with a cleaning solution to avoid damages by wood swelling.
- Apply as little cleaning solution as possible and work in sections

GENERAL REMARKS:

- Put fabric-faced glides under the legs of furniture to prevent scuffing and scratching.
- Use throw rugs both inside and outside doorways to help prevent grit, dirt, and other debris from being tracked onto your wood floors. This will prevent scratching.
- Do not use sheet vinyl or tile floor care products on wood floors. Self-polishing acrylic waxes may cause wood to become slippery and appear dull quickly.
- Avoid walking on your wood floors with cleats, sports shoes, and high heels.
- When moving heavy furniture, do not slide it on wood flooring. It is best to pick up the furniture completely to protect the wood flooring.
- For wood flooring in the kitchen, place an area rug in front of the kitchen sink
- Do not leave any surplus water on the floor. Always use a damp mop, not a wet mop. Do not walk on the floor until it is completely dry (15 minutes).
- Wipe up spills immediately with a slightly dampened towel.
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MANUAL CLEANING:

- Dry-clean the floor first using a mop, dry Swiffer, broom, or vacuum cleaner.
- Dust and dirt behave like sanding paper and thus have to be removed immediately. If necessary (heavier stains etc.).
- Clean floor using Rubio Hardwood Floor Cleaner with a micro-fiber mop.