

# BESWICK OAK

## General Cleaning & Maintenance Information Engineered Wood Flooring

### Regular Cleaning

- Wipe up spills as soon as they happen or as soon as possible.
- For regular cleaning just Hoover or sweep and mop up any spills as they occur with a dry or damp cloth (we recommend that cloths be rung until no more drips are present before wiping the floor), do not apply cleaning products to the cloth. Ensure your Hoover attachments are in good condition and are not jagged, cracked, broken or made of metal as this can scratch the wood floor.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, steel wool or scouring powder as this may damage the surface of your floor. Your floor has a surface layer protecting the wood from damage, which is durable and easily maintained.
- DO NOT clean your oiled floor with a polish or classic detergent. It is also not recommended to mop the floor with water only.
- For weekly maintenance (or for use as much as you like) the Bona Premium Spray Mop for Oiled Wood Floors is the easiest and most effective way of cleaning oiled wood floors in the home. Simply spray and wipe the floor clean. It cleans and nourishes your oiled wood floor while providing extra protection. The cleaner contains oil so it keeps the floor nourished constantly and delays the oil from drying out. Its only when the oils dry out that stains can occur as when fully oiled this protects spills from staining.
- The Bona Premium Spray Mop provides the ultimate care and protection for oiled wood floors. It includes a refillable cartridge filled with Bona's Cleaner for Oiled Floors and a washable microfiber pad (do not use fabric softener or the mop will become floppy). The ready to use, plant-based oil formula cleans and nourishes your wood floor at the same time for increased protection. This all-in-one solution provides an effective clean.



## Re-Oiling Process

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

If your wood floor is properly cleaned & maintained then you should not need to re-oil for a number of years. However, if your floor hasn't been correctly maintained or for any other reason re-oiling is necessary, the following information will serve as a guide. Please note that Beswick Oak do not sell re-oiling products due to their shelf life. All products presented can be bought easily online direct from the manufacturer with downloadable guides and technical information or from other ecommerce sites.

Prior to the re-oiling process the floor should be cleaned using the deep intensive WOCA Intensive Wood Cleaner. This should be used no matter the original finishing oil on the floor, e.g. UV Oil or Hardwaxed Oil. The intensive cleaner will strip back the finish and all the ingrained dirt & grease not visible to the naked eye. Once the floor is completely dry, usually a minimum of 8hours, the re-oiling process can begin. It is important to note that this intensive cleaner should never be used for regular cleaning.



### General Steps:

Always remember to test on a less visible spot to check the compatibility of the surface with the product.

- Mix the cleaner thoroughly following the bottle instructions.
- For oiled or waxed wood surfaces mix Intensive Wood Cleaner 1:20 with warm water.
- Wipe the wood surface with a well-wrung mop. If the surface is very dirty, repeat.
- Let the surface dry for 6-8hours before subsequent treatment.

This product is NOT to be used for regular, everyday cleaning. For best results, use two buckets: one with soap water and the second with clean water to rinse the dirty mop.

## Correct Maintenance Oil for Re-Oiling

**UV Oiled Floors** – the product to be applied for UV Oiled floors is the WOCA Maintenance Gel. For the majority of our wood flooring the Natural coloured gel should be used. If your flooring comes with a white-wash or white UV Oiled finish however, then the White coloured gel should be used.

Basic Points:

- WOCA Maintenance Gel is quick-drying and leaves an attractive, water and dirt-repellent surface. The final buffing gives a hard-wearing surface and added protection.
- Gives a water- and dirt-repellent surface.
- Quick-drying.
- Simple application both manually or by machine.



**Hardwaxed Oiled Floors** (and all other finishes) - the product to be applied is the WOCA Natural Maintenance Oil. (This is also available in White if your floor has white pigmentation.)

Basic Points:

- WOCA Maintenance Oil provides the floor with additional hardwearing properties in the upper pore layer. At the same time the wood receives the ideal finish highlighting the natural wood grain and the colours.
- For the maintenance of all oiled wood floors.
- Simple application both manually or by machine.
- It is important that the WOCA Maintenance oil is fully buffed into the wood. Continue buffing until the wood appears saturated and the surface looks uniform. Give a final buff with a clean, dry cloth.
- The floor should not appear wet and there should be no excess oil left on the surface after buffing.
- The surface is fully hardened after 24hours and the floor should not be exposed to any water during this period.



**Colour Fade Information:**

All oak flooring products go through colour development within the first 6 months of being laid, it is during this time that rugs, furniture etc. should be moved around to allow sunlight to hit the previously covered areas of your floors. This will equalize the UV and IR light exposure and even out the fading process so a consistent colour will be achieved within the entire room. It is good practice to remove rugs from your oak floor whenever you can, for example if you go away on holiday, giving it even more opportunity to equalize out. It makes sense that if you can keep sunlight off your floor, it won't fade as much. Drapes, curtains, shutters or blinds are some of the best defences against fading hardwood floors. If you keep them closed on the side of your house when the sun is hitting the windows it will drastically cut down on any UV and infrared light reaching the floor.