CARE AND MAINTENANCE
UV OILED WOODEN FLOORS

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FLOORS

Timber is a living material and although no longer part of a tree, is subject to changes in its environment. As such, your floor will respond to light, temperature, humidity and wear. As a general rule, a timber floor takes four seasons to settle. Over this time, it is normal to see some movement in the boards.

As the floor ages the colour of the wood will mellow and change. This is natural process that occurs as the surface of the wood is exposed to oxygen and to ultraviolet light

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LOOKING AFTER YOUR FLOOR

Timber floorboards expand and contract across their grain as the moisture content of the wood increases

The following guidelines will assist you in maintaining a consistent environment to best suit wooden flooring.

TEMPERATURE:

To avoid the wooden floor drying out we recommend the room temperature be maintained between 18° and 23°C

HUMIDITY:

Our timber flooring is seasoned to a moisture content of between 8 and 11%. To ensure minimum movement in the timber the relative humidity of the air in a room with timber flooring should be between 50 and 65%.

UNDER-FLOOR HEATING:

It is very important to observe the recommended room temperature and relative air humidity levels at all times. Fluctuations in temperature from the extremes of cold to hot should be avoided. If the heating system temperature needs to be increased or decreased we advise that this is done in stages of no more than 1°C per day.

Please also see our information sheet 'Under-floor heating with wood flooring'.

WEAR AND TEAR:

Sharp objects such as high heels or chair and table legs can dent your floor. Wherever possible protect your floor by fixing felt pads under chairs, couches and under furniture that may be dragged across the floor. Particular attention should be given to areas in the room that encounter heavy foot traffic, such as entrances, walkways, corridors and areas in front of sinks. The floor in these places may need additional protection, such as a mat, and more frequent re-oiling.

CLEANING YOUR FLOOR

REGULAR CLEANING:

Your floor is finished with UV oil. Oil is the traditional finish for wood flooring, and wood finished by this method has a soft, natural sheen that mellows with age. The oil does not sit on the surface of the wood but rather sinks into the grain

As a result the finish is more forgiving of scratches and scuffing, as oil or wax can be rubbed into small scratches, virtually erasing them. This type of finish should provide you with years of protection against reasonable wear and tear.

UV oiled floors will need to have a maintenance coating of oil reapplied to them after a period of time. The frequency with which this is necessary will depend on the amount of wear on the floor and on your own preferences. High- traffic areas such as hallways may need more frequent applications.

Regular cleaning should be carried out using a soft broom or a vacuum cleaner.

DO NOT USE A VACUUM WITH A BEATER HEAD

It is very important to prevent any excess moisture coming into contact with the floor. Oiled floors, because of their more porous nature, should not be cleaned using excessive amounts of water. Spot cleaning should be done with a damp cloth. Light mopping can be carried out only if the mop is wrung out. A mild detergent can be used.

Never use bleach, oil soaps, liquid, paste wax products, or other household cleaners that contain lemon oil, tongue oil, silicon, or ammonia. Abrasive cleaners are not suitable.

Only the manufacturers recommended Natural soap, Spot cleaner and Oil refresher to be used on this timber floor. Available directly from Pacific Floors +61 3 8825 6780

PERIODIC CLEANING:

To ensure the long term performance of your investment Pacific Floors can maintain your floor with periodical oiling and refurbishment

PLEASE NOTE:

ONLY PRODUCTS RECOMMENDED BY PACIFIC FLOORS ARE TO BE USED ON THIS FLOOR.
THE USE OF CLEANING PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THE RECOMMENDED ON ANY
PACIFIC UV CURED TIMBER FLOOR WILL VOID WARRANTY