



UV Oil Finish Maintenance Information

Congratulations on your purchase of your Castellum European Oak floor! Now that your floor is installed in your home you will want to begin a maintenance schedule that will help your floor look good as new for years to come. Unlike traditional natural oil floors your Castellum Oak floor does not need to be recoated immediately after installation and is ready for you to walk on right away.

Most factory finished floors are finished with a polyurethane coating containing an Aluminum Oxide additive to strengthen the finish. These finishes provide a durable coating and are designed to protect the floor from wear and damage. This is a great floor for most installations but does have limitations. By contrast a UV Oil finish actually penetrates the wood protecting the wood and giving the floor a natural low luster appeal.

Oil finishes are not new and have been around for centuries protecting floors, furniture and cabinets. While traditional oil finish floors are applied after the installation of the wood floor our **Wear Plus UV OIL FINISH** is applied at our factory in climate controlled conditions providing the best oil finish available today. Using the same modern techniques as our other floors that are cured with ultra-violet or UV light the UV OIL is cured faster and more consistently than oil applied after the floor is installed. The **Wear Plus UV OIL FINISH** provides a soft natural look of traditional oil products and the maintenance and care of a polyurethane finish.

Care and Maintenance-

NEVER USE A STEAM MOP ON YOUR HARDWOOD FLOOR- *regardless of the steam mops manufactures claims they will damage your floor and void you warranty immediately.*

- Place non rubber backed area rugs or mats at entry ways to keep debris from outside from being tracked onto your floor. Place mats in high use work area like sills, stoves and counters.
- Clean wet spills immediately and do not let them dry on the floor.
- Keep the floor clean and free of loose debris, loose dust, dirt and abrasives by routinely sweeping or vacuuming the floor. Do not use a vacuum with a beater bar or brush on your floor as these may damage the finish.
- Routine cleaning should be done using Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner and Bona Micro Fiber mop. These products are available at most major retailers and on line. Complete instructions are available at the following link-
http://www.bona.com/Global/PDFs%20Retail/Bona_Instruction_Leaflets_Clean_LowRes.pdf
- In time all floors will begin to show wear in high traffic areas and there are many variables that can determine when this is necessary. When your floor needs to be refreshed we recommend Bona Oil Refresher a waterborne spray that does not require heavy buffing equipment.
<http://www.bona.com/Consumer1/Care2/Care/Polish/Oil-Refresher/>
- Your floor should be installed and kept in the correct environment at all times. Temperatures between 60 and 80 degrees F and 35-55% relative humidity at all times. Exposure to environments that exceed these guidelines may cause gaps, cupping, cracking and splitting. These are not considered manufacturing defects and are not covered under our warranty.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners ammonia based or oil based household products to clean your floor.
- Do not drag furniture or other heavy objects across the floor.

Should you have an issue with your floor please contact the flooring contractor or retailer for assistance.