



CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF LIVOS OILS ON

LARGE PROJECT TIMBER FLOORS

AFTER FINAL OIL IT IS RECOMMENDED TO:

- Remain off the floor for 24 hours (at least).
- **Avoid water totally for the first 4-6 weeks** (the longer the better). Do not wash floor in the early stages, only use dry methods of cleaning such as a wide cotton mop. If spillages occur, dry immediately. This is necessary to allow the oil to harden and cure. It may sometimes require many weeks before full strength is achieved. Light and ventilation aids in the curing process.
- Place felt protectors under furniture contact points, (obtainable at Kmart, department or hardware stores).
- To avoid scratches or dents, always lift heavy furniture into place. Do not drag.
- Wait for 4-6 weeks before placing mats or rugs down.
- If oil "sweats" between boards, remove gently with a paper towel.



Cotton mops



Walk behind machine

CARING FOR THE FLOOR

A little sensible care will keep the timber floor looking fabulous. Prevent problems before they occur. The amount of care needed will depend on the area treated, the location, and functions.

- Do not wash the floor in the early stages.
- Immediately remove any liquid spills.
- Protect the floor against abrasive dust or grit by placing a quality doormat at the entrance of the area.
- After the initial curing time, and for regular cleaning, floors may be wiped over with a slightly damp (not wet) mop. Use only products that are suitable for cleaning and maintaining natural oil finished timber.
- CLEANING WITH MACHINE Using machines such as a Scrubber Drier, e.g. a Kärcher BR 90/140 R or a Nilfisk. Fill with TRENA PH Neutral Cleaner into the tank at a ratio of 1:1000. Remove any excess cleaning fluid from the floor.
- One may spot clean small areas using 5 ml (1 tsp) of Livos TRENA PH Neutral Cleaner #556 (Concentrate) to 5 Lt of water. Avoid higher concentrations as this is a mild and effective cleaner, leaving the oil layer untouched.
- One may use the GLANOS Liquid Wax Cleaner #559 (Concentrate) mixed with water every 4th wash to aid in obtaining a sheen to the floor. 1 tsp in 5 Lt of water. (This should be alternated with the TRENA)
- Do not use excessive water, abrasive chemical products, baking soda or amonia.
- Please be aware that some Micro fibre cloths are extremely harsh and may strip the nutrients/oil from the flooring. Cotton mops or cloths that may be removed and washed are ideal. The floor may appear dull after washing however this will disappear in 1-2 days.

CLEANING OF SURROUNDING AREA

If windows or furniture are to be cleaned after the floor has been oiled. Ensure your cleaning contractors are aware that the surface is a natural oil finish and will not tolerate harsh chemical detergents and is sensitive to water in the initial stages.

RENOVATIONS (if required after floor has been completed)

It is highly recommended to sand and oil the floors after painting and all trades have finished. If unavoidable, place cotton sheets or carton (not plastic drop sheets) on freshly oiled floor for protection. When this protection is removed



vacuum floor with an attachment that has soft bristles and move along the grain of the timber. If this does not remove fine plaster dust, then a final buff with a white pad (non abrasive) may be necessary. Do not wash the floor in the early stages.

STAINS AND MARKS

Slight ink and water stains can be removed with the concentrated Trena Neutral Cleaner or the Latis Intensive Cleaner #551.

REPAIRS

Deep penetrating stains (caused by chemicals or animal urine) or scratches may require sanding with fine sand paper, wetted with a few drops of the oil used

ANNUAL REJUVENATION

An annual rejuvenation would be highly recommended in regularly used areas. Rejuvenation is also easily carried out when the floor looks dull, too dry or does not repel water. Large furniture pieces may be left in place Please request or download "Rejuvenation of oiled floors" at www.livos.com.au

For application information request or download the "Application" and "Rejuvenation" sheet from www.livos.com.au

Do not use or store oil below 12°

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