

4. After-care

Depending on the demands on the surface, owing to constant mechanical wear and tear, from time to time it is necessary to replenish or renew the oil coating.

Re-oiling as required (once or twice a year on objects exposed to heavyload)

Depending on how dirty it is, this process must be preceded by a normal damp clean or thorough clean so that dirt particles are not permanently sealed into the renewed oil coating. For re-oiling, either the products used originally (e.g. AURO Wood hard oil No. 123, Hard oil No. 126) or AURO Care oil No. 806 (from January 2006 on: productNo.106) are used. The products are applied according to information on the relevant Technical data sheets, Topical sheets and label notes.

Safety instructions:

Depending on the type of product, the AURO products mentioned contain a certain proportion of drying oils. These may cause flammable materials which come into contact with these oils to self-combust in time. Therefore spread out floor cloths to dry and store oil-soaked dustsheets and cloths as well as polishing materials for future use in tightly sealed, inflammable receptacles. Wet dustsheets and cloths for disposal must be left spread out to dry for at least 24 hours before being added to domestic rubbish.

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**Your floor has been treated with the following AURO products:
To be completed by craftsman**

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NATURAL PAINTS

Care instructions for oil-finished floors

Floor treatment with AURO products produces an ecologically sound, anti-static, dirt and water-resistant surface. Combined with the aesthetic appearance and the way it allows the surface underneath to breathe, they have a positive effect on the atmosphere in the room and the personal sense of well-being.

To ensure that the installed floor retains its beauty and functionality for many years, certain rules on care and cleaning should be observed. These care instructions contain information and tips for this purpose.

In passing on these instructions on cleaning and care, the contracted craftsman is fulfilling his duties in this respect in accordance with VOB DIN 18356 Parquet floors or VOB DIN 18367 Wood-block paving.

It is recommended that the surface be regularly checked as to whether the oil needs replenishing or whether the wax layer is intact. If the surface treatment is worn away or inadequate it is possible that dirt will penetrate deep into the sub-surface, thereby increasing susceptibility to water. This in turn can make the floor rough and therefore more susceptible to mechanical wear and tear. This will mean increased cleaning and renovation costs.

- The surface must not be walked on for 24 hours after the final treatment. The surface should still be protected for a further 48 hours (only replace furniture after 3 days at the earliest; laying carpets, runners, rugs, etc. and other heavy demands after 7 days at the earliest). If it should be necessary to walk on the surface sooner, it must be temporarily covered in film, cardboard, etc. However, this covering must be removed again as quickly as possible as otherwise it will prevent oxidative hardening of the coating. Good ventilation and optimal temperatures (min. 20 °C) must be ensured. Any deviations inevitably cause delays in drying and will make the surface less hard-wearing. It may only be damp cleaned for the first time after 4 weeks. Care should therefore be taken to keep the surface free of dirt immediately after it is treated.
- Natural products require longer drying-out periods than conventional chemical products. For this reason, the newly fitted floor must be treated with particular care for 4 - 6 weeks after the surface is installed. Keep the surface dry. Basically, dust and coarser dirt should not be allowed to get in.

- Wood, bamboo and cork floors shrink or swell depending on the surrounding conditions (temperature and air humidity). To minimise stresses, cracks developing or buckling, an all year-round uniform atmosphere must be provided (20 ± 2 °C ambient temperature/ 50 - 65% air humidity). To do so, supportive measures are indicated such as using suitable air humidifiers during hot spells. This has a positive effect on other wooden items of furniture and thereby on personal well-being .
- No conventional products or products not mentioned in these care instructions may be used to clean or care for floors. These may have negative effects on the coating due to their contents and their partially high alkalinity.
- Do not use any cleaning materials made of microfibre, activated and other synthetic fibres. These may act like sandpaper and destroy the oil or wax surface.
- Steam cleaners can also affect the surface treatment and the base. Use of such appliances is therefore not recommended.
- For all products used, the relevant Technical Information sheets, topic sheets and instructions on the containers should be followed.
- A surface for wiping shoes in the form of door mats, door grates in the entrance area is very effective in helping to avoid or reduce bringing in dirt and wet. In addition, remove loose dirt through regular sweeping or vacuuming in order to avoid scratching.
- The legs on furniture (feet, canes, etc.) must be fitted on their underside with runners made of suitable soft material such as felt or cork so that these objects do not leave scratch marks when moved. Do not use any rubber-type materials or materials containing softening agents as these may cause discoloration.
- Castors under furniture and office chairs must be suitable for hard floors (DIN 68131, Model W - soft). If this is not possible, the area of the floor affected must be protected by a cover.
- Vacuum cleaners must have no hard edges, i.e. the brush head must be extended during use. Do not use any vacuum cleaners with a scrub brush or with rotating brushes.
- Clear and wipe up spill liquid immediately and do not put down or place wet objects directly onto the surface. Also do not place plant pots directly on the wooden surface but raised up.
- Handle materials containing silicon (sealants, polishes, etc.) with care, particularly in adjacent areas, as these may cause serious problems of adhesion and moistening during subsequent renewal.
- Deeper dents or scratches in wooden bases can be evened out if the coating at these points is removed down to the wood. Then apply hot water (e.g. using a cloth) and leave to soak in so that the wood swells. These places can then be rubbed down and treated.

1. Maintenance cleaning (constant cleaning, preferably daily)

Simply vacuum or sweep to clean regularly.

Light damp clean (preferably 2 to 3 times a week):

- With slight dirt brought in or soiling from liquids, the surface must be given a damp (not wet) wipe down.
- To clean, use a 0.1% solution of AURO Floor cleaner No. 427 (equivalent to 1/2 a capful of product to 10 l water). Always wring out floor cloths well to give the floor a damp wipe. Then give the floor a damp wipe down with clean water.
- Dirt which cannot be removed as outlined above, is removed using a higher dosage of AURO Floor cleaner No. 427. For this, a 0.3–0.5% mix of cleaner and water is used (1–1 1/2 capfuls to 10 l water). Damp wipe with this mixture and, after leaving to work for approx. 5 minutes, rinse down with clean water.
- Heavily localised dirt is removed by applying a 5% solution of AURO Plant soap No. 411 to the dirty spots and leaving it to work for several minutes. Then rinse down with plenty of water to fully remove the remains of the soap and dirt. After at least 12 hours drying, the cleaned areas can (where necessary) be treated with the original treatment products on that part and without applying a whole coat (if necessary, finely rub down or smooth beforehand).

2. Maintenance care

Additional care of the base is necessary at regular intervals. The oils in AURO Floor care No. 437 fulfil this purpose. Depending on how dirty the surface is, therefore, a damp clean is carried out at certain intervals using this product. The mix proportions used for this are the same as those for the floor cleaner (see point 1).

3. Thorough clean

A thorough clean is only necessary when dirt can no longer be removed through maintenance cleaning or when signs of wear appear and the surface treatment needs freshening up. AURO Wax balsam cleaner No. 421 is used for this thorough clean. Good ventilation and appropriate precautionary measures should be taken during this process due to the solvents contained in the product.

The cleaner is applied to the surface undiluted and then mechanically rubbed in. For smaller areas, this mechanical support is provided by rough sponges, brushes, etc., whilst with larger areas, so-called polishing heads or machines with suitable red polishing pads are used. After leaving to work for approx. 10 minutes, the cleaning film is replaced with the same product, again worked in mechanically and then fully removed using absorbent cloths or polishing pads (brown, beige, white or special absorbent fleece pads). Before this, any large excess can be gathered up using a rubber nozzle, collected in a suitable container and then disposed of. This will save on cloths and pads.

After this thorough clean, the surface must be smoothed to remove any fibres sticking up. Then new coats can be applied as set out in the Technical data sheets.