

# Care & Maintenance Instructions for UV Oil Finished Floors (Updated 9/2019)

## 1. Dry Cleaning

- The best way to remove loose and/or coarse dirt (e.g. dust and sand particles) is the regular use of a vacuum, soft brush or dust mop. **DO NOT USE A VACUUM WITH A BEATER BAR/BRUSH.**

## 2. Routine Cleaning

- After dry cleaning, clean your floor with **D&M Wood Floor Cleaner** or **Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner** for sealed and UV oil finished wood flooring. We **DO NOT** recommend the use of Bona Professional Hardwood Floor Cleaner or Bona Free & Simple Hardwood Floor Cleaner. Using any other cleaners not recommended by D&M Flooring will void all warranty.
- For use, spray a light mist over a 6 ft. x 6 ft. (or smaller) square area of the floor. Do not pour cleaner directly on the floor. Make light even strokes with a soft cotton cloth or applicator pad to get the desired results. Sponge, string mops or saturated cloths are not recommended. Spray and mop small area one at a time until you have cleaned the entire surface.

## 3. Protecting your floor

- Before applying **D&M Wood Floor Protector**, clean floor properly using **D&M Wood Floor Cleaner**.
- Gently shake the bottle to mix the solution for a few seconds. For use, spray **D&M Wood Floor Cleaner** onto the floor and spread evenly. Work in small sections to keep the applicator pad wet. Smooth strokes along the grain and continue working in sections until the entire floor is finished. When finished, rinse applicator pad with water and allow the floor to dry at least one hour before walking.
- For best results: always perform a test on a small inconspicuous area that is a representative of your whole floor to determine compatibility and to ensure you like the newly polished look before use. Do not apply product too thin or streaking will occur. Coat the entire floor to ensure an even appearance. Allow floor to dry completely (typically one hour) before walking. A second coat may be applied after two hours. Allow 24 hours before heavy traffic.

## 4. Repair

- **Mohawk Behlan** repair products are recommended for scratches and gouges. Visit the Mohawk Behlan website [www.mohawk-finishing.com](http://www.mohawk-finishing.com) for more information.
- **Minwax** maintenance & repair products are recommended for scratches and gouges. Visit the Minwax website [www.minwax.com](http://www.minwax.com) for more information.



UV oil is a unique way of emphasizing the rich colors of natural wood, containing primarily cold pressed vegetable oils and aromatic hardening oils. The oils penetrate into the surface of the wood floor as they cure and harden to form a very protective surface that becomes part of the wood floor. This means normal wear and tear, such as small scratches and indentations, do not show up as much on a floor with an urethane finish. UV oil finish will also let wood floor breathe through the surface and not just along the edges.

UV oil finished floors are different from natural oiled floors as they are cured by using UV lights to protect the wood from natural sunlight. This is a popular choice with prefinished floors as the manufacturer can apply a factory finish and homeowner can have a floor that requires no additional oiling after installation.

Your hardwood floor is a major investment that can add value to the look and feel of a home. If they are cared for and maintained, they will last for a very long time. No matter what type of hardwood floors you have, proper care and maintenance is absolutely essential to keep hardwood floors looking its best. Here are simple tips and guidelines to follow that will help maintain the finish and the natural beauty of your hardwood floors:

- The best way to remove loose, coarse dirt (e.g. dust and sand particles) is the regular use of a soft brush, dust mop or vacuum cleaner.
- A good-quality doormat placed at the entrance to the room will retain dust and grit.
- Your wood needs the right environment: ideally, a room temperature between 60 and 80 degrees and around 35-55% relative air humidity. Exceeding these limits may cause your floor to expand and contract unexpectedly and cause such things as gaps appearing in your floor.
- Wipe up oil, water or other liquids spillages immediately to avoid stains and marks on the floor.
- Place felt pads under the legs of all furniture.
- Lift and avoid dragging when moving any furniture.
- Trim pets' claws to keep your best friend from scratching the floors.
- Regularly vacuum or dust mop your floor to prevent sand or abrasive dust buildup that can scratch the floor finish.
- Do not use ammonia or oil-based wax, polish, household dust treatment chemicals, abrasive cleaners, furniture cleaners.
- Do not wet mop the floor, as excess moisture may cause damage to your wood floor.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**, when applying cleaning or care products to your floor, please avoid any standing water. This will damage your wood flooring (swelling). Flooring must be used under normal residential traffic conditions. All care and maintenance instructions provided by D&M must be followed for warranty to be valid. The use of any other products not approved by D&M Flooring may damage the floor and void warranty.