

Cleaning and Care Instructions

Finished hardwood floors



General

The applied LOBA surface finish gives the flooring a protective film. This film provides protection against dirt and moisture penetration. This protective layer is subject to natural wear, depending on the stress level. Initial or full care with LOBA care products provides additional protection for your floor covering. Regular cleaning and care are also required to maintain the value of your flooring. Our cleaning and care products for professionals and our range of products for home use are ideal for this. The perfectly coordinated system also provides the ideal combination of products for your individual application. Easy to use and safe – simply LOBA!

Cleaning and maintenance steps

Final construction cleaning

- The new, finished flooring is cleaned before first use or immediately before moving into the premises.
- Post-construction cleaning includes the removal of all soiling.
- The amount of cleaning required depends on the degree of soiling. This can range from damp mopping, corresponding to maintenance cleaning, to thorough, cleaning.
- After the final construction cleaning, an initial / full care program is required.

Initial care / full care

- The new or deeply cleaned surface is coated with a care product according to the surface coating or properties.
- Apply dispersing care product evenly using the LOBA Wischwiesel to prevent different matte and gloss areas. Apply a sufficient amount of a care product and do not go over dried areas again with the applicator.

Maintenance cleaning

- Dry-clean the floor using a LOBA Mop, soft broom or vacuum cleaner with brush attachment. Dirt and dust act like sandpaper and, therefore, need to be removed immediately.
- If necessary, damp-wipe using a LOBA cleaning product (stubborn dirt or drink stains, for example).
- Where mechanical cleaning is used, the dirt must be immediately vacuumed off again.
- Standing wetness on the surface can cause damage to the floor covering.

Maintenance care

- To refresh the initial finish care / full care, add a LOBA wipe care product to the mopping water according to the dosage instructions and damp-wipe the surface with the LOBA Mop.

Deep cleaning

- Manual or mechanical intensive cleaning is only needed if the floor is heavily soiled with stubborn dirt and or has care product layers that cannot be removed with maintenance cleaning.
- Care must be taken not to flood the floor with cleaning solution, otherwise damage may occur.
- Apply the cleaning solution in sections and work the wetted floor with a green LOBASAND SpecialPad. Remove the dirty solution fully as soon as possible.
- Then damp-wipe with clean water and the LOBA Mop to neutralize.
- Once the floor is completely dry, a full care needs to be carried out again.

Cleaning and care cycle for finished hardwood floors

Stress	Initial care / full care		Maintenance cleaning		Maintenance care (wipe care)		Deep cleaning	
	Product	Application	Product	Application	Product	Application	Product	Application
Normal-traffic floors, e.g. living areas	ParkettCare ParkettCare satin	At least every 12 months	Cleaner CleanFix	Weekly or as required	Refresh	In alternation to the maintenance cleaning, every 3rd application	CareRemover	As needed, at least every 12-24 months
			FloorCleaner+		ParkettRefresh+ for varnished floors	In alternation to the maintenance cleaning, every 4th application		
Medium-traffic floors, e.g. commercial - offices, retail stores (without slip resistance*)	ParkettCare ParkettCare satin	At least every 6 months	Cleaner CleanFix	At least twice a week or as required	Refresh	In alternation to the maintenance cleaning, every 3rd application	CareRemover	As needed, at least every 6-12 months
			FloorCleaner+		ParkettRefresh+ for varnished floors	In alternation to the maintenance cleaning, every 4th application		
High-traffic floors, e.g. theaters, malls (without slip resistance*)	ParkettCare ParkettCare satin	At least every 3 months	Cleaner CleanFix	Daily or more often if needed	Refresh	In alternation to the maintenance cleaning, every 3rd application	CareRemover	As needed, at least every 3-6 months
			FloorCleaner+		ParkettRefresh+ for varnished floors	In alternation to the maintenance cleaning, every 4th application		
Gyms and multipurpose halls	SportCare	After every deep cleaning or as required	Cleaner CleanFix	Daily or more often if needed	Refresh	In alternation to the maintenance cleaning, every 3rd application	CareRemover	Depending on wear, every 6-12 months
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Always consider the LOBA Technical Information data sheets for the individual products. You can find this information on the LOBA website at www.loba.de in the download section. All intervals are to be understood as guidelines and are directly related to actual stress level. A warranty claim therefore cannot be derived from this information.

Notes

- Only use with caution, dry-clean and do not lay carpets until the surface treatment is fully cured. Anti-slip carpet underlays must be free of plasticizers.
- Surface treatment is craft skill work, and small disturbances in the surface treatment in the form of dust and dirt inclusions cannot be completely avoided. This has no influence on the durability of the surface.
- Exposure to daylight and UV rays change the color of the flooring to varying degrees over time.
- Tables and chairs must be fitted with suitable felt glides. These must be checked at regular intervals for dirt and damage.
- For hardfloor coverings, only use soft, two-color chair castors of type W according to DIN EN 12529. The use of suitable underlays is also recommended.
- Equip entrance areas with adequately dimensioned clean run zones in accordance with their use. In public buildings, this should be at least four stride lengths. Special door mats can ensure that coarse and fine dirt and moisture are captured before being tracked onto the floor. They must be cleaned regularly and replaced if necessary.
- The preservation of the value of the wooden floor requires attention to appropriate indoor climate. The ideal room climate is achieved at a room temperature of approx. 20 °C (68 and °F) a relative humidity of 50 %. Higher humidity will cause the wood to swell, while lower humidity will cause the wood to shrink, and gaps of various sizes may form. To prevent the formation of gaps, avoid a long-term drop in relative humidity below 45%. This can be achieved by use of humidifiers.
- With underfloor heating, do not exceed a wood surface temperature of 29 °C (84 °F), ideally 25 °C (77°F). The risk of gaps formation is higher than in centrally heated rooms. Always ensure that multi-circuit systems in connecting rooms are operated at the same temperature.

* Special care products are required to retain certain surface properties, e.g. for sports floors and surfaces in work areas. Applying a protective care layer can change properties and/or the gloss level. Always read the test certificates for anti-slip floors and sports floor suitability.