

In order to ensure the lasting beauty of your new Plantation flooring, it is important to carefully read and follow the steps noted below for cleaning and maintenance. For a summary of floor care recommendations, please note the chart below.

Plantation Floor Care Recommendations	Residential Use	Commercial Use
Regular & Initial Maintenance	Weekly - WOCA Natural Soap	Weekly - WOCA Natural Soap
Regular Conditioning	Quarterly - WOCA Oil Refresher	Monthly - WOCA Oil Refresher
Intensive Cleaning & Maintenance	As Needed - WOCA Spot Remover, & Touch Up Stain	As Needed - WOCA Spot Remover, & Touch Up Stain



DO'S:

- ✓ Wipe up spills immediately.
- ✓ Vacuum, sweep, or dust mop your hardwood floor once a week, or more if needed. The vacuum head must be brush (not rotating) or felt, and a wand attachment is preferable.
- ✓ Use interior and exterior door mats at entrances to collect dirt and moisture and prevent it from being tracked onto the floor.
- ✓ Keep animal nails trimmed to prevent finish scratches.
- ✓ To prevent surface damage avoid rolling heavy appliances and furniture on the floor. Use plywood hardboard or appliance lifts, if necessary.
- ✓ Use furniture leg protector pads under all furniture legs. Replace hard, narrow furniture castor wheels with wide rubber wheels.
- ✓ Use a sack barrow when moving heavy furniture or appliances. But first, put down a sheet of plywood to protect the floor. Never try to slide or roll heavy objects across the floor.
- ✓ Keep the relative humidity in your home between 35% and 55%.
 - Heating Season (Dry): A humidifier is recommended to prevent excess shrinkage due to low humidity levels. Wood fires and electric heat tend to create very dry conditions.
 - Non Heating Season (Wet): An air conditioner, dehumidifier, or periodically turning on your heating system can maintain humidity during the summer months. Avoid excessive exposure to water during periods of inclement weather.

DONT'S:

- ✗ Use any of the following products (or products similar in nature) on your floor: ammonia based cleaners, acrylic finishes, wax based products, detergents, bleach, abrasive cleaning soaps or acidic materials such as vinegar.
- ✗ Allow water to stand on your floor for any length of time – wipe up immediately.
- ✗ Walk across your floor in poorly maintained shoes with heel taps, spike heels or with any sharp object protruding from your shoe.
- ✗ Allow furniture to rest on the floor on small metal tips or hard domes.
- ✗ Use rubber, foam back or plastic mats as they may trap moisture and possibly discolour your floor.
- ✗ Don't use a vacuum cleaner with beater bar or hard head.
- ✗ Don't use steel wool or scouring powder. Don't use any type of buffing machine other than as recommended in the instruction for cleaning products noted above.

ADDITIONAL TIPS:

- T Good quality entry and exit mats will help collect the dirt, sand, grit, and other substances such as oil, asphalt, or driveway sealer that can otherwise be tracked onto your flooring. Don't use rubber or foam-backed plastic mats as they may discolour the flooring.
- T Periodically rearranging your area rugs and furniture will allow the flooring to age evenly. Exposure to the sun and its UV rays will soften the tone of different species of hardwood to varying degrees and accelerate the oxidation and aging of wood. This can cause the stain and wood to fade and/or change colour.



STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

Accidents happen! When they do, we have the solution. Keeping your Oiled Plantation Floor looking as good as new has never been easier with our WOCA Cleaning and Maintenance products.

① DAILY - NATURAL SOAP:



We recommend that all oil finished floors be cleaned with WOCA Natural Soap for maximum protection and wearability. WOCA Natural Soap is a quality soap, which due to its nourishing properties quickly closes the pores of the wood, and protects against dirt and penetration of liquids. Follow these simple steps:

- ① Shake Natural Soap carefully before use.
- ② Mix approximately 60ml of Natural Soap with 4 litres of luke warm water. It is always recommended to work with 2 buckets; one with the Natural Soap solution and the other one with rinse water. Clean the floor with an absolute minimum quantity of water. The mop must be wrung out as much as possible before you begin using it on the floor. Remove dirty soapy water with hard-wrung mop or cloth and rinse out in rinse water bucket. Change rinse water often!
- ③ Always wipe the floor with soapy water on hard-wrung out mop or cloth in order to re-establish the protective Natural Soap film.

Please note: We recommend using a high-quality cotton mop (e.g. Raven Twist A Mop. This can be purchased from Brico's or Bunnings). A microfibre mop will wear away the oil finish on your floor.



DAILY MAINTENANCE:

Vacuum or sweep your floor daily. The frequency of floor cleaning depends on the wear on the floor. A new WOCA Oil finished timber floor has an invisible layer of coconut and soy fats which helps to protect your floor. Follow the steps outlined in these instructions to maintain this layer, and help protect your floor from daily wear.

② PERIODICALLY - OIL REFRESHER:



WOCA Oil Refresher combines efficient cleaning with re-oiling, as additional oil is penetrating into the wood forming a matte protective layer on the surface. The floor must be clean and free from dust before treatment.

- ① Shake Oil Refresher carefully before use.
- ② Mix WOCA Oil Refresher with luke warm water, at a ratio of 1:40 (100ml WOCA Oil Refresher with 4 litres of water). The mixture ratio can vary depending on wear and requirement.
- ③ Use two buckets - one with WOCA Oil Refresher mixed into water and one with rinse water. Firstly, dip the mop into the Oil Refresher mixture, wring lightly, and clean the floor in a lengthwise direction. Then, rinse the mop in clear rinse water, wring hard and dip it into the Oil Refresher mixture again. This time the mop needs to be extremely hard wrung before wiping the floor again in the lengthwise direction, in order to leave as little moisture on the floor as possible. It is recommended to clean an area of approx. 10m² at a time. By doing it this way the floor is exposed to moisture only for a short period.
- ④ Leave the floor to dry for approximately two hours before use.

Please note: On surfaces exposed to extremely hard wear, spot treatment can be done. So as not to develop unwanted oil buildup it is recommended that cleaning with WOCA Natural Soap and Oil Refresher be alternated so that Oil Refresher is not used more than four times a year.

③ AS REQUIRED - TOUCH UP STAIN:



Use Touch Up Stain to repair small scratches or damage to your Plantation timber floor.

- ① Apply a small amount of the recommended Plantation Touch Up Stain on a cotton cloth or sponge and rub it into the affected area.
- ② Make sure to rub it into the floor area until the area is uniform.
- ③ Wipe off the excess Touch Up Stain with a cotton cloth until the repair looks uniform. Make sure the stain blends in with the rest of the floor.
- ④ Leave Touch Up Stain to dry for at least one hour.
- ⑤ Then, apply a small amount of WOCA Oil Refresher with a cotton cloth and rub it into the area.
- ⑥ Leave Oil Refresher to dry overnight.
- ⑦ After one week the surface will be fully hardened, and suitable for normal use.
- ⑧ Then, continue regular cleaning with the WOCA Natural Soap.

Stain Code	For Use With
PST2156	Chateau
PST2158	Springfield
PST2159	Windsor
PST2161	Kingsley
PST2183	Biltmore
PST2338	Wheatland, Lakeport and Villa



④ AS REQUIRED - SPOT REMOVER:



WOCA Spot Remover is based on soap, and is specially developed to remove particularly difficult spots from the wood surface. Spot Remover effectively dissolves grease, red wine, coffee etc, bringing back the original colour of your flooring.

- ① Spray WOCA Spot Remover evenly on the stain directly from the can.
- ② Leave the Spot Remover to dissolve the stain for 10-20 min. Now scrub with a soft bristle brush until the stain has been dissolved.
- ③ Repeat if necessary.
- ④ Wipe with a warm, damp cotton cloth.
- ⑤ Leave Spot Remover to dry completely.
- ⑥ Apply a small amount of WOCA Oil Refresher to the area with a cotton cloth and rub it in to re-establish the protection of your floor.

