

Other tips for floor protection:

- Doormats at all exterior doors, to trap dirt and grit from outdoors, before it gets to the floor.
- Encourage checking the soles of your shoes for gravel and grit caught in the treads.
- All moveable pieces of furniture need soft clean pads on the bottom of legs or supports.
- Rubber feet on items such as dining room chairs.
- Apply floor protector pads to all furniture.
- Always pick up furniture. DO NOT slide.
- Floor guards enable you to move your appliances forward for servicing without gouging your floor.
- Some areas always experience more wear than others, e.g. under office chairs. Replace wheels with rubber castor wheels (available from Whittle Waxes). Or use thin non-slip protective mats in these areas.
- High heels concentrate a person's weight on a small point (60kg person = approx 150kg per sq. cm when taking a normal step). This kind of force can damage many types of flooring, fracturing ceramic tiles and perforating vinyl, as well as denting wood floors. High heels should be discouraged where practical.
- Wipe up food and spills in good time.
- Use rugs in high traffic areas.
- Make sure any rugs are kept clean and dry. Have them shaken out and vacuumed regularly.

FLOOR CARE CONCENTRATE

Natural treatment for internal wood surfaces

Whittle Waxes Floor Care contains vegetable oils and carnauba wax, which means that when the floor is cleaned a thin replenishing and protective layer of wax is applied.

This product has a natural PH value and contains no solvents.

Other brands of cleaning products may contain ingredients that could damage your floor.



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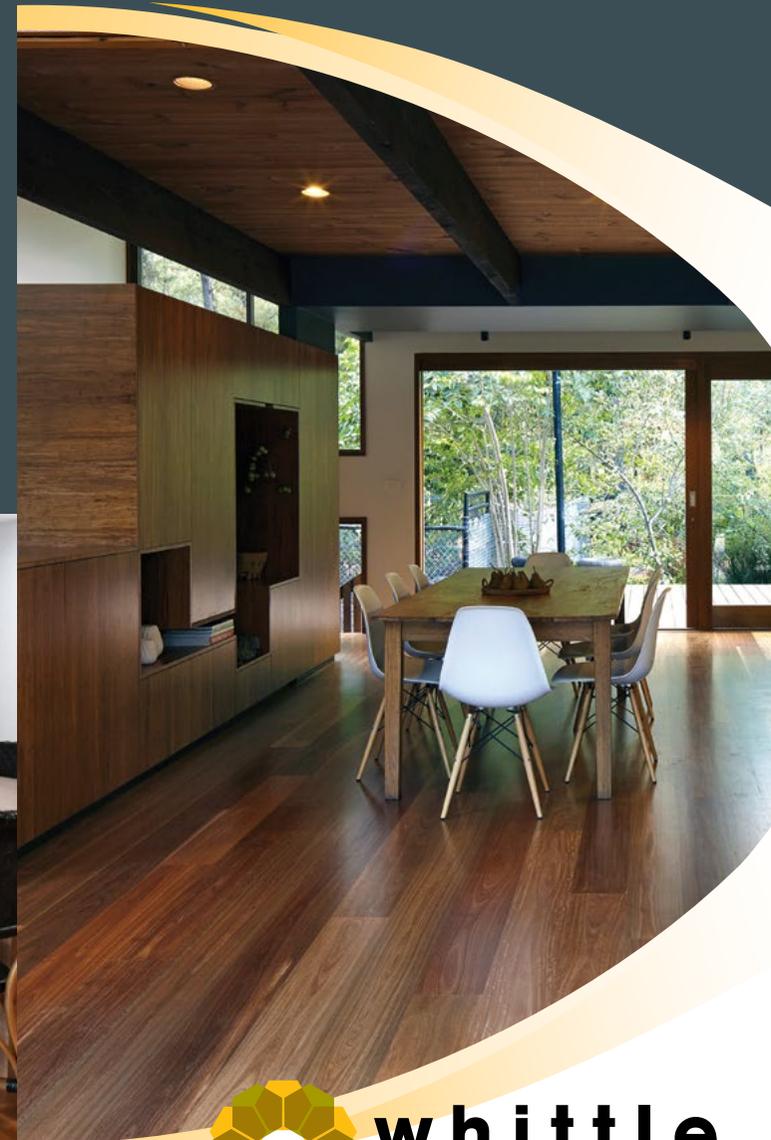
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FLOOR MAINTENANCE INFORMATION



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For beautiful timber, naturally

A proper maintenance program will reduce general wear on a floor and prolong the durability of the coating.

Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly. Vacuuming is the most efficient way of increasing the longevity of a floor finish, as it lifts the abrasive particles of sand that grind away at the surface.

N.B. Your hardwax finish will take about **10 days** to reach its maximum strength, both physically and in its moisture repellent properties. Please refrain from mopping the floor for a week or so and take care to soak up anything spilt on the floor.

Regular washing

Whittle Waxes Floor Care (for internal wood surfaces).

This is a mopping additive designed to both clean and maintain floors finished with Evolution Hardwax Oils, without making the surface slippery.



Maintenance

Whittle Waxes Wax Polish*

This is an easy to apply refresher coat for surfaces finished with hardwax oil.

Marks, fine scratches or more persistent stains can be removed with Wax Polish.

This should be applied thinly to a dry clean floor and then lightly polished. Polish by hand on a small area or use a floor polisher on a larger one.

When the floor shows signs of wear, freshen up the entire floor surface or just the hard worn areas. Initially clean with Whittle Waxes Floor Care. Allow it to dry thoroughly, and then apply Wax Polish to the area.



Heavy soiling

Whittle Waxes Preparation Cleaner

This removes heavy soiling including grease, oil, old gloss and polymer layers, waxes, oil films and other impurities.



Whittle Waxes Cleaning and Maintenance Kit

For your convenience, we have designed these kits to conserve, clean and refresh timber surfaces finished with Evolution Hardwax Oil.

*Wax Polish available in two sheen levels:

- Matt
- For higher sheen levels



Floor repair:

A good regular maintenance program will reduce general wear on a floor, however, a deep scratch or gouge is not always easy to repair. We recommend consulting a professional when the damage exposes the bare wood.

Floor protection:

- The amount a floor is used will determine the maintenance regime, i.e. a kitchen will require more regular maintenance than a bedroom. Heavy soiling can be cleaned as described above, or careful use of a steam mop will lift grime without saturating the floor. Use of **Whittle Waxes Floor Care** is often enough to keep the floors looking great.
- Wood floors are very sensitive to their surrounding climate. Seasonal gapping is a common occurrence. They expand in humid conditions and contract when the air becomes dry, usually due to heating. Using a humidifier or dehumidifier in conjunction with heating/cooling system is recommended, to maintain a constant 30-50% humidity level. This will minimise shrinkage and gapping.
- Never place plants directly on a wood floor even if they are in a waterproof saucer. If there is no alternative always use trivets or short stands under the pot and saucer so that air can circulate underneath.
- Many people are shocked when a rug is moved and there is an outline of the rug on the floor. Luckily there is no need to panic. If you remove the rug completely, the colour will blend eventually but it will take a while, so be patient! This is called oxidation and happens because UV light hits one part of the uncovered floor and does not reach the area of floor underneath the rug.

