INTERIOR

BIOFA

oiled parquet

Commissioning and care of oiled wooden floors



Parquet oiled with BIOFA parquet oil is a special experience - natural, easy to care for and hygienic.

Your parquet floor has been oiled at the factory to protect it from moisture and dirt. To protect your parquet reliably and in the long term against premature wear, it is essential that your floor is commissioned correctly and maintained regularly.

1. Initial care with BIOFA oil!

To ensure that you can enjoy your floor for as long as possible, you should carefully maintain the newly laid floor. To 'treat' parquet means to re-oil a factory-oiled parquet floor after installation. This must always be done immediately after installation to give the floor extra protection. After installation, clean the floor surface dry with a broom or hoover only to remove installation dust and dirt - do not use water or intensive cleaners.

Apply a little parquet oil to the floor and spread thinly and evenly with a white pad. This can be done by hand with a pad holder with joint and handle for small areas up to 15 m2 or with a disc machine for larger areas. After a short penetration time, max. 5-10 minutes, polish with a white pad. Do not leave any wet spots and ensure that a thick layer does not form. Smaller areas can be polished out manually with a fresh short-pile mop or cloth. For larger areas, we recommend using a disc machine with a white pad. No oil residue should remain on the surface.

Allow the surface to harden. The times depend on the amount of oil, temperature and processing. The floor can only be carefully walked on after approx. eight hours at a room temperature of at least 18-20°C. During the initial period, the walking areas should be covered with corrugated cardboard. Damp mopping should be carried out after 14 days at the earliest.



2. Maintenance cleaning and care with BIOFA Household Cleaner 4020 and Wax Care 4030

Recommended cleaning steps

Step 1: Clean the surface with a mop or hoover.
Step 2: Spray Household Cleaner 4020 evenly onto the surface using the spray bottle.
Step 3: Spread evenly with a moistened cleaning mop and wipe up.

In the case of heavy soiling, repeat the cleaning process or spray the soiled areas again separately and allow to react briefly before wiping up.

Recommended care steps

Step 1: First clean the surfaces with household cleaner 4020.
Step 2: Spray Wax Care 4030 evenly onto the surface using the spray bottle.
Step 3: Spread evenly with a moistened cleaning mop. If necessary, polish with a dry cloth after approx. 20-30 minutes.

We recommend fortnightly wax care for heavily used surfaces. For normally used surfaces, we recommend this cycle once a month.

For newly laid and freshly treated floors, carry out the first damp cleaning and maintenance as described above after 2 weeks at the earliest.

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3. General information on parquet flooring

Indoor climate

The natural material wood breathes. Wood and cork floors react to the ambient conditions, in particular the relative humidity, with corresponding changes in moisture. This results in shrinkage at low humidity or swelling at high humidity, in each case with the corresponding subsequent effects, such as joint formation. In principle, this should not be viewed negatively, but rather as a natural feature of the material wood.

Ensure that the relative humidity in rooms with parquet or cork flooring is between 50 and 60 % at approx. 20°C all year round. If necessary, ventilation/heating measures or measures to increase the air humidity must be implemented. A humidifier, which is put into operation at the beginning of the heating period, can provide valuable services here. Also bear in mind that this can save you valuable heating energy, as a higher level of humidity means that the user also perceives a lower room temperature as pleasant. These climatic conditions not only have a positive effect on your floor, but also on wooden furnishings and your personal well-being.

Using the floor

Oiling the surface is a manual process. The more the oiled floor is protected in the first few days, the longer the life of the surface and therefore the floor. Full use should only take place after approx. 14 days. To protect the floor, only dry clean it in the first few weeks and do not lay any carpets. Carpet underlays and anti-slip mats must be suitable for oiled and waxed wooden floors. Move furniture and other heavy furnishings carefully. Tables and chair bases must be fitted with suitable felt pads, e.g. plastic edged. When using chairs with castors, only use standardised soft castors. We also recommend the use of suitable underlay mats in office areas.

Cleaning

Never use harsh, strongly alkaline or solvent-based cleaners to clean oiled or waxed floors. Such cleaners attack the surface or even dissolve it. We recommend only high-quality BIOFA products for cleaning - see BIOFA cleaning and care instructions.

Coloured products such as hair dyes, wound disinfectants and plasticiser migration, e.g. from rubber, can lead to irreversible discolouration of the surface. Therefore, avoid contact between the floor and these products. Wooden and cork floors should never be damp or even wet for long periods, as they can absorb water and change their shape or form stains. This applies in particular to types of wood that react very quickly to changes in moisture, such as beech. When cleaning, therefore, always ensure that the floor is either wiped dry, with a mop, hoover or just damp. Make sure that there are no 'puddles' on the floor. Only dry clean newly laid floors for the first two weeks.

4. How easy it is to maintain your oiled parquet floor

- Protect your parquet from sand, stones and water, e.g. standing water from leaking flower pots or vases.
- Strainers are recommended.
- Regular care delays the natural wear of the surface.
- The oiled surface is dirt-repellent and contributes significantly to the longevity of your parquet floor.
- In between, it is best to clean with a mop, broom or hoover.
- Remove firmly adhering dirt with damp cleaning.
- Felt glides under chairs and tables prevent scratches.
- Do not use floor coverings with rubberised or latexed undersides. These coatings may contain substances that leave stains after some time.
- Ensure a cosy room climate:
  18 - 20 °C room temperature
  50 - 60 % relative humidity.

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