



## CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF LIVOS OILS ON

# LARGE PROJECT TIMBER FLOORS

### AFTER FINAL OIL IT IS RECOMMENDED TO,

- Remain off the floor for 24 hours (at least).
- **Avoid water totally for the first 4-6 weeks** (the longer the better). Only use dry methods of cleaning, ensuring the vacuum cleaner has good bristles. If spillages occur, dry immediately, do not wash floor in the early stages. This is necessary to allow the oil to harden and cure. It may sometimes require many weeks before full strength is achieved. Light and ventilation aids in the curing process.
- Wear soft shoes for the next 3-4 days, sweaty feet/socks may leave marks when floor is fresh.
- Place felt protectors under furniture contact points, (obtainable at Kmart, department or hardware stores).
- To avoid scratches or dents, always lift heavy furniture into place. Do not drag.
- Wait for 4-6 weeks before placing mats or rugs down.
- If oil "sweats" between boards, remove gently with a paper towel.



Cotton mops



vacuum with good bristles

### CARING FOR YOUR FLOOR

A little sensible care will keep your timber floor a pleasure. Prevent problems before they occur. The amount of care needed will depend on the area treated, your location, and life style.

- Do not wash the floor in the early stages.
- Immediately remove any liquid spills.
- Protect your floor against abrasive dust or grit by placing a quality doormat at the entrance of your home. This helps remove extra dirt from shoes, helping to prevent surface scratching.
- After the initial curing time, and for regular cleaning, floors may be wiped over with a slightly damp (not wet) mop. Use only products that are suitable for cleaning and maintaining natural oil finished timber.
- 5 ml (1 tsp) of Livos TRENA PH Neutral Cleaner #556 (Concentrate) to 5 Lt of water is strongly recommended. Avoid higher concentrations. This is a mild and effective cleaner, leaving the oil layer untouched.
- One may use the GLANOS Liquid Wax Cleaner #559 (Concentrate) mixed with water every 4<sup>th</sup> wash to aid in obtaining a sheen to the floor. 1 tsp in 5 Lt of water. (This should be alternated with the TRENA)
- Do not use excessive water, abrasive chemical products, baking soda or amonia.
- Please be aware that some Micro fibre cloths are extremely harsh and may strip the nutrients/oil from the flooring. Cotton mops or cloths that may be removed and washed are ideal. The floor may appear dull after washing however this will disappear in 1-2 days.

### CLEANING WITH MACHINE

With a Scrubber Drier, e.g. a Kärcher BR 90/140 R or a Nilfisk-Alto S. Fill in TRENA PH Neutral Cleaner into the tank in a ratio of 1:1000. Remove any excess with a wet/dry vacuum if necessary.

### CLEANING OF SURROUNDING AREA

If windows or furniture are to be cleaned after the floor has been oiled. Ensure your cleaning contractors are aware that the surface is a natural oil finish and will not tolerate harsh chemical detergents and is sensitive to water in the initial stages. It is strongly advisable to cover the floor with a thick cardboard under where e.g. the windows will be cleaned.

### RENOVATIONS (if required after floor has been completed)

It is highly recommended to sand and oil the floors after painting and all trades have finished. If unavoidable, place cotton sheets or carton (not plastic drop sheets) on freshly oiled floor for protection. When this protection is removed



vacuum floor with an attachment that has soft bristles and move along the grain of the timber. If this does not remove fine plaster dust, then a final buff with a white pad (non abrasive) may be necessary. Do not wash the floor in the early stages.

### STAINS AND MARKS

Slight ink and water stains can be removed with the concentrated Trena Neutral Cleaner or the Latis Intensive Cleaner #551. Place one or two drops of the cleaner on the stain and rub over with a clean cloth. Wipe over. Leave to dry.

### REPAIRS

Deep penetrating stains (caused by chemicals or animal urine) or scratches may require sanding with fine sand paper, wetted with a few drops of the oil used. Alternatively, lightly sand the damaged area and reapply some of the original oil used. Wipe off excess.

### SMALL HIGHLY STRESSED AREAS EG. KITCHEN

From time to time wipe a few drops of the original oil used onto the cleaned surface. Leave for 10-15 minutes. Wipe the surface dry. Leave for a few hours. Alternatively, use the Kunos Maintenance Oil #1862.

### REJUVENATION (at a later stage)

Rejuvenation is easily carried out when the floor either looks dull, too dry or does not repel water. Large furniture pieces may be left in place. Please request or download "Rejuvenation of oiled floors" at [www.livos.com.au](http://www.livos.com.au)

### FREQUENTLY WET AREAS

On frequently sprinkled areas (walls, floor, benches etc.), remove water droplets, otherwise hard to remove traces of calcium and other minerals dissolved in the water, can build up grey and white veils on the timber surfaces after many years of usage.

For application information request or download the "Application" and "Rejuvenation" sheet from [www.livos.com.au](http://www.livos.com.au)

Do not use or store oil below 12°

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