

DUCHATEAU

OIL-FINISHED FLOOR CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Congratulations on your purchase of a Duchateau® hardwood floor with an oil-based finish. The following information will help you maintain the beauty of your floor for years to come.

Our floors are finished with a penetrating oil-based finish that colors and protects the floor from within, rather than a finish that sits on top of the wood.

Oil-finished floors are easy to live with, clean and maintain. They also allow spot treatment of any areas that need it for the ultimate in flexibility.

IMPORTANT:

Duchateau offers a complete line of oil-finished floor cleaning and maintenance products, especially formulated for your floor.

It is crucial that you use **only** products specifically formulated for oil-finished floors when cleaning and maintaining your floors.

Products formulated for sealed floors or other cleaners may dry out and damage your floors. **Use of incorrect products on your floor can void your warranty.**

Your Duchateau floor arrives to you fully finished. You do not need to apply maintenance oil when first installed. You should thoroughly clean your floors after install, following our cleaning guidelines.

DAILY CLEANING

For regular daily upkeep of your oil-finished floor, a simple sweeping or vacuuming should be all that is required.

If using a vacuum, use a hard-floor brush, or turn off the beater bar to prevent scratching your floor.

WEEKLY/BI-WEEKLY CLEANING

For a slightly deeper clean, you should use a product formulated for oil-finished floors, such as the DUCHATEAU Cleaner and Protectant for Oil Finished Hardwood Floors.

The DUCHATEAU Cleaner and Protectant contains coconut-derived ingredients, which help condition and clean oil-finished floors at the same time.

Follow all directions on the product carefully. If using the DUCHATEAU Cleaner and Protectant, follow these steps:

Full Floor Cleaning

1. Make sure the floor is swept or vacuumed and free of surface dirt prior to using the product.
2. Shake the cleaner well before use. Using either the spray bottle or the gallon refill, pour the DUCHATEAU Cleaner and Protectant into a spray mop with a soft microfiber head.
3. Use the spray mop to spray the floor, wiping the cleaner up with the mop.
4. Work in sections, spraying and then mopping.
5. Allow the floor to dry 15 to 20 minutes before walking on it.

Spot Cleaning

To spot clean a specific area which may have marks or stains, you can spray the cleaner directly from the bottle on the stained area, and then rub clean with a soft cloth or microfiber cloth. *Remember, a little goes a long way.*

MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY CLEANING

The DUCHATEAU Oil Refresher for Oil Finished Hardwood Floors can be used to make your floors even more beautiful. When used in conjunction with our DUCHATEAU Cleaner and Protectant, the Oil Refresher will bring life back into your floors by restoring oil finished and enhancing the color and finish of your floors. It penetrates the surface to increase dirt resistance and wear protection.

Regular use of the Oil Refresher can prolong the amount of time between complete re-oilings.

Full Floor Cleaning

1. Make sure the floor is swept or vacuumed and free of surface dirt prior to using the product.
2. Shake well before use. Using either the spray bottle or the gallon refill, pour the DUCHATEAU Oil Refresher into a spray mop with a soft microfiber head.
3. Use the spray mop to spray the floor, wiping it up with the mop.
4. Work in sections, spraying and then mopping.
5. Allow the floor to dry 2 hours before walking on it.

Spot Cleaning

To spot clean a specific area which may have marks or stains, or to refresh a high-traffic area, you can spray the Refresher directly from the bottle on the area, and then rub clean with a soft cloth or microfiber cloth. *Remember, a little goes a long way.*

ANNUAL/OCCASIONAL MAINTENANCE AND CONDITIONING

Oil-finished floors require regular re-oiling to maintain the finish and beauty of the floor. There are several important benefits to the re-oiling of the floor:

Conditioning

The porous nature of oil-finished floors allows the wood to absorb and release moisture depending on environmental conditions. Maintenance Oil application will help moisturize the floor.

Protection

The wax element of DUCHATEAU Maintenance Oil works similarly to the wax you might use on your car. It provides an extra layer of protection against spills.

Restoration

The oil element of DUCHATEAU Maintenance Oil may help brighten the natural graining of the wood and may even enhance the color. Every environment is unique, so the timeline for re-oiling may vary. Some good signs it is time to re-oil would be if water does not bead up on the floor, if the floor shows differences

in sheen, or if the floor has lost its vibrancy.

As wood floors age, high-traffic areas tend to wear more than low-traffic areas. High-traffic areas can be re-oiled with greater frequency without having to re-coat the entire floor.

Regular application of DUCHATEAU Maintenance Oil when needed will provide long-lasting protection and keep your floor looking its best for years to come.

The instructions below refer to DUCHATEAU Maintenance Oil. As with any product, read all directions on label before beginning and follow them carefully.

Re-oiling is not a difficult process. Please take the time to read all steps below before beginning, which provide more detail than those on the container.

Application of DUCHATEAU Maintenance Oil:

1. Sweep or vacuum the floor prior to use, ensuring all surface dirt is removed.
2. Shake product well before use.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Do **not** over-apply this product.
4. Apply directly to the floor preferably using a sponge mop. You may also use a well wrung-out pad or short-bristled paint roller.
5. Work in sections, applying a thin even coat. Be careful not to get Maintenance Oil on walls or baseboards.
6. Remember, less is more. Apply less than you think you might need, as a little bit goes a long way.
7. Before moving to the next section, buff the floor with clean, dry lint-free white cotton towels. *If using a buffing machine, use 3M white polishing pads. It is recommended to perform an additional buffing using a cotton bonnet pad on the buffer to ensure all excess oil is removed.* Make sure the oil is polished well into the floor. Continue polishing until the floor seems saturated and has an even, uniform appearance.
8. The surface should appear wet, and no excess oil should remain on the surface. Failure to remove all excess oil or over-application will result in a sticky surface that is hard to remove.
9. Wait 24 hours before replacing furniture or walking on the floor. Wait 72 hours before replacing area rugs.
10. Do not expose the floor to water or clean it for the first 3 days after re-oiling.

Spot Application

Following the instructions above, the DUCHATEAU Maintenance Oil can be applied to specific areas, such as high-traffic areas. If applied following all instructions, the treated area should blend in with nearby untreated areas.

- *Application Temperature: 59° to 86° F.*
- *Full Cure Time: 72 hours at 68° F.*

Available Care and Maintenance Products

Duchateau offers a complete line of Care and Maintenance products to keep your floor looking beautiful:

A: DUCHATEAU

Oil-Finished Hardwood Floor Cleaner

Perfect for weekly cleaning, the cleaner is made from natural soy and coconut-derived ingredients, helping to clean and condition floors at the same time.

- 32 oz Spray: MNT-OFCS32-30
1 Gallon Refill: MNT-OFCR128-30

B: DUCHATEAU

Oil Refresher for Oil-Finished Hardwood Floors

Perfect for monthly or quarterly cleaning and refreshing, the refresher is VOC-free, odor-free, and plant-based. It is used to clean and refresh floors at the same time.

- 32 oz Spray: MNT-OFRS32-30

C: DUCHATEAU

Natural Maintenance Oil

The plant-based maintenance oil can be used to restore the original look of your oil-finished hardwood floor. It can be applied by hand or machine.

- 1 Liter: MNT-MNOIL-1L-30

