

# PEAK OAK

## OAK FLOORING, OAK DOORS & WROUGHT IRONWARE



### How To Maintain Your Oak Floor Finish

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## Introduction

You've laid your brand new oak floor, and applied a high quality finish. You are going to want to keep it looking just as good in the years to come.

This guide has been created to show a few basic tips to advise ways to keep your oak flooring looking in top condition.

“Properly maintained waxed-oiled wood floors look better and better as time goes by”

## Hard Wearing Finish

The most important step is choosing a hard wearing finish for your oak flooring. Whether you purchase pre-finished or unfinished oak flooring, you should ensure that the finish is resistant to wear and tear and matches your aesthetic requirements.

Dependant on what look you are trying to achieve, there are a number of finishes available. An oiled finish will generally give a very natural look to your oak flooring and are often very easy to maintain. One of the main products we recommend for the finishing of your floors are Hard Wax Oils, such as the Blanchon Hard Waxoil.



## Regular Cleaning

Cleaning is the most important part of looking after your floor.

The general day to day cleaning of your oak flooring is a step that shouldn't be undervalued. A daily sweep will help to keep dust particles and grit from sitting on top of your floor. A regular vacuum of your oak flooring will also help to remove these particles. Dust and dirt can be pushed along the surface of the floor causing scratches.

Along with the regular cleaning, it is important to note what your chosen finish recommends. Many oiled finishing brands have their own corresponding soap products. The Blanchon Hard Waxoil has the Blanchon Natural Soap For Oiled Wooden Floors, and the Osmo Polyx-Oil has the Osmo Wash and Care.

These soap products are designed to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of your flooring whilst providing an in depth clean. Every time the soap is used, the wood protection is strengthened, preserving the life of your oak floor finish.



## Application Of Soap

The surface of your oak floor should be free from dust and dirt prior to the application of the soap. Sweep or vacuum the surface of your oak flooring.

Being by shaking the soap bottle prior to use. Dilute the soap in a bucket as per your chosen manufacturers instructions. Blanchon recommends around 100 - 125ml in every 5 litres of water for their Natural Soap For Oiled Wood Floors. For every 1 litre of water, Osmo recommends 1 cover cap for their Wash and Care product.



You can clean the floor with the diluted soap using a floor cloth, a mop or a sponge mop. The mop or cloth used should be well wrung out. This ensures the floor does not get too wet. Continue around the room, rinsing the mop or cloth regularly.

Allow the room to dry for around 15 minutes.

### **Maintenance**

Over time, in areas of heavy use, your oiled floor may begin to show signs of age. To bring "new life" back into your oak floor, the appropriate Maintenance Oils can be used.

The maintenance oils are designed for the quick and easy regeneration and refreshment of oiled wood floors. These maintenance oils penetrate the wood to provide long last protection.

Again, like with the soaps, each brand has their chosen maintenance oils available. Depending on the finish applied Blanchon have the Blanchon Maintenance Oil, Blanchon Original Wood Environment Maintenance Oil or the Blanchon Universal Maintenance Oil available. Likewise with the Osmo there are products available, such as the Osmo Liquid Wax Cleaner.

### **Application Of Maintenance Oils**

Any traces of dust and dirt should be removed prior to the application of maintenance oils. The oak flooring should be clean and dry.

Begin by shaking the maintenance oil well prior to use. Only apply the maintenance oil in well ventilated areas and if the temperature is above 12 degrees.

Dependant on your maintenance oil of choice, it can be applied using a cotton cloth, a microfibre brush or an applicator brush.





Evenly spread the maintenance oil in a fine coat. This should always be done in the grain direction of the wood. Be sure not to apply the maintenance oil too thickly. With your area complete, the oil should be given time to dry.



To even out the sheen of your oiled floor, the maintenance oil can be polished during application with either a polishing machine or white cotton cloth.

