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How To Restore
Your Oak Floor Finish

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Introduction

Over time no matter what oak floor finish you use, the floor may begin to show areas of wear and tear. These are often caused by excess traffic over a particular area of your floor and may vary in size from small patches to whole rooms.

With this in mind, we have created this guide to show how you can restore your oak floor finish and bring it back to its original, like new condition.

If you require information on the initial application of either of these finishes, you can check out our [Hard Wax Oil](#) and [Blanchon Original Wood Environment](#) guides respectively.

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General Maintenance

To preserve the life of any oak floor finish it is important to carry out general day to day maintenance.

Remove dust and dirt regularly using a vacuum cleaner. Further to this, we always recommend the regular use of a wood floor soap whenever you clean your floor. Depending on which floor finish you chose, there are suitable floor soaps available, including the [Blanchon Natural Soap](#) or the [Osmo Wash and Care](#).

Many of these wood floor oil brands also have their own set of maintenance products designed to “refresh” your oak floor finish. Osmo have their [Osmo Liquid Wax Cleaner](#) and Blanchon have their [Blanchon Maintenance Oil](#).

Recoating

After a few years you may be left with no other choice but to recoat your oak floor finish. This can be done in two ways, depending on the scale of the damage.

Below we have demonstrated how this can be done using a Hard Wax Oil and the [Blanchon Environment Oil](#).

Restoring A Hard Wax Oil

The first step when restoring your hard wax oil floor finish is to establish the level of damage and wear. Firstly, you should note whether the problem occurs across the whole area of your floor or just a small isolated patch.

For isolated patches, in particular with the hard wax oils, it is possible to restore the area without the need to recoat your entire floor.

If the area has thick marks or stains, these will need to be removed by sanding down the affected patch until the marks have been removed and the bare timber is exposed.

In our example, we have simply isolated an area in which to sand down.

If the area simply shows wear from traffic, with hard wax oils, this step can be skipped as there is no need to sand down the timber to bare wood.



With all marks removed, the hard wax oil can now be reapplied over the marked area. We recommend this is done using a lint free cloth. Simply dab the cloth with a small amount of the hard wax oil and wipe the oil into the area. Do this until the area has been covered.

After leaving the oil for an adequate period of time to dry, if required a further coat can be applied.



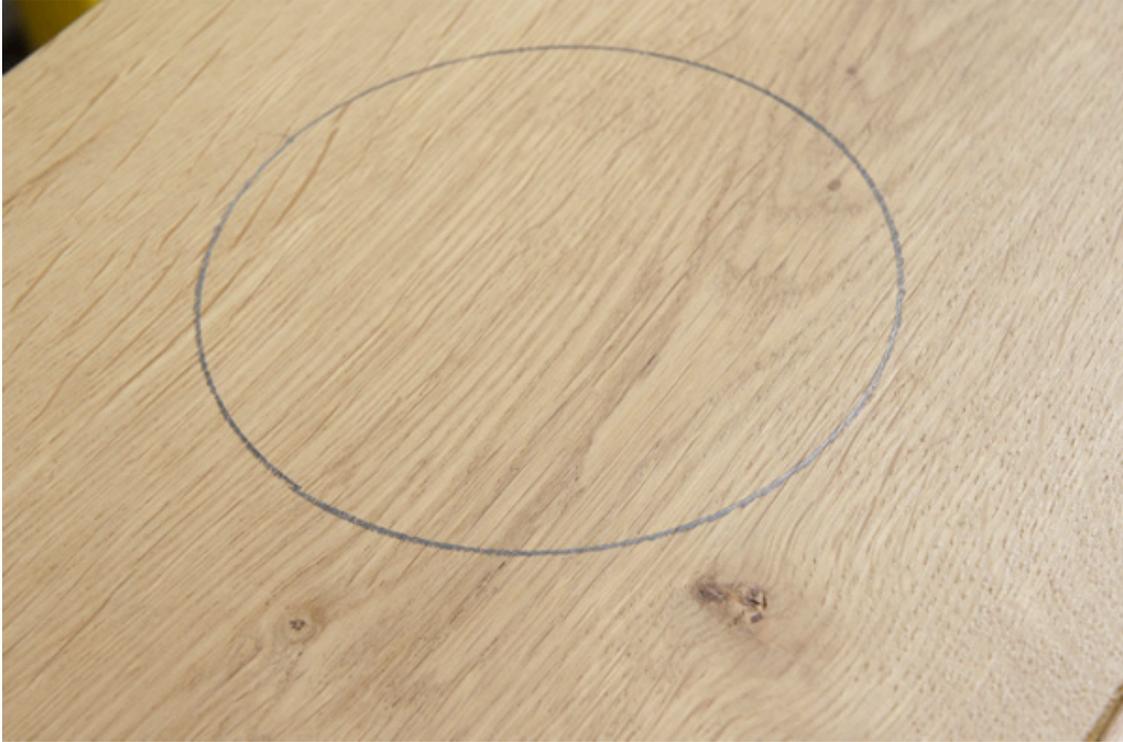
This ability to restore small areas of your oak floor finish, without any negative effects is one of the great benefits of finishing your floor using a hard wax oil.

For larger, room sized restoration the same process can be applied. The flooring can be sanded back where required, and the hard wax oil reapplied.

Restoring Blanchon Original Wood Environment

When restoring an oak floor which has been finished using the Blanchon Original Wood Environment, the process is slightly different.

When refinishing small areas, begin by sanding the damaged areas vigorously using fine grain sandpaper.



Next, ensure that any dust and dirt particles are completely removed.

With the marks now removed, the floor can now be recoated.

Using a clean, fine cotton cloth thinly apply the first coat of the Original Wood Environment.

After leaving adequate time for the oil to dry, further coats can be applied until the colour of the recoated marked area, matches the colour of the rest of the flooring.



It is important to note that whilst this process will generally leave a near perfect finish, small discrepancies can occasionally be noticed depending on the level of wear.

For larger areas of flooring, the whole surface should be sanded. Once again all dust and dirt particles should be removed at this point. Thin coats can then be applied using a short-haired roller or brush.

Conclusion

Whenever recoating your oak flooring with whatever finish you choose, it is always important to consult the manufacturers instructions beforehand. This is because the general process may differ slightly between manufacturers.