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MAINTENANCE & INSTALLATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

SOAPED FLOORS





GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The durability & wear resistance of any wooden floor is highly dependent on regular and correct care & maintenance. Which, if carried out correctly, will add years to the service life of your floor!

Prior to installation the floor needs to be stored acclimatised. Only open the packs directly prior to commencing installation. When using a tapping block, take care not to damage the surface of the flooring. We recommend the use of felt pads/castor cups for underneath chair and table legs; suitable mats (polycarbonate etc) must be used beneath moving castor wheels / under tyres in car showrooms. Avoid metal (chair and table legs etc) coming into direct contact with the floor, since chemical reactions and staining may occur. We recommend using a quality doormat at entrances, as dirt and grit can have a sandpaper-like effect.

Excessive moisture should be avoided (wet shoes, umbrellas left on floor etc) as it can cause swelling and discolouration. Always use a damp/well wrung out mop when carrying out care and cleaning procedures. Always use two buckets – one for the care product and the other for clean water (change when dirty) to rinse the mop. Do not pour out the soapy water on the floor! Do not use micro-fibre cloths/mops. Never clean the floor with only water. Remove any spillages (alcohol, juice etc) immediately. Do not lay down rugs on the floors for the first few weeks. Please note that care should also be taken with anti-slip mats as their contents can cause chemical reactions and, when placed above under-floor heating systems, can lead to “hot spots”. Please note that the perfect room climate is one of 40 % - 60 % relative humidity - please see Admonter comfort chart on our website: <http://www.admonter.eu/en/downloads/>. Installation should only be done after all other interior works are finished (painting, tiles etc).

If this is not possible, we recommend to use Admonter Floorliner in order to avoid that the floor gets damaged or dirty. If the floor has been recently oiled and work is still being undertaken please remember to remove the Floorliner during the night so that the floor can continue to dry.

NATURAL COLOUR CHANGES

Natural wood products have a tendency of showing slight changes in colour when exposed to intense sunlight. Especially during the first 3 - 6 months (and then gradually over time), lighter timber will turn darker, while darker timber will become lighter. By following the specific care & maintenance instructions for each wood type, colour changes and staining can be reduced. Nevertheless variations in colour and wood structure cannot be avoided completely. Remove stains with utmost caution and avoid the use of scourers.

UNDER-FLOOR-HEATING-SYSTEM

The soaped surface was not tested for underfloor heating systems.

STAIR NOSING

For additional protection on your stairs we recommend using anti-slip nosing. Your dealer will advise you.



LAYING INSTRUCTIONS - PREPARATION

In order to assure the proper installation of your floor, please consult document DIN18356 for information regarding the correct preparation of the screeds (e.g. completely level, dry, clean). Uneven areas in the floor - please consult document DIN 18202 - (Please note the increased requirements when installing lock-it planks) should be levelled out using a levelling compound.

Pay attention to the specific properties of each screed (Installation maturity is achieved when the moisture content measurement yields values of 1.8 % for cement and 0.3 % for anhydrite screed, ...). Existing features of the sub-floor, such as construction / building gaps or expansion gaps in the screed, should not be altered when laying your new floor.

Depending on the room size additional gaps may be required. Measure the width of the room first and then calculate the width of the last row. If the last row is less than 4 cm one should commence by preparing the first row.

It is particularly important to sort the individual planks by colour prior to installation. In doing this, it is possible to deliberately influence the overall appearance of the room. An even, homogenous effect can be created by merging planks with similar tones. However, by placing planks with lighter and darker tones alongside each other, the contrast will create a rustic effect. Indeed, it is possible to create diverse effects depending on how the floor planks are installed. In order to avoid the installation of faulty planks, one should also check the quality during the sorting process. For the stair nosing process, organise the planks according to colour.



ONLY FOR A „FLOATING FLOOR“

Admonter natural underlay should be installed with the ribbed side facing down, avoid creating obvious seams and do not overlap. Join the seams together with Admonter adhesive tape. In order to prevent moisture entering through the walls, we recommend you to pull a section of the underlay up the side of the wall. Admonter natural underlay repels moisture, prevents mould, reduces impact sounds (e.g. footsteps) and can be used in combination with any under-floor heating system. If required, an additional moisture barrier can be applied.



Type of installation „floating floor“ / Tongue & groove: 3-layer classic

TONGUE & GROOVE INSTALLATION





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For the installation process we would recommend the use of the Admonter Installation set. Firstly, take care to ensure the first row of planks is absolutely straight. The groove in the plank should face the wall. Use wedges to keep a distance of approximately 10 mm from the wall so that the flooring is able to expand. Apply glue along the upper side of the groove on both the long and the short side of the plank. Knock the planks together with the aid of a tapping block, first on the end and then on the side. Do not risk damaging the wood by knocking directly on the surface. Remove any surplus glue immediately (using a clean cloth) Remove all wedges after installation.

STICK DOWN INSTALLATION

The advantages of a full surface stick down installation are the reduction of impact sound and a better efficiency of underfloor heating systems. Make sure that the correct (flexible!) adhesive is used, we recommend the use of Admonter adhesive. With a tongue & groove installation of 3-layer planks glue has to be applied on the short ends of the planks.



Stick down installation

Tongue & groove:
3-layer classic

Evenly distribute the adhesive on the surface with the help of a notched trowel and install the first row (matching adhesive comb included in every bucket of Admonter adhesive).

TONGUE & GROOVE INSTALLATION

When installing the first row of planks with the „groove side“ facing the wall, take extra care that it lies absolutely straight.

The first row with the „tongue-side“ facing the wall take extra care that it lies straight. Keep a distance of approximately 10 - 15 mm from the wall using wedges so that the floor is able to expand. Especially with tongue & grooved planks it is suggested to draw a chalk line on the screed / surface for the next row (with lock-it the next 2 rows). This will help to avoid a contact between the tapping block (be careful with lock-it planks!) and the adhesive when knocking the planks together, initially at the short ends, then on the long ends.

Do not knock on the top-layer of the planks (risk of damage). The left-over pieces (minimum length of 30 cm) of the previous row can be used as first planks to start with the next row. However, do ensure that the end joints are always staggered by at least 50 cm.

Remove the wedges after the adhesive has dried. In order to reduce the formation of gaps during periods of heating pay attention to the temperature and humidity conditions. You'll find general installation instructions for every product with „tongue & groove“ installation.



CLEAN AND CARE – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Sweep up or vacuum any loose dust and dirt on the floor before carrying out any care actions. Use the colour-matching wood floor soap to clean, care for and give the floor new life. The wood floor soap is used for initial care as well as for renovation and cleaning, giving the floor new life in the process.

INITIAL CARE AS SOAP PROTECTION (REQUIRED)

Mix the wood floor soap (natural or white, depending on the product) 1:10 with warm water. Apply the soap solution thinly in the direction of the grain and let it dry. Repeat the treatment again. Do not polish.

CLEANING

Mix the wood floor soap (natural or white, depending on the product) 1:20 with warm water. Prepare a second bucket with clean warm water. Wipe the floor with the soap solution, mop up dissolved dirt and rinse with the clean water in the second bucket. Gently loosen stubborn dirt with the white pad and soap solution. Then wipe it again with a clean soap solution and let it dry (do not wipe with clean water).

Consumption:

- Initial treatment: ca. 8 - 15m²/l
- Cleaning: ca. 100 - 200m²/l
- Soap natural: Oak MOYA, Oak ROANO, Oak AKONA, Larch LANEA
- Soap white: Oak ENAS, Oak FARO, Larch NEVA, Larch LORENA

WOOD FLOOR SOAP PRODUCT INFORMATION

Colours - natural or white

Product description - Faxe wood floor soap is suitable for the gentle and oil-replenishing cleaning of soap-treated wooden surfaces. In Scandinavia, only wood floor soap is used to treat and protect raw or leached wood when working with old wood and for the protection of historical monuments. Wood floor soap is made from clear, pure vegetable oils and natural wax, without the addition of preservatives or solvents.

TECHNICAL INFORMATIONS

- Cleaning: Clean tools with water
- pH value: 10
- Full declaration: Soap from vegetable oils and natural wax, possibly chalk, titanium white
- Special tests: DIN EN 71-3 Safety of children's toys – migration: no irregularities DIN 53160-1
- Saliva resistance: Top score DIN 53160-2 Sweat resistance: Top score GIS-CODE GU 40
- Safety instructions: Keep under lock and key and out of the reach of children.

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