
GOOD TO KNOW

Cleaning and Caring for Your Parquet



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Parquet

You have decided to get high-quality parquet from Bauwerk. We are convinced that it will give you years of enjoyment. Bauwerk Parkett offers a range of cleaning and maintenance products suitable for the needs of your parquet. You will have to look long and hard for a floor, which is easier to clean and maintain.

Cleaning and Maintaining Parquet lacquered

The lacquering of parquet floors is an impregnating and film-forming surface treatment with lacquer products, which protects the parquet floor from dirt and wear and tear. Routine cleaning and maintenance of the lacquer helps protect the lacquer. Bauwerk offers three lacquer surfaces from the factory: silk-matt, high-gloss, and matt. In addition, lacquering can be done after installation.

Initial maintenance

The untreated joints and edges are only protected against penetrating dirt and moisture after initial maintenance. On request, the first maintenance procedure will be carried out by the installer.

Maintenance cleaning

A broom, dust mop or vacuum cleaner is sufficient for routine cleaning and the removal of loose dirt. Adhering dirt can most easily be washed away with a damp cleaning cloth. Add a non-abrasive cleaning fluid, such as Bauwerk Parkett Cleaner* to the water or use the practical Spray Cleaner*.

Heavy dirt or stubborn spots can best be removed with Bauwerk Intensive Cleaner* or Bauwerk Spot Remover*.

Average use maintenance

Besides cleaning, it is important that the parquet is also maintained. We recommend that you use the Bauwerk Parkett Polish* that matches your floor's surface – silk-matt, high-gloss, or matt-colourless – for floors subject to average use. This hydrated polish is best used diluted in cleaning water. A thin protective film is left after a light wiping is allowed to dry thoroughly.

Care and maintenance for heavy use

In areas, where the parquet is subject to heavy use (offices, restaurants, stores, multi-purpose halls, etc.), we recommend regular maintenance care with Bauwerk Wax Polish*. It is applied in a thin, even coating and then polished. This work is done using a single-disk machine with a white pad.

Basic cleaning

When a countless number of maintenance sessions have resulted in a thick or dirty layer, this can be removed with the Bauwerk Intensive Cleaner*. Afterwards, you can clean and maintain your parquet normally.

Repairing scratches and abrasions

We recommend that you use the dyed Bauwerk Polish* products for surfaces in dark wood types or dyed parquet. These can be used over the entire surface or just on parts.

* Please read the instructions for use on the bottle.

Cleaning and care of oiled parquet

The oil treatment of parquet floors produces an impregnated surface that protects the parquet wood from wear and dirt. Regular cleaning and care of this surface will protect this surface and maintain its natural appearance.

Initial maintenance

We recommend that you do the first maintenance right after the parquet is laid (exception: oiling was done after installation). This protects the untreated tongue and groove areas from the penetration of dirt and moisture. We recommend that you use our Bauwerk Care Oil Colourless for the initial maintenance. Your parquet layer generally does the first maintenance.

Maintenance cleaning

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Heavy dirt or stubborn spots can best be removed with Bauwerk Intensive Cleaner* or Bauwerk Spot Remover*.

Average use maintenance

Bauwerk Wash Care* is recommended for routine maintenance care. This maintenance concentrate is based on jojoba oil and added to the cleaning water. The frequency of wash care depends on how intensively the parquet floor is used and how much wear and tear occurs.

Heavy use maintenance

The cleaned surface can be rejuvenated with Bauwerk Maintenance Oil*. Use a flat mop to spread a thin, even layer of Maintenance Oil and allow to dry for 3 to 4 hours. Count approximately 15 to 20 g/m². Do not buff the oil dry with rags.

Basic cleaning

First remove heavy dirt. Then spray Bauwerk Intensive Cleaner* on the parquet surface and allow it to work in for a few minutes. Follow this by using a single-disk machine and pad to loosen the layer of dirt and immediately wipe this up with absorbent cloths. Wipe the cleaned surfaces using clean water and a damp cloth. Allow to dry. For subsequent cleaning, use the instructions above for the level of dirt.

Repairing scratches and abrasion

We recommend that you use the dyed Bauwerk Care Oil* for surfaces in dark wood types or in parquet where dyed oils were used. The correct oil will darken light scratches and abrasions again.

** Please read the instructions for use on the bottle.*



Safety information

Cloths soaked with oil are flammable. Left standing in an exposed pile, the natural characteristics of dried vegetable oils can cause them to burst into flames. Therefore, you should store oil-soaked cloths in a closed metal container or dry them spread out on a non-flammable surface outside. After they are completely dry, the cloths can be disposed of with your normal household garbage.

Equipment for cleaning and care

Bauwerk has practical and easy-to-use cleaning equipment for private household use. The Bauwerk trapeze mop is a universal cleaning device. Also, the less-expensive flat mop is well suited for cleaning parquet floors. The drizzer mop is a cleaning device with a reserve tank. For larger surfaces, a single-disk machine with a fine cleaning pad can be used.

General information for your parquet floor

- › An effective dust matt or grating at the entrance can help prevent sand and dirt getting on your parquet floor.
- › Place soft felt sliders on the legs of your furniture, chairs, and tables to prevent scratches and gouging.
- › For areas of heavy use, such as through office chair rollers, it is recommended that you use a standard protective matt out of transparent plastic.
- › Use soft chair rollers and clean these regularly.
- › Remove water and other liquids from your floor immediately.
- › Maintaining a healthful room climate is vital for the value retention of our parquet floor and the wellbeing of those who use it. Especially in winter, we recommend that you make sure that there is sufficient humidity (for example, through a humidifier).
- › For those types of wood, which expand and contract considerably (such as beech), larger gaps can appear in winter. By humidifying the air and maintaining a healthful room climate (20 to 22°C and 40 to 50% humidity), you can reduce the amount of this contraction.

The instruction information in this brochure is based on our many years of experience. Our guarantee is basically limited to the quality of our products. We cannot assume any liability for the incorrect or unprofessional application.

A great deal of further information, such as on radiant floor heating, is available in the Internet at: www.bauwerk-parkett.com

Please note:

- › Never use all-purpose cleaners containing ammonia!
 - › Never use a lot of water. This can cause damage and lead to swelling. We also recommend that you do not use so-called wet-cleaning equipment or steam cleaners.
 - › Remove water or other fluids from the floor as soon as possible.
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Overview of cleaning and care

The following overview shows at a glance how you can best clean and care your parquet. It is important that you select the cleaning and care products according to the surface treatment on your parquet.

Surface treatment							
	silk-matt lacquered	matt lacquered	high-gloss lacquered	after installation	natural oiled	oiled after installation	
First maintenance	Wax-polish					none	colourless care oil
Maintenance cleaning	Clean loose dirt with a vacuum cleaner, broom, trapez mop, and damp cloths Wet cleaning (just damp) with parquet cleaner						
Clean stubborn dirt	Intensive cleaner and spot remover						
Care for light use	<i>Silk-matt</i> parquet polish colourless (2% in wash water)	<i>Matt</i> parquet polish colourless (2% in wash water)	<i>High-gloss</i> parquet polish (2% in wash water)	<i>Silk-matt/matt</i> parquet polish (2% in wash water)	Wash care (1% in wash water)	Wash care (1% in wash water)	
Care for heavy use	Wax polish					Maintenance oil colourless / dyed	
Deep cleaning	Intensive cleaner						
Treatment of scratches and light abrasions	<i>Silk-matt</i> parquet polish colourless	<i>Matt</i> parquet polish dyed	<i>High-gloss</i> parquet polish dyed	<i>Silk-matt/matt</i> parquet polish dyed	Maintenance oil dyed		

Overview of the colour system

Bauwerk's own cleaning and care products are organised by colour codes. A coloured butterfly on the label indicates the content of the product. All cleaning products have a pink butterfly. The green butterfly on polish means it is used to care or maintain lacquered products. The orange butterfly stands for oils used to care or maintain oiled surfaces.



Cleaning



Maintenance oil



Care polish

You can purchase all of our cleaning and care products in our showrooms or from our installation partners.

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