

General notes

The lacquering of parquet floors is an impregnating treatment that creates a protective layer against wear and dirt. These special parquet sealing lacquers are distinguished by their efficient adhesion to the wood and high resistance to wear and chemical agents.

The layer of lacquer is inevitably subject to wear based on the stress it is exposed to. Regular cleaning and care of the floor is intended to protect the lacquer by inhibiting wear and improving the appearance of the floor. Should the lacquer finish present areas of greater wear, the entire surface of the floor must be sanded and lacquered once again. This renovation treatment will restore the value and beauty of the parquet, guaranteeing the life of the floor for decades to come.

First treatment

Parquet floors generally need a first treatment immediately following installation. This procedure is intended to prevent dirt and moisture from entering the untreated gaps and border areas and is especially important for highly moisture-sensitive types of wood such as beech or maple. For the first treatment we recommend using Bauwerk wax-based polish and solvent-based polish or Overmat Maintenance products.

Cleaning

For daily cleaning simply remove dust and dirt with a long-brush broom, a cloth or vacuum cleaner. Difficult to remove dirt can be removed with a lightly moistened cleaning cloth.

Mops or polishing machines with a fine cleaning pad can be used for larger surfaces. A neutral, nonabrasive cleaning agent (e.g. Bauwerk Parquet Cleaner, Overmat Cleaner or Mapei Cleaner) can be added to the washing water. Stubborn stains can be removed carefully with solvents such as white spirit, cleaning benzene or Bauwerk Spot Remover.

Important notes:

- » Never use products containing ammonia!
- » Never wet the floor excessively with water, which can cause the wood to swell. Also avoid the use of wet-cleaning devices.
- » Immediately dry water or any other liquids spilled on the parquet.

Residential buildings

Different types of polish are recommended for the parquet based on the amount of wear the floor is exposed to. The types of polish for polished, semi-matt or matt Bauwerk parquet are water-based, which can be applied to the surface or simply mixed with water. The polish is generally added to the wash water and produces a resistant protective film once the floor has dried.

Bauwerk, Overmat and Mapei wax-based polish, produced with a minimum quantity of solvents, is a highly-effective cleaner and requires two applications (performed by drying and polishing).

Public buildings

In high traffic areas (offices, restaurants, shops, multipurpose halls) it is recommended to provide basic or periodic care with Wax Polish finished with a polishing process. To reduce slipperiness, Bauwerk water-based polishes can also be used in public areas. If the floor was finished on-site, wait for the lacquer to dry completely before applying the maintenance products (1–2 weeks).

Thorough cleaning

If a thick coating of protective products or dirt should develop on the surface after prolonged use of maintenance products, it must be removed with a product suitable for deep-down cleaning.

For Bauwerk wax-based products, traditional solvent-based detergents can be used.

Water-based polishes can be removed with Bauwerk intensive cleaners (please follow the directions on the bottle).

General information (very important for public areas)

- » Place effective doormats at the entrance (grids, rough or traditional rugs) to protect the parquet from sand and dirt.
- » Apply soft felt pads underneath furniture, chairs and tables to prevent scratches or marks.
- » The use of transparent plastic mats (e.g. PVC) is recommended in highly stressed areas, e.g. from office chairs, to prevent localised wear.
- » Use chairs with soft wheels and clean them regularly.
- » Never use adhesive tape to attach protective coverings directly onto the parquet as it could damage the surface.
- » Polishing will make the lacquered surface slightly more slippery and reduce the adherence of dirt.
- » To retain the value of the parquet floor and ensure personal well-being it is necessary to ensure a healthy room climate. Particularly in the winter, a sufficient humidity level must be maintained by ventilating the room.
- » In woods highly susceptible to shrinkage and swelling (e.g. beech), cracks may appear during the winter season. This condition can be prevented by maintaining a healthy room temperature of 20–22 °C (68–72°F) and a humidity level of 40–50%.
- » Immediately dry water or other liquids spilled on the parquet.

Bauwerk Wax Polish

The first maintenance and treatment product for lacquered surfaces, Art. no. 11010990 .

Bauwerk Wax Polish is a solvent-based liquid wax mixture for the care of lacquered parquet.

It is especially suitable for initial care directly after laying parquet, when it ensures effective edge protection. It should be used undiluted - do not add to cleaning water!

Directions: First vacuum the parquet floor and then wipe over with a damp e.g. with the Bauwerk mop. Allow to dry. Mix Bauwerk Wax Polish well before use, apply thinly with a cloth, sponge or the PERFECT disc-polisher and allow to dry. Finally, polish the floor with a dry cloth, a soft brush, or the disc machine. Bauwerk Wax Polish is slip resistant! Anti-slip resistance class: R9. Frequency of use: based on the type of wear, approx. every 6 months.

Bauwerk Parquet Polish - colourless for floors with a polished finish

Ongoing care for lacquered parquet with a polished finish, art. no. 10013888

Bauwerk Parquet Polish is a water based, self-glossing care product for lacquered floors with a polished finish. The film created by the Polish protects the surface from wear.

Directions: Clean the parquet (e.g. with a vacuum cleaner). Shake the Parquet Polish well before use. For daily cleaning dilute 100 ml (2%) glossy polish in 5 litres of water. Clean the floor evenly with a mop (e.g. the Bauwerk Mop), do not use a disc-polisher. To prevent the wood from swelling, never apply too much water or allow it to stagnate on the surface. Drying time approx. 1 hour. Do not walk on the surface before the drying time has elapsed.

Cleaning cloths etc. can be washed in water and re-used.

Colour-stained and lacquered floors with a glossy finish can also be cared for regularly with Bauwerk Colourless Parquet Polish for parquet with a glossy finish.

Parquet Cleaner

Cleaning of lacquered or oiled parquet, art. no. 11010989

Bauwerk cleaner is a hydrosoluble concentrate for cleaning lacquered and oiled parquet.

Directions: Based on the degree of soiling, add 50–100 ml (5–10 caps) of Bauwerk Parquet Cleaner to approx. 5 litres of water. Clean the parquet surface with a damp cloth (e.g. the Bauwerk Surface Mop). After cleaning with Bauwerk Parquet Cleaner, the floor can be further treated with a care product according to instructions.

Spot Remover

Removes spots from parquet with a lacquered or oiled finish Art. no. 11011000

Special cleaner for the removal of stubborn dirt (e.g. streaks from shoes, blood, wax, crayon, lipstick, etc.) from lacquered or oiled parquet floors.

Directions: Shake the Spot Remover and spray undiluted on the affected areas. After about 20 seconds, wipe off with a cloth. Repeat if necessary. The amount to be applied depends on the degree of soiling.

» Biodegradable

» Highly effective

» Protects the parquet surface

Intensive Cleaner

For cleaning heavily soiled floors, Art. no. 11010992

» Cleaner for removing stubborn dirt from oiled parquet.

» To remove old layers of protective products (water based polish) and difficult to removedirt from lacquered parquet

Directions: Spray a thin layer of intensive cleaner evenly over the floor and briefly allow it to set. Then clean using an absorbent cloth or sponge. Mop the floor treated with the intense cleaner with a damp cloth and allow to dry. For large areas, use a disc-machine with a beige cleaning pad for best results. Divide the floor into sections to allow two people to work on the area at once, so one person can remove the softened film of cleaner produced with the machine before it dries out again.

Bauwerk Cleaner

Ongoing care for oiled parquet, Art. no. 11010994

Concentrated cleaner formulated with Jojoba oil to be added to water. For the ongoing maintenance of Bauwerk parquet with an oiled surface. Specially suitable for parquet flooring subject to light wear.

Directions: remove loose dust and dirt from the parquet surface. For stubborn dirt, mop the floor with Bauwerk Parquet Cleaner first. Add 1% of the Bauwerk Cleaner (50 ml per 5 l of water) to the water and mix thoroughly. Moisten the fibre cloth of a mop (e.g. Bauwerk Surface Mop) with the prepared water, wring out the cloth and mop the floor with the slightly damp cloth. After drying for about one hour, an even, matt protective film will appear. Apply the cleaner, based on the extent of use, on a weekly basis. To strengthen the floor's surface, we recommend the use of Bauwerk Protective Oil.

Bauwerk Protective Oil

Initial and ongoing care of oiled parquet, Art. no. 11010996

Care oil with short drying time for initial and ongoing cleaning of Bauwerk prefinished parquet with an oiled surface. For regular refreshing of oiled parquet flooring. To be used in its concentrated form, do not dilute with water!

Directions:

First treatment: The parquet surface to be treated must be clean and dry. Spray on or apply a thin layer of protective oil, using a buffing machine with a white disc to spread the product over the floor's surface. Buff the protective oil until traces of the pad no longer appear on the wet oil film.

Ongoing care: regular maintenance can be performed on the floor using simple tools (without machinery). It is preferable to apply a thin layer of oil using a cloth or Bauwerk Surface Mop. Allow to dry for 3-4 and then it's ready for use!.

Exceptions: For surfaces subject to intense wear with dry woods or those treated with coloured oil it is preferable to use Bauwerk coloured protective oil. This will allow minor scratches and abrasions to darken once again. (For additional information about products and their use, contact your parquet installer).

Application rate: 15-20 g/m²

Frequency of use: About every 6 months in residential buildings, based on the extent of wear.

Cloths soaked in Bauwerk protective oil etc. may be subject to spontaneous combustion. Follow the instructions listed on the container.