

Bees wax is a finish from a distant past. That's for sure.

The patina of a waxed parquet floor is a beyond compare and is the fruit of years of hard work. This Patina become deeper , fuller, and more valuable with each coat of wax that polished parquet is given. No one will deny that a bees wax finish and the maintenance required later no longer fits in with current consumer expectation. There are other equally valuable and much simple finishes. OVERMAT have created a wonderful products for parquet wood floors in the shape of hard wax. This finishes reconciles the look from the past with the level of protection required today and to be easy to maintain.

Saturation and Protection in old time and now:

The principle on which the protection of a wooden floor through the application of a bees wax operates is twofold. In the first phase, the bees wax is rubbed into the pores of the wood until saturation point.

The second phase and subsequent maintenance is designed to reinforce this saturation and at the same time put a more or less solid film on the floor. The results is that the parquet wood floor is protected from penetration of moisture and dirt and that the top layer also protects against mechanical influences (e.g steps, skids or scratches).

The movement when people started using a prior treatment with oil instead of rubbing in bees wax in order to bring about the saturation process was undoubtedly a turning point in history of parquet floors. The oil ensure that the pores are filled and a film is then applied using bees wax. Nowadays, hard wax oil makes an appearance as the final piece of a technological development.

Hard wax oil is two-in-one product which provide both protection and saturation in one coat for parquet wooden floors.

This is convenient for client and floor fitters , who now find much easier job to maintain their parquet floor than with old bees wax.

The advantage of a hardwax-oil parquet floor:

Apart from the exceptional look which hard wax oil gives a wooden parquet floor, this method of providing a finish and protection offer several other advantages:

-For end user:

Even though the parquet floor is heavily protected against the penetration of moisture and dirt, as in the case with a varnish finish, the hard wax oil components do not form a sealed film. This means that the parquet floor can still breathe freely.

The fact that the wax film stays more or less flexible ensures that the protective layer cannot burst or crack!! Any damage or local wear and tear (on higher traffic parts) can be repaired or restored locally, sometimes which is not possible with varnish!!

The film which lies on the parquet floor after the application of hard wax oil is reinforced over the years as the floor is maintained.

This maintenance is simple. An ordinary cleaning session means vacuum cleaning first following by mopping with well wrung cloth and a Cleaner for oiled parquet floors added to the water. Maintenance Oil 1-3 times a year for extra protection of you parquet floors.

-For floor fitters:

Applying hard wax oil is a relatively quick and easy solution for floor fitters. After all , just about all hard wax oils are products which are ready for use. And so they never have to be diluted and only have to be stirred thoroughly.

The procedure for applying it depends on the product and normally for Overmat Hard Wax Oil can be applied in a single working session because is 100% high solid hardwax-oil.

In the case of two coats normally second coat can be applied next day .

After more than 7 days is necessary a treatment with Maintenance Oil and a 12 hours minimum drying time for Maintenance Oil to can be cleaned with Cleaner and water.

Floorservice OVERMAT Products:

The Floorservice Hardwax-oils penetrate deep into the wood without blocking the pores. This allows the parquet floor to be keep breathing and retain is natural structure, because no top layer is formed.

Every floor that is finished with Floorservice Hardwax-oil is guaranteed to be highly resistant to wear and is also water resistant (+ product resistance in conformity with DIN 68861/1A).

Besides that, the floor is protected against saliva and sweat (DIN 53160), and make the floor child friendly because they meet the requirements for children's toys (in confirmation with EN71) in addition to this , the Floorservice Hardwax-oils also meet anti-slip standard R9.

With the range of Floorservice Hardwax-oils all types of parquet and solid floor can be treated and have best protection.

The products have a vegetable oils and waxes base and they meet the VOC- regulation EU 2012.

Besides **Hardwax-oil Classic** offers **Color Hardwax-oil Classic** and **Hardwax-oil Pro** offer **Hardwax-oil Pro Color** in 27 colors, which can be combined with the latest **Prime Old Grey** for a weathered old wood appearance.

Hardwax-oil Pro has been developed especially for the professional parquet layer and is one layer only product.