



## Maintaining and Cleaning Enviro Finished Floors (Including Bare Timber and Raw Timber)

If the recommended cleaning and maintenance products are not used then the Solid Wood Flooring Company cannot be held responsible for any deterioration or lack of durability of the finish of the floor. Some propriety cleaners can contain chemical and other substances like alcohol that can damage the surface and finish, especially on oiled floors.

To keep your floor looking good after installation, and the initial clean with natural soap, make sure you use felt pads on all chairs, sofas and table legs. For regular cleaning you should just use a micro fibre mop and/or soft brush vacuum cleaner (not one that has a rotating brush) as these generally have a plastic underside that can cause damage to a floor. You only need to use the natural soap and maintenance oil when the floor starts to look dry or lacks "lustre".

### Regular Cleaning

Regular cleaning is easy and should be done with the dusting pad on a mop with a Velcro base. This will remove most of the dust that will collect on the floor and is quick and easy.



You can also use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush head like the one shown. Do not use a vacuum with a rotating brush as this will likely have a support bar underneath which can leave marks and scratches on the floor.

## Thorough Clean

This simple process combined with the professional products we supply will keep your Enviro Oiled Wood Floor looking clean and like new. Follow this procedure once the floor is fitted and follow steps 1-4 for regular cleaning after that.

### Step 1

Get two large plastic buckets and fill both to 2/3 of the way up with very hot water (not boiling but too hot for your hand).

Add the Bio-C to **one** bucket using a mix of about 20-50 to 1 (250ml of cleaner to 5ltrs of water) depending on how dirty you floor is.



### Step 2

Make sure you have a clean sponge on your squeeze mop (or ratchet mop) and soak it in the hot water bucket with the Bio-C stirring it around and then squeeze as much water out as you can. **DO NOT OVER WET THE FLOOR.**



### Step 3

You then clean about 1-2m<sup>2</sup> or less per rinse (depending on how dirty and dry the floor is). You'll be able to tell how dirty the floor is after the first boards are cleaned. It is always better to clean in the direction for the floorboards rather than across them.

**DO NOT OVER WET THE FLOOR.**

**TIP:** If the floor is very dirty or you have a large area over 25m<sup>2</sup> then you should get new hot water and Bio-C. You will be able to tell this by looking at how dirty the water in the clean rinse bucket is. Do not keep cleaning if the water in the clean rinse bucket is getting really murky.



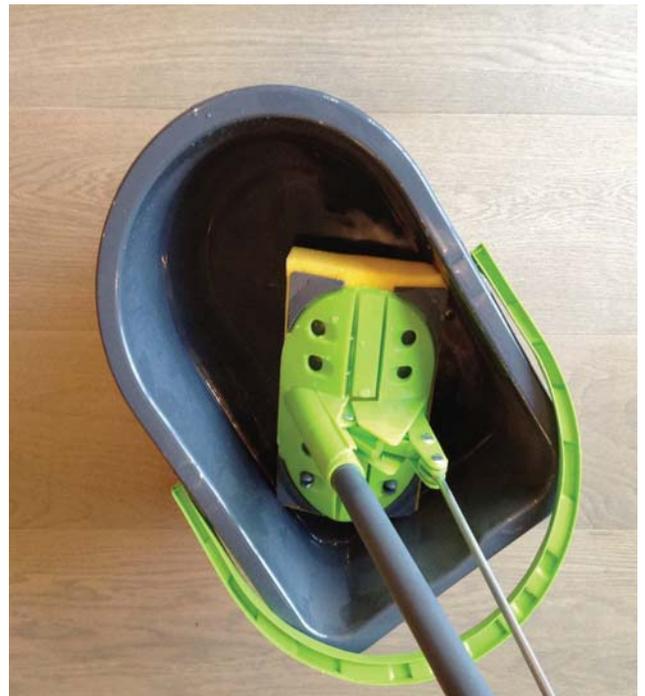
### Step 4

Once you have cleaned the floor working in areas of around 1-2m<sup>2</sup> per rinse, you need to clean the sponge in the clean water bucket again squeezing as much water as you can out of the sponge before putting it on the floor. Then simply repeat the cleaning process as before working in slightly larger area 3-4m<sup>2</sup> between rinses to ensure you've removed any excess Natural Soap (Bio-C) from the floor.

**DO NOT OVER WET THE FLOOR.**

Allow the floor to dry before letting anyone to walk on it. Drying usually takes 20-60mins.

Immediately after installation, pre-finished products with Enviro or Raw Timber finishes must be cleaned according to the procedure above. This is because there is bound to be excessive dust and grit (commonly found in building sites) that will have penetrated the surface. Due to the extremely "matt" appearance of Enviro Oil it is important to add some additional protection for hardwearing longevity so please follow the procedure below:



## Applying Bare Timber Oil

### Step 5 (After Installation)

Once the floor is dry you should then apply a coat of the Blanchon Environment Bare Timber with a shorthaired roller. There is no need to buff the floor following application, just apply an even layer of the Bare Timber and allow to dry before walking on. Drying times for the Bare Timber are very quick within 2 to 4 hours depending on the temperature in the room.



### Step 6 (Periodic Maintenance)

In time it will be necessary to apply a maintenance oil to replenish the wood and protect the floor. You can identify the need to do this if the floor is getting dirty or is showing scuff marks more easily. It is also good practise to regularly apply maintenance oil, domestic installations at least once a year, commercial applications at least twice a year. In heavy use areas additional coats may be required to keep the floor at its best.

Firstly, clean the floor as per the instructions above, then once dry use Blanchon Environment Maintenance Oil. Simply shake the bottle well and apply to the floor using the applicator pad below on a mop with a Velcro bottom. Apply evenly and thinly. Allow to dry (usually 20-60mins) before putting the floor into use.





**Note: DO NOT apply Maintenance Oil if the floor has not been cleaned as above as the pores of the wood are likely to be closed with dirt and dust.**

**Always use the correct professional products to look after your floor and not supermarket propriety cleaners that can damage the floor and leave residual chemicals or waxes.**