



## Maintaining and Cleaning Lacquered Wood Floors

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 the dusting pad on a 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 Bona Refresher when the floor 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.

The Bona spray mop is a very easy quick way to clean your floor if there are grubby marks or dirty muddy footprints that you cannot remove with a vacuum cleaner or the dust pad. It has a cleaning liquid in the removable container, which will need unclipping from time to time to allow air into it because as the liquid is used it creates a vacuum inside which prevents the liquid from being sprayed on the floor. If this spray mop is constantly used it will build up a residue on the floor so you need a thorough clean every so often. If you buy the kit you get the mop, micro fibre pad and 0.8 Litres of wood cleaner in the removable container that you then top up by buying 1 litre or 5 litres of additional wood floor cleaner for lacquered floors.

### Bona Spray Mop

The Bona Spray mop should be used for regular cleaning where the dust pad or vacuum cannot remove stubborn marks. However you will need to periodically give your floor a thorough clean to preserve the integrity of the lacquer finish which has 9 coats and is an industrial grade.

[You can buy the Bona spray mop direct from the Cotswold site here>>](#)



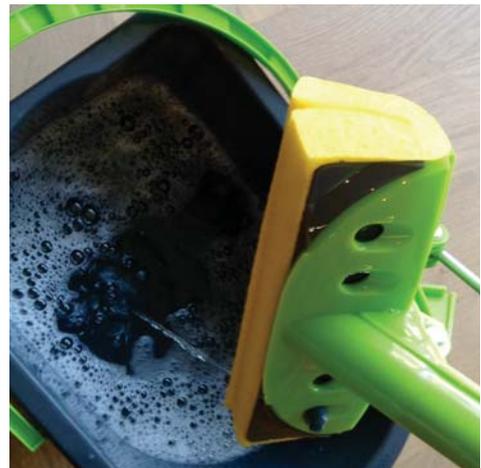
## Thorough Clean

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

### 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).

**Step 2** e Bio-C to **one** bucket using a mix of about 20-50 to 1 (250ml of cleaner to 5ltrs of water) depending on how 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.

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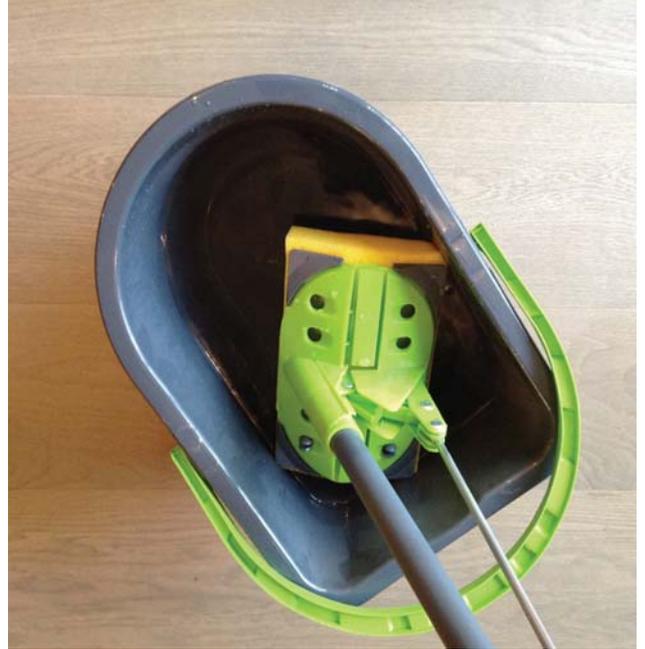
**TIP:** If the floor is very dirty or you have a large area over 25m<sup>2</sup> then you should get new hot water and Bio-C. You will be able to tell this by looking at how dirty the water in the clean rinse bucket is. Do not keep cleaning if the water in the clean rinse bucket is getting really murky.

#### 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.



#### Refreshing your floor

Over time any lacquered surface on a wood floor will become dull and lack “lustre” and it is important that it is refreshed using the special Bona Freshen up liquid, (Do not confuse with the refresher for oiled floors) This is especially important in high traffic areas.

You should follow the instruction on the product once purchased and the coverage is about 40 m<sup>2</sup> per litre.

To apply the Freshen Up use a Bona applicator pad but make sure that you have just completed the thorough clean before doing this otherwise you will just be locking dirt into the floor.

Bona Freshen Up is a ready to use waterbourne maintenance coating for all lacquered floors. It will revive and enhance any lacquered floor for both domestic and commercial applications.

Freshen Up contains a polyurethane maintenance coating that helps to recoat the surface and help revive “scratched areas” and help against day to day wear and tear. It meets DIN 18 032 for slip resistance.

[You can buy the Freshen up direct online here>>](#)



## Applying the Freshen Up

Once you have given the floor a thorough clean make sure that there is no dust “floating around”. Open the tub of freshen up and pour very sparingly in a zig zag pattern using the Bona mop with an applicator pad to spread across the floor in a very thin even coat. Drying time is about 2 hours depending on ambient temperatures.



**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.**