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# Natural Oiled Floors Maintenance & Renovation Procedures

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## Intended Uses

Kährs recommends oiled floors primarily for commercial applications. Oiled floors can also be used in residential situations but may not be ideal due to the frequent maintenance and buffing required.

### Advantages

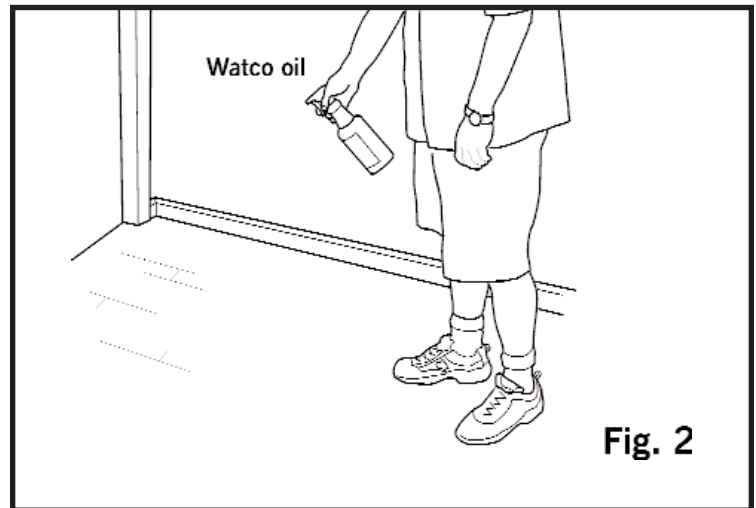
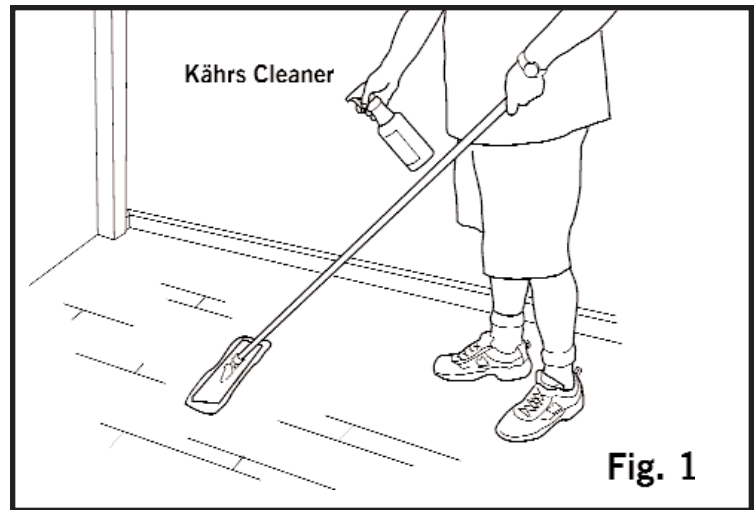
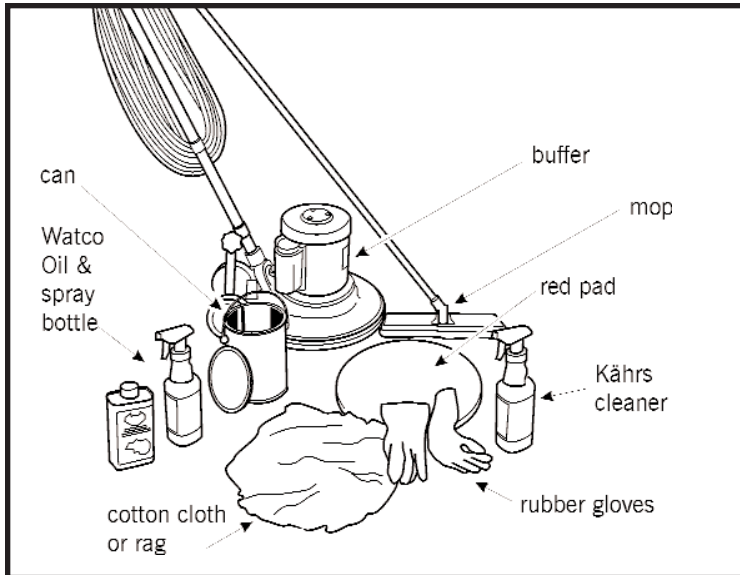
- In commercial applications the floors can be quickly and easily maintained to achieve a recoated look.
- Heavy traffic areas can be built up and blended with the rest of the floor. This is not possible with a recoating of urethane.
- No stripping needed as with a waxed floor.

### Disadvantages

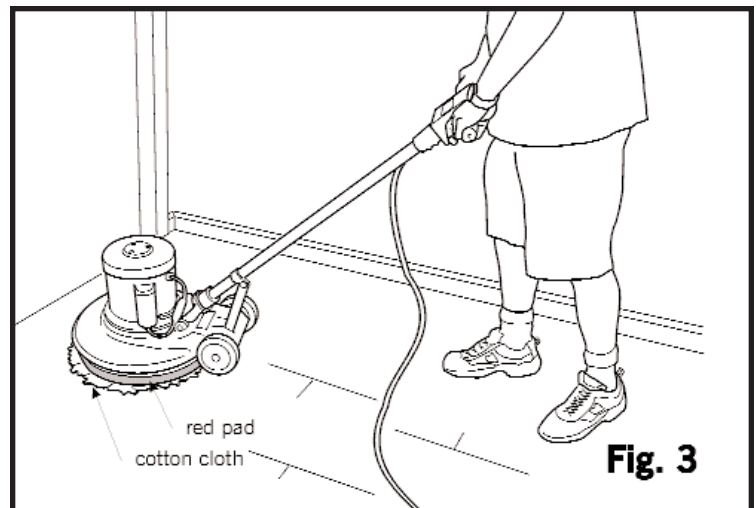
- If maintenance is lacking the floor can get excessively dirty and renovation may be required.

## Tools & Materials Required

- buffer
- cotton cloths or rags
- empty can
- rubber gloves
- Kährs cleaner
- Watco™ Satin Oil and spray bottle
- 3M™ red buffer pad
- mop



3. Place a 3M™ red pad on the buffer driver, then place cotton cloth or rag under the red pad. Be sure rag completely covers red pad. Work oil into floor with buffer set at 175-300 rpm. Allow floor to dry for approximately 8 hours.



## Maintenance Instructions - Existing Floors

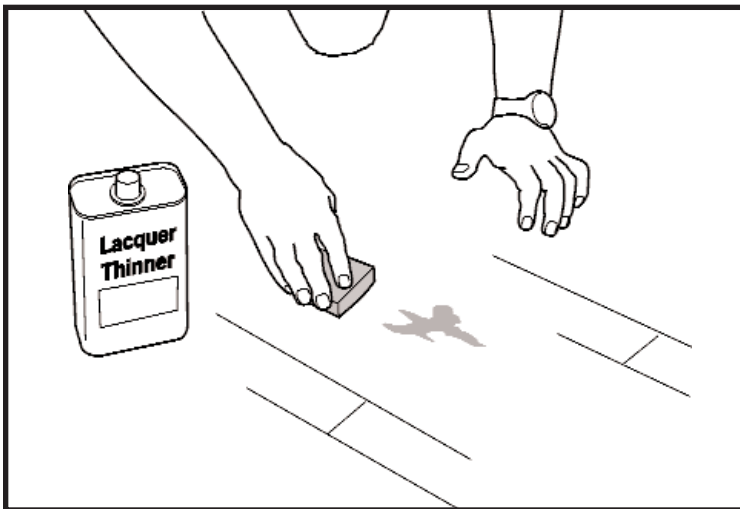
1. Vacuum floor first. Then thoroughly clean with Kährs Hardwood Floor Cleaner and Kährs Micro Plus Mop (Fig. 1). Follow instructions on bottle. Note: **Never** use water to clean a Kährs oiled floor!
2. Fill an empty, clean spray bottle with Watco™ Satin Oil (Fig. 2). Spray oil onto floor in 6" x 6" area at a maximum rate of 1/10 oz. per square yard (approximately two short pulls on trigger with nozzle set on spray position). **Note:** Too much oil and floor will not perform as expected.
4. Once floor is dry, buff with 3M™ red pad or equivalent, at 175-1000 rpm to harden oil and increase dirt resistance. High traffic areas can receive additional treatments to increase durability.

## Maintenance Instructions - New Floors

- Install floor in accordance with Kährs Commercial Installation Guide. Apply oil and buff as described in steps 2-4 above.
- **Once a week for 2 months** - clean floor and re-apply oil as described above.
- **Every other week** for subsequent 2 months - clean floor and re-apply oil as described above.
- Thereafter, clean and oil **once a month**. Depending on wear and appearance, this may be decreased to every **other** month.

## Removal of Stains

- Stains should be removed as soon as possible.
- Marks not removable by normal cleaning can be cleaned using a new and clean ScotchBrite green nylon pad. A small amount of acetone, lacquer thinner or mineral spirits may be necessary.
- Additional oil application in these areas, as described above, will be required after removal of the stain.



## Renovation

- Periodically, specific areas or the entire floor may have to be renovated to remove excessive dirt build-up and to restore beauty.
1. Working in 6' x 6' areas, pour enough oil onto floor to cover area with a thin, continuous layer of oil and buff with a 3M™ Black Stripper Pad #7200, or equivalent coarse pad. Use buffer at maximum of 300 rpm.

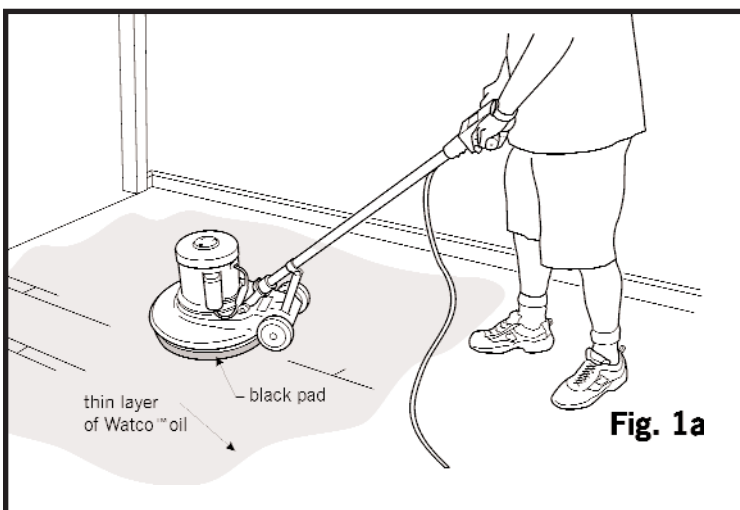


Fig. 1a

2. Wipe up all dirty surplus oil before it dries. Use a plastic scraper or squeegee to "pile up" the dirty oil (Fig. 2a), then wipe it up with clean, white cloths or rags (Fig. 2b). Place all dirty rags in a fire-proof container, (eg. a clean paint can) for proper disposal.

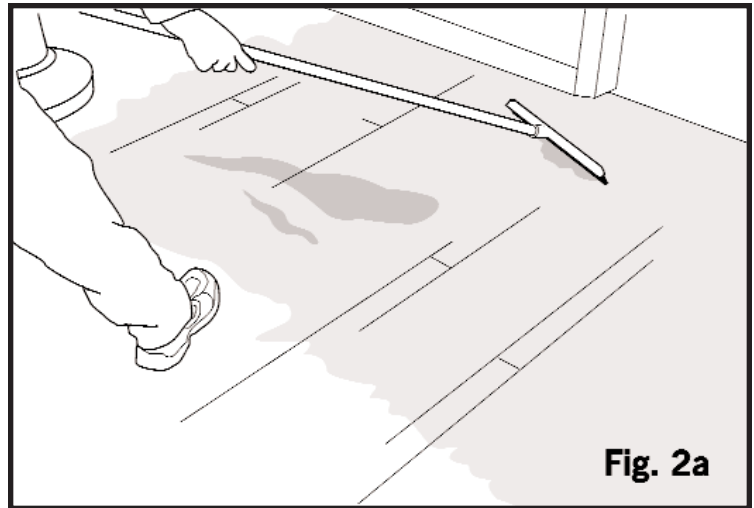


Fig. 2a

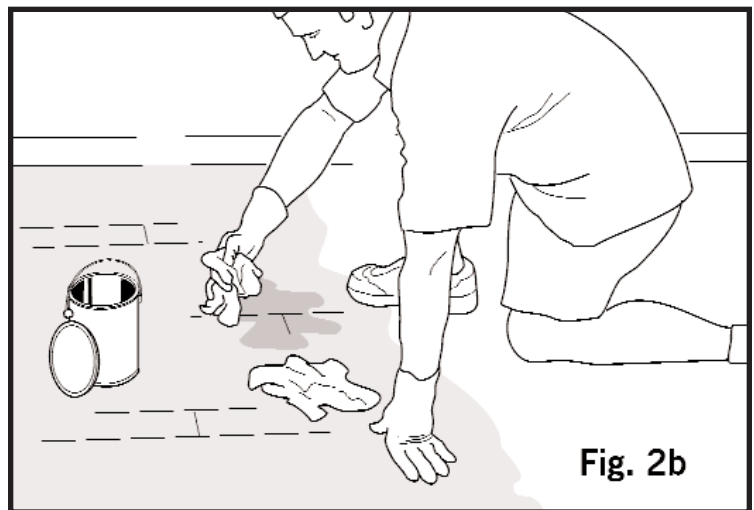


Fig. 2b

3. If the 6' x 6' area still appears dirty, immediately repeat process.
4. After renovated area dries, the floor can be buffed with a 3M™ red pad, or equivalent, to harden oil for maximum dirt resistance.

## Sanding & Refinishing/Repairs

- The floor can be sanded and refinished (with Kährs Watco Natural Satin Oil) to remove damage or dents if and when this becomes necessary.
- Individual fillets or planks can be removed and replaced if localized damage occurs.
- Re-oiling, as described previously, will be necessary.

### IMPORTANT!

*Any items coming into direct contact with the oil can spontaneously combust. Therefore these items (cloths, buffing pads, etc.) MUST be stored in water in a metal container with a tight fitting lid (e.g., a clean paintcan).*

*If you have questions concerning this message please contact Kährs Technical Department at 1-800-275-5247.*