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MAINTENANCE GUIDE

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

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MAINTENANCE OF KÄHRS WOOD FLOORS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

To retain their original durability and beautiful appearance, Kährs wood floors must be maintained following a simple regime. We have the strongest floor finish on the market, which reduces the risk of micro scratches – the tiny, irritating scratches that can appear in the finish surface when, for example, furniture with worn protective pads is dragged across the floor. Kährs Acrylic Finish makes the surface easy to care for because stains have difficulty adhering.

Meanwhile, Kährs Woodloc® 5G and Woodloc® 5S joints produce tight, barely visible joints, which is also an advantage in cleaning and maintenance. The elasticity of the Kährs surface treatment is designed to follow the wood's natural movements between summer and winter, whether the boards are factory finished or oiled. All this means that a Kährs floor is easy to maintain.

Stained products lose their original color when their surfaces are renovated. This should be kept in mind when maintaining the floor. Materials used for maintenance are uncolored. Particular consideration must also be given to products with a special finish.

MAINTENANCE GUIDE RESIDENTIAL AREAS - OVERVIEW

	AFTER INSTALLATION	DAILY	REGULAR	ON DEMAND	RENOVATION	TOTAL RENOVATION
FACTORY FINISHED FLOORS						
MATT LACQUERED FLOORS						
ULTRA MATT LACQUERED FLOORS						
HIGH GLOSS FINISHED FLOORS						
OILED FLOORS						

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MAINTENANCE OF FACTORY FINISHED FLOORS



DAILY CLEANING

For daily cleaning, use dry methods, e.g. vacuuming or micro mop.



REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Make sure that the surface is free from any dirt or debris that may scratch the surface, by vacuum cleaning or dry mopping. Dissolve the Cleaner in lukewarm water according to dosage information on the bottle. – or use the ready-to-use Kährs Spray Cleaner.

Damp-clean the floor as necessary using a well-wrung mop or floor cloth. Only dampen the floor

slightly. The film of water left by the floor cloth must dry within a minute. Do not allow spilled water to remain, especially on Beech and Hard Maple (Canadian Maple) floors because they are particularly sensitive to moisture. The frequency of damp cleaning depends on the usage and soiling.

Note: Never pour water onto wood floors. Use a cloth dampened with water and squeezed dry.



STAIN REMOVAL

Remove stains as soon as possible following the advice given below.

Use strong stain-removers with care, because using too much or rubbing too hard can affect the finish.

Do not allow spilled water to remain on the floor, especially on Beech and Hard Maple (Canadian Maple) floors.

FACTORY FINISHED

STAIN	REMOVE WITH
Asphalt, rubber, oil, shoe polish, soot and dried residues of chocolate or grease.	Alcohol, petroleum ether or similar.
Crayons, lipstick, felt tip pens.	Alcohol.
Candle wax, chewing gum.	Freeze-spray or put a plastic bag of ice cubes on the mark. Then scrape off carefully.
Blood.	Cold water.

RE-COATED ON SITE FINISHES

STAIN	REMOVE WITH
Asphalt, rubber, oil, shoe polish, soot and dried residues of chocolate or grease.	Mineral spirits.
Crayons, lipstick, felt tip pens.	Mineral spirits.
Candle wax, chewing gum.	Freeze-spray or put a plastic bag of ice cubes on the mark. Then scrape off carefully.
Blood.	Cold water.

MAINTENANCE OF FACTORY FINISHED FLOORS



MAINTENANCE ON DEMAND

Kährs Lacquer Refresher is an easy -to-use refresher for finished parquet and wooden floors. The product gives the wood a protective top surface which simplifies the cleaning and maintenance process. It is not a substitute for re-lacquering. It is used between each re-lacquering.

Kährs Lacquer Refresher is suitable for Kährs lacquered floors.

Note, the more coats that are applied, the higher the gloss value.



The floor to be treated must be clean and free from polish, wax and other contaminants. Vacuum thoroughly and remove all traces of grease by damp cleaning using Kährs Cleaner.

Dissolve the Kährs Cleaner in lukewarm water according to dosage information. Then wipe off the surface with a well wrung-out mop or cloth.

For very dirty floors or if the surface has been treated with polish or other treatments, first clean the floor with Kährs Remover.



Heavy duty cleaning: 2-4 oz. / 2.5 gallons water,
Polish Removal: 16 oz. / 2.5 gallons water.

1. Spread out the mixture with a sponge or cloth. Use as little mixture as possible.
2. Allow to react for a few minutes and then work in with a scrubbing brush.
3. Wash the floor with clean water with a slightly damp cloth. Use as little water as possible. Be careful with Beech wood species, because too much moisture might damage the short ends of boards or strips.

Now the floor is ready to be treated with Kährs Lacquer Refresher:

1. Apply the Kährs Lacquer Refresher with a damp mop or cloth.
2. Let the Refresher dry for minimum 45 minutes before replacing furniture. Heavier items as well as rugs need curing at least for 24 hours. Good ventilation and normal room temperature (68° F) minimize the drying time.
3. Allow the floor to dry for a few hours without wear.

It is important to maintain stained products in good time. Do not allow the stained finish to become worn.



MAINTENANCE OF OILED FLOORS



IMMEDIATELY AFTER INSTALLATION

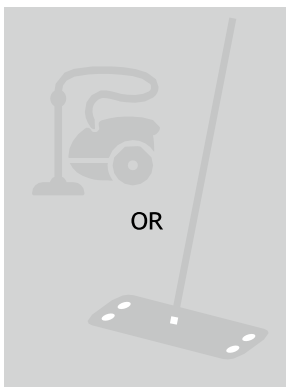
Kährs nature oil finished floors must be given supplementary surface treatment with Kährs Satin Oil. The main reason for this is to prevent water penetrating the joints between boards through capillary action and seal the surface of the board.

Recommended dosage:

1 l of Kährs Satin Oil per 2,000-3,000 ft²

For further instructions, see Maintenance on Demand, page 10

Position doormats inside and outside the front door to stop dirt and grit being brought in that could otherwise cause unnecessarily severe wear to your floor. Put protective pads (not metal feet, which mark wood floors) on furniture to avoid unnecessary marks and scratches on the floor.



DAILY CLEANING

For daily cleaning, use dry methods, e.g. vacuuming or micro mop.



REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Make sure that the surface is free from any dirt or debris that may scratch the surface, by vacuum cleaning or dry mopping. Use the ready-to-use Kährs Spray Cleaner.

Damp-clean the floor as necessary using a well-wrung mop or floor cloth. Only dampen the floor slightly. The film of water left by the floor cloth must dry within a minute. Do not allow spilled water to remain, especially on Beech and Hard

Maple (Canadian Maple) floors because they are particularly sensitive to moisture. The frequency of damp cleaning depends on the usage and soiling.



STAIN REMOVAL

Remove stains as soon as possible following the advice given below.

Use strong stain-removers with care, because using too much or rubbing too hard can affect the finish.

When you damp-clean a floor, it should dry within one minute if you have used the correct amount of water.

Do not allow spilled water to remain on the floor, especially on Beech and Hard Maple (Canadian Maple) floors.

STAIN	REMOVE WITH
Asphalt, rubber, oil, shoe polish, soot and dried residues of chocolate or grease.	Alcohol, petroleum ether or similar.
Crayons, lipstick, felt tip pens.	Alcohol.
Candle wax, chewing gum.	Freeze-spray or put a plastic bag of ice cubes on the mark. Then scrape off carefully.
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MAINTENANCE OF OILED FLOORS



MAINTENANCE ON DEMAND

How often the floor then needs maintaining depends on use, cleaning, exposure to sunlight etc. A couple of additional, more frequent, maintenance treatments carried out in the first year gives an extra-strong, moisture-resistant and easily cleaned surface. The normal frequency of subsequent maintenance is at least twice a year. Remember that areas subjected to greater wear than the rest of the floor can be given localized maintenance. The higher the frequency, the better the results. The surface to be maintained must be dry and free of dust and dirt.

Instruction

1. Vacuum clean the floor carefully.
2. Clean the floor using Kährs Cleaner and Micro Mop. Follow the Kährs Cleaner instructions. Only damp cleaning, the surface should be dry again within a minute. For very dirty floors replace the micro mop using a rough brush.
3. Remove cleaner and dirt using a wrung-out cloth.
4. Dry the surface using a dry cloth and leave the floor to dry for 30 minutes. For very dirty

floors or on floors with heavy textures, it might be necessary to repeat step 2-4.

5. Apply a thin layer of Kährs Satin Oil on the surface and spread it evenly with a Kährs Micro Mop or a dry cloth by scrubbing along the texture. Polish again with a new Micro Mop after 10-15 minutes so that no sticky parts are left. Please observe that two layers of thin oil gives a better result than one thick layer. Applying a too high amount of oil will result in a sticky surface.

After a drying time of 5 hours the floor can be used with care but needs 12 hours before lighter furniture can be moved back. Wait 24 hours to move back carpets and heavier furniture.

Recommended Dosage

After Installation: 1 l of Kährs Satin Oil per 2,000-3,000 ft²

Normal to lightly dirty floors: 4 ounces of Kährs Satin Oil per 300 ft²



RENOVATION

After extended use, it may be necessary to renovate the surface treatment and replace it with a new oil treatment.

1. Apply Kährs Cleaner evenly over the surface.
2. Clean the surface using Kährs micro mop. Scrub until the dirt has been dissolved. For very dirty floors replace the micro mop using a rough brush.
3. Remove cleaner and dirt using a wrung-out cloth.
4. Dry the surface using a dry cloth and leave the floor to dry for 30 minutes.

For very dirty floors or on floors with heavy textures, it might be necessary to repeat step 1, step 2, and step 3.

5. Apply Kährs Satin Oil on the surface. Use Kährs Micro Mop and spread the oil evenly.

This is done by scrubbing both along and across the floorboard until a very thin and even oil layer is reached.

6. Let the surface rest for 10-15 minutes.

In case of surfaces with excessive wear it might be necessary to repeat point 5 and 6.

7. Polish the surface using a new dry Micro Mop. This is done to secure that the oil has been evenly spread.

Please observe that two layers of thin oil gives a better result than 1 thick layer of oil. Applying a high amount of oil will result in a sticky surface.

Recommended dosage

4 ounces of Kährs Satin Oil per 300 ft².

MAINTENANCE OF OILED FLOORS



RENOVATION OF STAINED FLOORS

After extended use, it may be necessary to renovate the surface treatment and replace it with a new Tinted Satin Oil treatment.

1. Apply Kährs Cleaner evenly over the surface.
2. Clean the surface using Kährs micro mop. Scrub until the dirt has been dissolved. For very dirty floors replace the micro mop using a rough brush.
3. Remove cleaner and dirt using a wrung out cloth.
4. Dry the surface using a dry cloth and leave the floor to dry for 30 minutes.

For very dirty floors or on floors with heavy textures, it might be necessary to repeat step 1, step 2, and step 3.

5. Apply Kährs Stained Satin Oil on the surface. Use Kährs Micro Mop and spread the oil.

evenly. This is done by scrubbing along and across the floorboard until a very thin and even oil layer is reached.

Let the surface rest for 10-15 minutes.

If a stronger recoloring is needed, repeat step 5 and step 6. This can be done maximum of 3 times, since too thick layers will result in a sticky surface.

Polish the surface using a new dry Micro Mop. This is done to ensure that the oil has been evenly spread.

Please observe that two layers of thin oil gives a better result than 1 thick layer of oil. Applying a high amount of oil will result in a sticky surface.

Recommended dosage

4 ounces of Kährs Satin Oil per 300 ft²



TOTAL RENOVATION

If the floor is very worn, or needs renovation for some other reason, it can be machine-sanded to bare wood and have a new surface treatment applied. For a new oiled surface, please contact your local dealer.



Note. Total renovation will radically change the surface appearance on stained products, floors with bevelled edges and/or brushed surface finishes.

Note! Using Kährs Satin oil, a danger of self-ignition exists in contact with organic materials (e.g. cotton cloths, saw dust, absorbing insulation materials etc.) due to self-drying oil content. Rags and other organic materials soaked in oil have to be put into water immediately after use, in order to avoid self-ignition.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS - DESCRIPTION

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT EACH PRODUCT (TECHNICAL DATA AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS) IS AVAILABLE TO BE DOWNLOADED FROM WWW.KAHR.S.COM

KÄHRS SPRAY CLEANER 1 QUART

- effective cleaner for factory finished and oiled floors

Kährs Cleaner is an effective and environmentally friendly product specially formulated for cleaning wood and laminate floors.

Does not contain any organic solvents or pigments. For normal daily cleaning. Ready to use.

Art no. 710529



KÄHRS SPRAY CLEANER 1 GALLON REFILL

- effective cleaner for factory finished and oiled floors

Kährs Cleaner is an effective and environmentally friendly product specially formulated for cleaning wood and laminate floors.

Does not contain any organic solvents or pigments. For normal daily cleaning. Ready to use.

Art no. 710280G



SATIN OIL 1 LITER

- clear maintenance oil

Kährs Satin Oil is a hardening urethane oil for maintaining wood and parquet floors. Satin Oil gives the floor a protective oil layer with a beautiful shine. Satin Oil protects by penetrating the floor surface.

Art no. 710553



KÄHRS FLOOR CARE KIT

The perfect all in one cleaning solution for your Kährs floor. The kit contains a 1 quart bottle of Spray Cleaner, a dry mop, and felt floor protectors.



KÄHRS MOP PAD

Replacement pad for your Kährs mop to be used only with Kährs Spray Cleaner. Can be machine washed.

Art no. 710512



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