



DUCHÂTEAU®
FLOORS



MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS



MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES FOR DUCHATEAU® HARD-WAX OILED FLOORS

DuChateau® Floors are finished with a Hard-Wax Oil that is baked into the floors during the manufacturing. For this reason, they must be maintained differently than polyurethane or aluminum-oxide finished floors. First and foremost, DuChateau® Parquet Cleaner is the ONLY cleaning product approved for use when cleaning a DuChateau® Hard-Wax Oil floor. ***Products containing alcohol are not approved for use when cleaning DuChateau® Floor.*** The reason for this is very simple; standard cleaning products use alcohol as a drying agent to speed up evaporation after application. Alcohol, by its chemical nature, will break down waxes and oils, and damage your DuChateau® Hard-Wax Oil Floor.

Daily Cleaning: For regular daily upkeep of your floor, a simple sweeping or vacuuming should be all that is required. A floor vacuum with a hardwood floor attachment or one in which the beater brush can be turned off should be used to avoid scratching or damaging the floor.

Weekly / Biweekly Cleaning: For a slightly deeper cleaning of your floor, DuChateau® Parquet Cleaner is recommended. It is a concentrate that needs to be diluted at a ratio of 1/4 cup per gallon of hot water, or 1 capful per half gallon of hot water. Use a standard sponge mop in which the water can be squeezed out. The mop should be damp, not wet. EXCESS MOISTURE CAN DAMAGE THE FLOOR. Simply mop your DuChateau® Floor, making sure that the mop is never wet and that the concentrate is not pooling on the surface.

Persistent Stains or Marks: If DuChateau® Parquet Cleaner does not remove individual marks or stains from the wood, DuChateau® Maintenance Oil can be used as a stain remover. Mix the DuChateau® Maintenance Oil and apply a very small amount to the stain and rub gently with a cloth. If the stain is not removed, gentle use of a non-abrasive scrub pad (such as a Scotch-Brite® scrub sponge) can be used in place of a cloth. Rub in the direction of the grain. Particularly with White Oil finished floors, aggressive use of a scrub pad may lift white color from the floor.

Annual Maintenance and Conditioning: Depending on the environmental conditions and amount of traffic, annual application of the DuChateau® Maintenance Oil is recommended to moisturize and condition the floor. In dryer climates and on areas that receive a higher amount of traffic, more frequent application may be necessary to properly maintain your floor. The DuChateau® Maintenance Oil benefits the floor in multiple ways.

1. Conditioning: The open, porous nature of DuChateau® Floors allow the floor to absorb and/or release moisture (depending on environmental conditions). The Maintenance Oil will help moisturize the floor.



2. Protection: The wax element of the Maintenance Oil works similarly to the wax coating on the paint of a car. It provides an extra layer of protection from contaminants that may have spilled on or may come in contact with the floor.
3. Restoration: The oil element of the Maintenance Oil may help brighten the natural graining of the wood and may enhance the color.

As wood floors age, high traffic areas tend to wear more than non-high traffic areas. DuChateau® Maintenance Oil may be applied to the high traffic areas only without having to re-coat the entire floor. However, the entire floor should be maintained at least annually. Regular application of the Maintenance Oil will provide longer-lasting protection and help to keep your floors looking beautiful for many years to come.

Application of DuChateau® Maintenance Oil After Installation: After the initial installation of your DuChateau® floors, a light coat of the DuChateau® Clear Maintenance Oil is recommended. There is already Hard Wax Oil applied to the floor during the manufacturing, so this treatment is a light surface coat and not a saturation of the floor.

Shake or stir the can well. There are wax solids that settle in the oil that need to be blended for proper application. Pour the Maintenance Oil into a squeeze bottle. This will allow more control over the amount of oil applied. Squirt a small amount of the oil along the floor, spreading as thin as possible with a soft rag. Use a cotton rag that does not have loops of material that can snag on corners or in textured grain. For best results, spread along the grain, wiping off excess as you go.

While applying, there should not be any pooling of the Maintenance Oil. When applied properly, the floor should have a slight sheen but should not appear wet.

***ONE LITER OF DuChateau® Maintenance Oil WILL COVER APPROXIMATELY 750-800 SQUARE FEET OF FLOORING WHEN PROPERLY APPLIED.**

If coverage is less than this, the product is not spread thin enough. This can result in problems requiring the user to have to buff off excess product carefully by hand or with an orbital buffing machine. Spread as thin as possible and work in small areas to prevent excess product from setting on the flooring surface before it is properly spread. Keep from walking on the floor for 12+ hours to allow wax to fully harden. If it is necessary to walk on the floors prior to drying, please put paper booties over shoes to prevent leaving footprints in the wax. Keep furniture off of freshly oiled floors for 12-18 hours. Keep rugs off of freshly oiled floors for 48 hours.

Maintenance Application of DuChateau® Maintenance Oil: For the maintenance application (recommended at least annually), use the same process as listed above for the initial cleaning.

For general homeowner/end-user maintenance, the DuChateau® Clear Maintenance Oil normally need only be reapplied to the traffic areas. With proper application it will not alter the color of the floor and can



be applied to small areas as needed or used as spot or stain remover without needing to reapply the product to the entire floor.

DuChateau® White Maintenance Oil: Over time, DuChateau® White Oil floors may require an application of DuChateau® White Maintenance Oil to renew their color. Use of the DuChateau® White Maintenance Oil is intended for use on DuChateau® White Oil floors only, and is intended to bring back more of a white appearance as these floors age over the years. For regular maintenance, DuChateau® Clear Maintenance Oil should be used on all DuChateau® floors, including White Oil floors. The DuChateau® White Maintenance Oil should *only* be used every few years (or as needed) to renew the white color of DuChateau® White Oil floors. Use of this product on any other type of DuChateau® floor may cause significant discoloration or damage. ***DuChateau® White Maintenance Oil product should only be applied by an experienced finisher who is familiar with working with wood stain.***

DuChateau® Colored Oils are intended for small repairs on certain DuChateau® products. These Colored Oils are designed for repairs only and are not intended for large applications.

Available Maintenance Products



DuChateau® Parquet Cleaner

- **Application:** For cleaning of DuChateau® Hard Wax Oil floors.
- **Recommended Products:** All DuChateau® Hard Wax Oiled wood products.



DuChateau® Clear Maintenance Oil

- **Recommended Products:** All DuChateau® Hard-Wax Oiled wood products.



DuChateau® White Maintenance Oil (*for professional use ONLY*)

- **Recommended Products:** To be used for periodic brightening of DuChateau® White Oil floors and applied by a professional.