

# Instructions for taking care of your Hardwax Oil Wood flooring



For everyday cleaning, a broom or vacuum cleaner is all you need. To remove stains, the floor can also be damp mopped. If done regularly, using *Wash & Care* it will help to clean and maintain your floor.

## **OSMO Wash & Care (concentrate)**

*Wash & Care* is a mild and gentle non-toxic cleaner for wood. It is made with soaps based on coconut and other vegetable oils. It is gentle on the skin and biodegradable. It contains no solvents, formaldehyde or phosphates.

*Wash & Care* has been especially developed for wooden floors treated with *OSMO Hardwax Oil* and is easily maintained by regular cleaning. It is also possible to clean other surfaces with *Wash & Care*: stone, cork, vinyl and other water-resistant surfaces.

### **How to use:**

Spray the cleaner on to the floor. Then wipe the floor with a sponge mop or cloth. The surface should not be wet. If there is excess moisture, wipe the floor dry with a clean cloth. It is not necessary to rinse after cleaning.

The concentrate ratio is 7ml to 750ml spray bottle, add water, shake and spray.

## **OSMO Liquid Wax Cleaner**

The *OSMO Hardwax Oil* finish is extremely durable, but like any finish, it will show wear over time, especially in high-traffic areas such as the kitchen, main entries and stairways. The *Liquid Wax Cleaner* is easy to use and buffs to a sheen. It is also extremely water repellent and odorless when dry. Timely use of *Liquid Wax Cleaner* restores the finish and helps to keep it lasting indefinitely. This product can also be used on any waxed woodwork.

### **How to use Liquid Wax Cleaner:**

First clean the floor or wood thoroughly, preferably with a moist cloth or mop dampened in *Wash and Care*, diluted in water. Wring out the cloth or mop thoroughly so that no water puddles. Allow to fully dry.

To remove heavy stains: Apply a *small amount* on a cloth or a white scotchpad and rub the dirty area. For heavier stains, use fine steel wool. Wipe off the dirt residue.

To maintain: Apply very thinly on the clean surface. 2 teaspoons will cover 10 sq ft . Allow to dry for 30 to 60 minutes or until a white haze has formed. Buff the surface with a soft cotton cloth. The surface can be polished.

Spot repairs are easy. There is no need to strip the whole floor or even to remove old *Hardwax Oil*. For minor repairs, just scuff the damaged area, coat with *Liquid Wax Cleaner* and buff lightly when the cleaner is dry. Make repairs regularly, and the finish will last indefinitely.

Be aware that liquid wax cleaner will restore the finish but not repair damaged wood. If a more extensive fix is needed, use OSMO 3054 Hardwax Oil.

### **OSMO Polyx®-Oil**

Spot repairs are made easy with *Osmo Hardwax Oil*. It is water and stain resistant, completely ecological and has no emissions. The major benefit of *Hardwax Oil* is that minor damaged areas or high wear areas can be rebuilt without refinishing the entire floor, saving thousands of dollars. You can even leave the furniture in place!

Color stained floors will require extra attention if the stain needs to be repaired before application of the Hardwax Oil.

#### **How to use:**

Sand off scratches or other damage. Use 80-grit sandpaper on deep gouges and finish with 100/ 120grit. Light repairs can be done with 150/ 180 grit. Vacuum or wipe away dust then apply the finish by hand.

Wipe on a small amount of *Hardwax Oil*. Do not allow it to puddle, and allow it to dry for 24 to 48 hours with good ventilation. Buff with extra-fine steel wool or a Scotchpad to blend the edges of the patch into the surrounding finish. Repeating the process after fully dry if necessary to get a nice blend.

### **OSMO Brush Cleaner & Thinner**

Dis-aromatized and benzene-free to meet European purity demands, OSMO Brush Cleaner and Thinner can be used for cleaning brushes and tools, as well as thinning of the Hardwax Oil by up to 10% (when necessary).

Some extremely dense and oily tropical hardwoods may require thinning of the Hardwax Oil for proper penetration.

*Keeping your brushes clean will aid in their longevity and improve the quality of your work.*