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Cleaning instructions for wooden floors and wooden stairs with the maintenance-free Pro Strong matt finish in private living areas



#### Intelligent features

- now maintenance-free in private living areas
- no polishing required
- belongs to wear class C according to the Austrian ÖNORM C 2354 standard (the highest of three possible classes) for particularly high
- wear (extremely scratch-resistant, chemical-resistant etc.)

## **General information**

Protect your wooden floor or stairs from sand, stones and water. Dirt traps and cleaning zones are recommended. Carpet padding (non-slip surface) must be suitable for sealed wooden floors. Bring in furniture and other heavy furnishings carefully. Table and chair feet must be fitted with suitable (e.g. plastic-lined) felt pads. When using chairs with casters, use only standard soft rollers (type W). When using swivel chairs, we also recommend the use of suitable underlay mats approved for wooden floors by the respective manufacturer. Do not treat wooden floors or stairs with the Pro Strong matt surface with steel wool.

## **Colour properties**

After installation, sunlight will cause typical changes in the colour of the wood, depending on the intensity of light exposure. Different types of wood react differently in terms of the strength and type of change (yellowing, darkening or fading).

#### Room climate

Wood is a natural material that breathes. This means that wood absorbs or releases moisture from the air depending on the room climate, which results in a swelling or shrinking of the floor.

In principle, this should not be regarded negatively, but considered a natural property of a natural material. To minimise the inevitable changes in dimensions, we recommend maintaining a room climate of 20°C and 50% relative humidity throughout the year.

This is especially important when heating the room as the parquet drying leads to the formation of gaps, etc. Using a humidifier when the heating is on can be very beneficial and will help save valuable heating energy because, with higher humidity, a lower room temperature is even perceived as comfortable.

After installation, regular ventilation must be ensured, especially in new buildings and/or uninhabited homes. Emissions from other building materials can lead to irreversible discoloration of parquet floors in the absence of air exchange.



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### Cleaning

As a rule, wiping must only be carried out with a damp cloth once the floor has been cleaned through dry means (vacuumed or swept). Excessive moisture influences may cause sustained damage. Never use steel wool, hard fibre mops (microfibre) or abrasive cleaning agents. Always use pH-neutral cleaning agents recommended by Weitzer Parkett and highly drainable cotton-based cleaning textiles.

#### Ongoing cleaning with Clever Cleaner

Amount: approx. 100 ml in 10 L of water for wiping

Ongoing cleaning removes lightly adhering dirt that cannot be removed by vacuuming or sweeping. Apply using a suitable damp implement (e. g. mop, cotton cloth etc.). Heavy soiling can be removed manually with a cotton cloth or a fine sponge. The frequency of cleaning depends on the intensity of use or the contamination of the floor: two to four times per month in private dwellings.

#### Ongoing cleaning with WP cleaning soap

Amount: approx. 25–30 ml in 10 L of water.

The biodegradable WP cleaning soap can also be used for damp wiping as part of ongoing cleaning. It is a high-quality, highly concentrated soap combination made from natural vegetable oils.

#### Thorough cleaning — applied by a specialist company

For a thorough clean of the parquet floor, please contact your specialist. A thorough cleaning is carried out if the floor has strongly adhering dirt that cannot be removed through ongoing cleaning and machine treatment with suitable cleaning machines is required by a specialist company (e.g. Single-disc machine with white pad and wet suction, scrubbing machine with coordinated brush rollers or suitable cleaning machines). Depending on the intensity of the thorough cleaning, subsequent surface treatment with matt polish is recommended according to the processing guidelines on the labels.

#### **Drying times**

All drying times assume a temperature of 20°C and a relative humidity of 50%. Low temperatures and excessive humidity can delay drying.

- Clever Cleaner and cleaning soap: approx. 1–3 hours, depending on the cleaning method



# **Concluding points**

These recommendations are based on extensive experience and are intended to advise you to the best of our knowledge. We have also provided information on restrictions and warnings in the interest of minimising the risk of errors. By definition, information sheets do not cover all possible current and future application scenarios and special features, some of which arise from the versatility of wood as a material. For this reason, this sheet does not exempt the installation specialist from raising queries if they have any doubts, from testing the product on-site themselves, or from paying critical attention during the installation process. This sheet also omits certain information where it can be reasonably assumed that specialists would be familiar with this information. The contents of this information sheet is not legally binding and therefore it is not possible to derive any warranty or liability claims from it. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WEITZER PARKETT team.