

# Bavarian Collection

## Maintenance and Cleaning Guide

Please use the following cleaning products by color:

**Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner or Behlen Hydro Floor Cleaner**



**Coburg - Arstein - Baden - Newcastle - Chestnut Hills**

**WOCA SOAP**



**Steinwald - Heideck - Passau - Zittau Mountain - Edern  
Franken - Franconian - Ardennes- Rothenburg - Frost**

When periodic cleaning is necessary, the oiled floor is damp mopped with a solution of Woca Natural Soap & warm water. The solution cleans the floor, strengthens the finish and increases water resistance. (coverage approx. 3500 sq. ft. per liter)

Also available Natural Soap Spray is premixed soap and water. The spray is intended for spot cleaning floors. (covers approx. 20-40 sq. ft. per bottle)

Cleaning agents:

Emollients extracted from soy beans and coconut oil, which also retain moisture in the floor, just as quality soap would for your hands. As they dry and form an invisible film on the surface, the floor receives added protection against wear and dirt.

When a floor has been finished with a White oil, Soap White should be used to reinforce the lighter look.

## **HOW TO CLEAN AND CARE FOR YOUR HARDWOOD FLOORING**

Hardwood flooring is appreciated for its natural beauty and genuine integrity. Each piece is unique. High quality hardwood flooring ages fabulously and gains remarkable character over time.

Every species of wood bears subtle variations — color, tone, graining, knots, streaks, blemishes, and mineral stains. Masterfully weaved together, create exquisite spaces: Homes, offices, restaurants, and retail stores.

## **USEFUL TIPS FOR CLEANING AND MAINTAINING THE BEAUTY OF YOUR HARDWOOD FLOORING**

1. Control the climate at a steady level. Drastic changes in humidity can lead to changes in your hardwood flooring. Finally it is best to maintain the area of the flooring within the relative humidity level of 30% to 65%. This way the wood is kept in ideal level to avoid any stress to deform. If you live in a dry climate, increase the relative humidity by adding a humidifier in the area or potted indoor plants. If you live in a wet climate a dehumidifier works best. Hardwood flooring is natural material, which will continue to 'breathe' throughout its life by absorbing and releasing moisture from the surrounding environment.
2. Place natural fiber rugs with soft bottoms at entry points to catch dirt, grit, and moisture.
3. Sweep the wood floor with a gentle and absorbent mop. If you would prefer vacuuming, make sure it is done with a machine with hardwood-safe rollers.
4. Wipe up food and spills promptly.
5. Avoid heavy wet mops.
6. Never use wax, oil, or petroleum-based cleaning products. Only use approved Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner.
7. Apply felt or rubber padding to bottom of furniture, including chair and table legs. These are available in various shapes and sizes and can be found wherever home improvement products are sold.
8. Ask your guests to leave heavy boots and spiked heels at the door.

9. If shoes are worn indoors, be aware that spiked heels or shoes with damaged soles can cause severe damage to the timber flooring. You may want to place runner mats or rugs along high traffic areas.
10. Carpets or floor covering mats should not be placed immediately on the hardwood flooring. Hardwood flooring will change over time and equalises to its surroundings. Allow for 8 to 12 weeks before any carpets are placed to avoid colour differentiation.
11. If you have animals indoors, ensure that their nails are properly trimmed and that any urination or defecation is promptly cleaned and area immediately dried.
12. Ensure that your flooring is not exposed to excessive direct sunlight, as UV light will cause some timber to change colour. Place sheers or thin curtains to diffuse the UV rays.
13. Your factory prefinished flooring was designed and produced to provide you with a beautiful floor with least amount of maintenance. It can be walked on almost immediately after installation. If due care and maintenance is carefully followed, your chosen flooring will last a very long time and will continue to be as beautiful as the first day it was installed.

**Follow these suggestions and your hardwood flooring would maintain its beauty for years to come.**