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PERFORMANCE FLOORS

Maintenance Guide

For Lacquered Wooden Dance Floors



Bona Cleaner

A concentrated pH neutral detergent designed specifically for sealed wooden floors. N.B. It is important that the quantity of liquid applied to the floor is kept to a minimum.

Application: By mop/cloth or scrubber-drier/spray-buff system

Dilution: Normal cleaning - 50ml/10L Very dirty floors - 100ml/10L

Shelf life/Storage: At least two years in original sealed container. Store away from frost, direct sunlight, sources of heat and foodstuffs.

Safety: Bona Cleaner is an unclassified product.

Bona Remover

A concentrated polish stripper designed to remove Bona Polish. It can also be used to treat floors which have become slippery and for the removal of black heel marks. N.B. Wooden floors which have been previously treated with polish must be sanded back to bare wood prior to overcoating.

Dilution: For removing polish: 1L/5L water for removing heel marks: 1 capful/100mls water

Shelf life/Storage: Two years in original sealed container. Store away from direct sunlight and sources of heat.

Safety: Bona Remover is an unclassified product.

Pack Size: 1 Litre.



Bona Freshen Up

A ready to use waterborne polyurethane maintenance coating for most finished and pre-finished wooden floors. It will revive a scratched and dull surface in addition to providing continued protection against wear. Meets DIN 18 032 for slip resistance.

Coverage Rate: 30-50M²/L

Shelf life/Storage: Two years from date of production in original sealed container. Storage temperature should be in the range of 5°C to 25°C.

Safety: Bona Freshen Up is an unclassified product.

Pack Size: 1 Litre.

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Precautions: Applying Freshen Up to a satin or low gloss surface will increase the gloss level. Freshen Up is for use on finished wooden floors only. Do not use over any floor that has been waxed or oiled. Wax and oil residues will prevent the proper adhesion of Freshen Up to the floor.

Application: Apply the diluted product evenly across the floor using mop or spray bottle. After five minutes buff the floor with a red pad. Remove any remnants with a scrubber-drier, mop or similar. Finally clean the surface with water. Use a minimal quantity of liquid when treating wooden floors. It is important that all traces of Polish Remover are removed as any residue may affect the newly applied coat of polish. Once the floor is dry Bona Polish may be applied. To remove black heel marks apply the diluted product to the affected area, leave for five minutes then wipe the surface with a clean, lint-free cloth.

Preventative Maintenance

Abrasive particles of dirt and grit trafficked on to a wooden floor finished with lacquer can be very damaging and seriously shorten the lifespan of any treatment. The floor's surface will quickly become dull due to scratches and the wood may be affected by the ingress of moisture and stains. Matting placed at external entrances can be highly effective at prolonging the appearance and life of the floor whilst reducing the frequency of refurbishment. It is important that the matting is of a type which allows abrasive particles to drop through it rather than remain on the surface where it can then be tracked on to the sealed floor. Matting should be large enough, ideally, to allow two steps across it, but, as a general recommendation, the mat should be as large as is practical. Periodically the matting should be thoroughly cleaned. A dirty mat is ineffective and can act as a 'reservoir' of abrasive particles.

How to look after your new floor

An effective maintenance programme will keep the floor clean and looking as good as possible. The following information is designed to provide a starting point for such a programme and is appropriate for both commercial and domestic floors. However, all floors are unique and will require individual assessment because the factors affecting them will vary. Changes in traffic levels and seasonal changes will also need to be taken into consideration, for example, additional matting may be required during periods of snow or heavy rain. The frequency of any maintenance should reflect the use of the floor and should be altered accordingly.

An effective maintenance regime should consist of:

- 1. Dry Cleaning:** Floors should be cleaned daily using dry cleaning methods, such as vacuum, scissor mop or soft broom. It is important to remove any abrasive particles of grit and dirt which may scratch the floor seal when trafficked under footwear, chair legs and other items moved across the floor.
- 2. Damp Cleaning:** Soluble dirt should be removed by cleaning using a spray-buff system or scrubber drier (large floors) or by mop and bucket (small, domestic floors). Diluted Bona Cleaner should be used as a cleaning agent. When using a buffing system the machine should be fitted with a tan pad. A red pad can be used on floors which are very dirty. Coarser pads should be avoided as they may damage the floor seal. All cleaning materials should be replaced periodically to ensure effective maintenance.
- 3. Additional Cleaning:** Wooden floors in commercial areas which may often become contaminated with grease from food, sweat, or residue from other sources may require additional cleaning to remove these materials. Cleaning using Bona Remover will remove these non-soluble materials and restore the slip resistance of the floor seal.
- 4. Further Protection:** Traditionally floors would be treated with wax-based polish to offer additional protection to the floor seal. However, once this has occurred the floor cannot receive further coats of lacquer without sanding the floor back to bare wood. An alternative is Bona Freshen Up. This polyurethane maintainer should be applied, by mop or cloth, when the floor seal appears dull due to minor scratches. It should be used following regular cleaning. On a new or recently re-finished floor Bona Freshen Up would be applied when the first signs of wear become visible (i.e a dulling of the surface).

Newly Finished Floors

A floor coated with any Bona floor finish is usually touch dry within approximately 3 hours. However, it continues to cure for approximately one week. The floor may receive light foot traffic 8 hours after the final coat of finish but full heavy use should be avoided for 72 hours. Furniture may be returned to the room after 24 hours but should be fitted with protective pads. The floor should not be covered with any protective sheeting/polythene or rugs/carpets for the first week after finishing. Similarly the use of maintenance products should be avoided for this period.

The Life Cycle of the Floor

Bona offer a range of compatible products which, if used correctly, will lessen the disruption and expense produced by the full refurbishment of a floor. By frequently assessing the floor's condition and applying Bona Freshen Up regularly, and adding further coats of finish to the floor before wear has progressed back to bare wood, it should be possible to avoid ever having to sand the floor back to bare wood again.