HOW TO CLEAN A WOOD FLOOR AND WOOD SURFACE #CLEANING PRODUCTS KIT#

1. Check your wood finish. Then please refer to Cadorin product **identification sheet**, supplied with your product. Here you can find information about cleaning and maintainance of your wood and also the kind of finish it has.
The wood can be treated with OIL, WAX or VARNISH and the surface can be SMOOTH, BRUSHED or irregular through workings such as PLANED, SAW CUTTING, WEAVE TEXTURE, TATAMI, and so on.
E.g. if it's oiled or waxed it will need to be oiled or waxed again after a certain period of time.
REGARDLESS of the finishing used, the surface is always washed in the same way, whereas its non-routine maintenance will be different. You can find this information in the product identification sheet. Proper cleaning and maintenance ensures wood's long life.

2. **The most important daily action is vacuum-cleaning**, while you can wash the surface less often, depending on its use. Before each wash, please vacuum the surface using a vacuum cleaner with suitable brushes or with electrostatic wipes.

3. **DO NOT USE steam floor cleaners or robot floor cleaners** because the former use exceedingly high temperatures that ruin the finishing, and the latter use detergents that are too chemical and aggressive. **The traditional method "BUCKET, BRUSH, NEUTRAL SOAP AND CLOTH" is ALWAYS THE BEST!!**

4. **NEVER USE WATER ONLY**
It's important to REMEMBER that SURFACE should NEVER be cleaned with WATER ONLY, because WATER ONLY doesn't REMOVE GREASE from the surface (when we wash our hands we also need soap to remove the grease and this also applies to wood and other household surfaces too).

5. **Please use NEUTRAL DETERGENT SOAP** (in the recommended amounts as instructed on the bottle) in just a few litres of warm water (35°/40°).
NACASA natural detergent for everyday cleaning of wood surface, containing no chemical preservatives, chlorine, ammonium chloride or phosphate.
If you don't use BIOFA cleaning soaps, It's important that the DETERGENT CONTAINS NO ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS such as oils, waxes, creams or rinsing agents, or ammonia, bleach, aggressive limescale removers, alcohol or aggressive chemical products, etc. The choice of the right detergent is very important, as using polishing products together with the cleaner can smear the surface of the wood over time, whereas overly aggressive products can corrode the finish. Therefore it must be washed with soap ONLY, diluted in warm water, because at this time it is important simply to "degrease" the wood. The sanitizing and disinfectant hands detergents, in case of contact with the wood, can damage the treated surface.

6. **Please use a CLOTH** with LONG FIBRES if the wood surface is ROUGH or UNEVEN, or SHORT FIBRES if the surface is SMOOTH. For a LONG-FIBRE cloth it's sufficient to use a small terry towel in pure cotton or in a good cotton microfiber.

7. **Please use a rectangular BRUSH for wood floor** with plastic or corn fibre bristles as it has a larger surface and the bristles help to apply pressure on the cloth. Immerse 2 cloths in the bucket with water and detergent and use them alternately.
Wring out the wet cloth, which should be not too soaked nor too dry too, and wipe the wood surface with the help of the brush trying to go along the grain and then in a circular way. Rinse the cloth in the bucket and leave it there, taking the other cloth to repeat the operation. When water in the bucket becomes dark/dirty please change it. When the water in the bucket becomes dark, this means that the surface is not yet clean and needs rewashing. Leave to dry before walking on it.

For other wooden surfaces, walls/coverings, the process is the same, and act directly with a cloth.

8. **USE of MAINTENANCE WAXES**
The current VARNISHED finishes don't need any maintenance waxes or to be constantly polished. But if you want (once a year), you can use them to brighten up the wooden surfaces. Whereas, for waxed or oiled wood, a periodic use of maintenance wax is suggested (even many time a year), because it helps to postpone the moment of the re-oiling treatment.
But the WRONG WAX over the years will CREATE CHEMICAL LAYERS, smearing the grain of the wooden surfaces.
So it's very **IMPORTANT TO USE A NATURAL SUITABLE WAX.**
On Cadorin wooden surfaces only **BIOFA NAPLANA** liquid wax is suggested. Diluted it in a few litres of water as indicated, and use it on cleaned surfaces. Please DO NOT OVER-USE because the floor can become slippery.
The wax must always be applied to prewashed/degreased surfaces.

9. **THE CLEANING PRODUCTS RECOMMENDED BY CADORIN BIOFA** cleaning products contain natural components and can be used for any kind of wood finish: oiled, waxed, varnished.
You can buy them at Cadorin or Biofa resellers and online at the following links:

NACASA
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10. **STAINS ON THE SURFACE**
Cadorin products are treated with varnishes or oil/wax finishes, preventing stains from being absorbed into the wood. Any stain/grease/dirt on the surfaces should be removed with a damp sponge soaked in wood detergent. For stubborn dirt, please use pure detergent. Never use abrasive sponges or scourers.
Only for the most obstinate and persistent stains on varnished surfaces use a small drop of Cif cream, with a soft non-abrasive sponge. Then rinse with water.
As an alternative to other kind of stains use pure alcohol, but always paying specific attention: pour only a few drops and rub lightly checking against the light if the surface is being damaged. Do not frequently use these cleaning solutions. Usually they are enough for stubborn domestic stains. If you can't remove stains, it means that they are caused by aggressive chemical components that have been in contact with the surfaces for a while. Please, consult a wood specialist to arrange further solutions.
Do not use or place any corrosive substances onto the surfaces. Avoid using household electrical appliances for vapour cleansing, domestic and industrial cleaners / robots cleaners.
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