

# Cleaning and Maintenance Instructions For Hardwax Oil Finish Floors

## REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

- When possible, clean only by sweeping or wiping with a dry cloth. Over-frequent washing will only needlessly expose your floor to moisture.
- Approved cleaning solutions, to be used with a lightly damp mop:
  1. Bona Professional Series – Natural Oil Floor Cleaner Kit
  2. Rubio Monocoat Surface Care/Rubio Soap. (make sure to dilute 100:1 with water)
  3. Timberex Bio-C Cleaner
- Do not wet mop or steam mop.
- Do not use cleaners other than the products listed above or you may permanently damage your floor.

## SPOT REPAIRS – SCRATCHES AND GROOVES

Due to the natural oil finish of our sawn floors they are a bit more vulnerable to scratching. However unlike standard urethane finishes, repairing a hardwax oil floor is simple with Mowhawk® touch-up markers and Fil-Stiks®. Furthermore, hardwax oil flooring comes with the advantage of never needing to be completely refinished. With proper cleaning and care your hardwax oil flooring

For our **Malaga and Rioja Sawn** floors, we recommend Mowhawk® Fil-Stiks® Driftwood (M230-0503) ([http://www.mohawk-finishing.com/catalog\\_browse.asp?ictNbr=106](http://www.mohawk-finishing.com/catalog_browse.asp?ictNbr=106)) and Mowhawk® Ultra™ Bond Waterborne Clear Finish Marker (M292-0040) ([http://www.mohawk-finishing.com/catalog\\_browse.asp?ictNbr=731](http://www.mohawk-finishing.com/catalog_browse.asp?ictNbr=731))

For our **Toledo Sawn** floors, we recommend Mowhawk® Pro-Mark II Touch-Up Marker -Van Dyke Brown (M267-1478) ([http://www.mohawk-finishing.com/catalog\\_browse.asp?ictNbr=119](http://www.mohawk-finishing.com/catalog_browse.asp?ictNbr=119)) finish pen and Mowhawk® Ultra™ Bond Waterborne Clear Finish Marker (M292-0040) ([http://www.mohawk-finishing.com/catalog\\_browse.asp?ictNbr=731](http://www.mohawk-finishing.com/catalog_browse.asp?ictNbr=731))

First clean the floor as described in the regular maintenance instructions above. Then apply the Mowhawk® Fil-Stik® on the scratch and wipe once with a clean cloth. The final step is to seal the affected area using the clear finish marker and then wipe it down again with a clean cloth.

## RESTORING COLOR AND OIL – EVERY 6-12 MONTHS OR AS NEEDED

1. Purchase appropriate restoration product to match your floor:
  - a. For **Malaga Sawn** use Rubio® Monocoat Super White Maintenance Oil
  - b. For **Rioja Sawn** use Rubio® Monocoat Super White Maintenance Oil
  - c. For **Toledo Sawn**, use Rubio® Monocoat Super White Maintenance Oil
2. Clean the affected area thoroughly with the approved Rubio Monocoat Surface Care or Timberex Bio-C cleaner, and allow to dry.
3. Apply the recommended color restore product (above) to a sponge or rag, and slowly work it into the flooring planks. Some colors may require less oil than others to restore color. Allow to dry for 60 seconds and then wipe off the excess product with a rag.
4. Now allow a full 6 hours for the color restoration oil to fully dry, do not walk on the restored area.