

Loba Australia recommends whether your coated timber floor is a commercial, sporting or domestic floor that you set up a regular maintenance program. Routine maintenance not only extends the life of your coated timber floor but enhances its appearance, sheen and slip resistance.

The minimum requirement for keeping any polished floor in tip top condition involves the following:

DRYING TIME:

After 24 hours the coating should be ready for light traffic, no shoes, socks only. An imprint mark will indicate a need to wait longer before walking on the floor. Wait until the coating has dried and 'cured' before you walk on it with street shoes and before you use any cleaning products. This usually takes about a week.

ENTRANCE MATTING:

The biggest killer of coated timber floors is dirt and grit particles being walked on the floor, causing an abrasive sanding effect. This greatly increases the wear of the surface. First point of attack should be to have proper grit capturing mats at all entrances thus minimising the amount of damaging particles, grit and dirt being carried on to the floor. Avoid stiletto heels if possible as they have a damaging effect on timber and resilient flooring.

SWEEPING:

Once inside fine dust and dirt will not only cause an abrasive action causing the floor to scratch and prematurely wear but can also cause a slip problem. A regular sweeping program needs to be established to remove damaging particles. We recommend that a commercially situated surface is swept as regularly as required to minimise dust/grit, with a minimum of daily sweeping with an anti static mop or a fringe mop.



Figure 1: Mopping

PROTECTIVE PADS:

Attach felt or recommended rubber Protector Pads to the legs of chairs, tables and other furniture to protect the floor from being scratched and to reduce noise.

FURNITURE:

Allow the floor to dry thoroughly before placing furniture. Great care should be taken when moving and placing furniture. Furniture should be lifted and placed not dragged or pushed.

SPILLS:

It is important to wipe up spills immediately on coated flooring even if the spill is water. The longer the spill is left the more aggressive the cleaner needs to be, and this will not help the longevity of the floors appearance.



Figure 2: wipe up all spills immediately

CLEANING:

The use of harsh detergents is not recommended nor should it be necessary if basic care is observed. LobaCare has a Floor Cleaner that caters for all timber flooring, laminate, and tile situations, but specifically formulated to gently and effectively clean all coated timber floors. This ph neutral, concentrated, biodegradable, pleasantly scented cleaner is designed for superior cleaning power and shine. It's emulsifying action aids in the removal of grime, enhancing the floors natural beauty. Regular washing of sealed floors can enhance its appearance and keep it clean, shiny and safe. For heavier cleaning LobaCare Remover may be required.

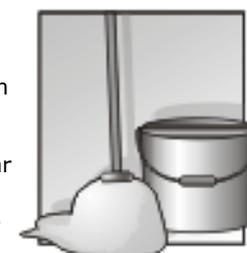


Figure 3: Cleaning

APPLICATION OF POLISH: Loba ParkettCare is a tough, durable and mark resistant finish that is a great "freshen up" or protective layer, ideally suited to application on top of sealed timber floors. This non toxic water based polish aids in protecting sealed surfaces and enhances their appearance especially in heavily used areas. A ParkettCare rejuvenation will extend the life of sealed timber flooring by creating a sacrificial wear layer where regular recoating is not possible.

Note: Recoating your floor at required intervals (depending on traffic levels) is recommended to maximise the life of your timber floor. Whilst sacrificial Polish is an alternative, this is not a substitute for additional coats of the applicable paint finish.

Big River and LOBA Care Instructions for floors exposed to extreme wear.

Sweeping: It is recommended in all retail environments that sweeping be carried out on a daily basis, and should ideally be carried out in the morning so that the presence of potentially damaging grit is reduced before the days trading.

Mopping: Should be carried out as required (normally weekly) using as minimal an amount of water as is possible with the recommended dilution of LobaCare Floor Clean. Small spills etc should be wiped up immediately, with only localised cleaning required.

Rejuvenating: Heavy commercial traffic areas always provide a challenge for polished timber floors, therefore it is important to plan for it in advance. Loba ParkettCare provides a “sacrificial” wear layer that will refresh the floors polished appearance as well as provide a coating that will take the wear and tear of daily traffic whilst the primary coating remains intact. This means that the floor retains its decorative value for far longer and heavier maintenance activity is required less often, and best of all its ready to use in under an hour.



The LobaTool Applicator



It is recommended that the Rejuvenation process is initiated as required, but it is expected that every two months will be sufficient for the average store (busier stores may require increased attention). Every 12 months (or after 6 LobaParkettCare applications) the floor should be stripped with LobaCare Remover and the rejuvenation cycle can be restarted.

Treffert and LOBA Care Instructions for floors exposed to extreme wear.

The following care, cleaning and maintenance cycle should help to keep the floor as new as possible. Any other products might not be compatible to the Treffert UV Coating. Most of today's care products have no adhesion to modern anti-scratch UV coatings. Treffert provide the coating for Big River Timber floors and only recommending LOBA care and cleaning products and Loba LOBADUR® water based coatings for the renovation of timber floors pre-finished with Treffert UV Coatings.

Basic Cleaning:

Clean the floor with water and LOBA® Cleaner (50 – 100 ml into 10 L of water) after installation. Floor has to be free of dust, grease, dirt etc.

First Care: (for newly installed floors)

Apply LOBA® ParkettCare, undiluted as primary care, apply using the LOBATOOL Care Applicator (Wischwiesel).

LOBA® ParkettCare
Consumption rate: 1 L/50 m²
Dry time: 30 Minutes.



The Lobatool Applicator

For previously installed unpolished floors

A basic cleaning with LOBA® Remover and a single disc machine with a green pad will clean the floor thoroughly and improve the adhesion of LOBA® ParkettCare.

Cleaning after polishing:

LOBA® Cleaner diluted in water
Consumption: 100 – 200 ml/100 sqm

If the floor is very dirty it can be cleaned using LOBA® Remover (diluted 1:10 with water) and if necessary spot treated with a green pad (by hand) to remove remaining dirt deposits. This will improve the outcome of the maintenance procedures.

The floor should be swept every day and mop cleaned as required.

After about two months an additional layer of LOBA® ParkettCare should be applied as per “First Care” instructions, more often if necessary. After 6 applications it is suggested that LOBA® FloorPolish Plus should be stripped if required. The LOBA® Remover used with a buffing machine with the green pad will remove all layers of care product so after that when you start again with the basic care the floor should look like new.

Stripping:

LOBA® Remover diluted in water (5 parts of water 1 Part of LOBA® Remover)

Consumption: 2 L/100 m²

Apply cleaning solution on the floor (by LOBATOOL Pump sprayer). Let it work for about 5 Minutes. Buff off old Layers of LOBA® ParkettCare by single disc buffing machine with a green pad. Take a water vacuum or a Mop to clean the floor. Clean the floor with clear water afterwards.

Basic cleaning is not recommended more often than twice per year.

Touch up of minor white scratches:

After a basic cleaning, minor white scratches can be made less obvious by rubbing in some LOBADUR® ProColor (colour depends on the wood species) with a cloth, or timber touch up pens. ProColor has to be wiped off the surface so it will remain only in the scratch. After a drytime of approximately 2 hours LOBA® ParkettCare can be applied on the whole floor.

Long Term:

After a period of time (appr. 5-7 years) the floor will have absorbed significant damage and may require resanding. At this point it is recommended that the floor be recoated with LOBA® WS Duo 2 component water based polyurethane finish. After a basic cleaning, the floors with intact UV coating should be primed with Loba WS 2k Contact and be coated with Loba WS Duo 2 component water based polyurethane finish. If significant damage is evident the UV coating should be sanded off completely to the bare timber. After this a coat of Loba sealer and 2 top coats of Loba WS Duo 2 component water based polyurethane finish should be applied.

Please note the technical information of all mentioned LOBA products and the general LobaCare Instructions for pre-finished timber floors.

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