

**Special attention for all parquet floors**

Wood is a natural material, which is also able to adapt its own humidity to the environment. At the same time molecular water is introduced into the cell structure and causes changes in volume. If the air is too dry- this happens during the heating season - the humidity will go down. Therefore the wood shrinks and causes joints in the parquet. This natural reaction has to be accepted. In fact, this is proof that you have real solid wood parquet.

On the one hand the right room climate is advantageous for your health and well-being and on the other hand it helps to maintain the value of parquet floor by preventing excessive swelling or shrinkage. For this reason, it is important to maintain room temperature between 18 and 22°C and relative air humidity at 35 – 55 % for Europe. For deliveries to Sweden relative air humidity between 25 and 45 % is defined.

**1. Hard wax oil treated parquet**

Parquet with oiled surface is treated with “Timbermann Industrial oil High Solid – natural”. By use of this natural oil, the floor is protected against humidity and wear. The surface is breathing actively and the wood pores remain visible and noticeable.

Depending on the extent of traffic on the floor, the oiled surface is subject to a natural wear. The more the surface is taken care about during the first days, the longer will be the duration of life.

During the first days heavy furniture should not be moved over the floor.  
Dirt should not to be removed wet, but vacuum cleaned or swept.

If strong traffic can not be avoided during the first days, the floor should be protected with cardboard before applying first care. The protective covering should just be laid on the floor where necessary.

**Please pay attention to the following:**

Depending on traffic, parquet covering with oiled surface is subject to a natural wear even in case of hard wood. Traces of use on surface cannot be totally avoided. If the parquet surface is damaged by use, it has to be repaired. (Please consider following instructions)

Metal covered shoe soles and shoes with stiletto heels may cause marks and are not recommended for parquet floors.

It is recommended to install felt pads under chairs and table legs. Office chairs and stools with rollers should only have wheels type W for hard coverings (soft) to DIN 68131 with wide double contact areas.

For furniture with rotating wheels and rolls use pads. Sharp edged grains of sand and moisture under shoe soles should be removed by placing a suitable door mat, brushes or equivalent at the entrance.

Due to the risk of swelling avoid standing wetness.

Maintenance and cleaning processes must not be wet. Do not pour cleaning water onto floor. Spoilings from drinks, flower water etc. are to be removed immediately.

Do not use microfibre cloth, steelswarf or steamcleaner.

Do not lay carpets on the floor during first weeks.

Be careful with heavy furniture and do not pull.

Before first use carry out first care. Following maintenance and cleaning references are applicable for parquet. In case of mechanical damages there is the risk of the parquet becoming grey due to entering of moisture.

## 2. Room climate

For preservation of value of parquet floors and health of human beings, there is a need of maintaining a healthy room climate of 18 – 22 °C and 35 – 55 % of relative air humidity (for deliveries in Europe). For deliveries to Sweden relative air humidity between 25 – 45 % is defined. It is recommended to install suitable humidifiers with evaporation principle. If humidity drops for a longer period (heating season), the wood humidity will go down and joints may come up. On the other hand an excessive humidity will cause expansions.

## 3. Maintenance and Cleaning

You get a special and natural feeling of living with oil treated parquet floor finishings. It is important to apply first care at the beginning. By building up a protective coat, the floor will become more and more resistant to wear.

### 3.1 First care

Parquet covering is treated with parquet oil at factory. **Directly after installation, we urgently recommend to impregnate the floor with “Trip Trap Care oil”**

Initially after installation the floor is to be cleaned as described under point 3.2 - Normal care. The TripTrap care oil nature is ready for use, the TripTrap care oil white has to be stirred and shaken well before using. Using a small quantity of TripTrap care oil with a pad holder and polish pad or alternatively with a single disc polishing machine, the oil has to be worked into the parquet surface evenly and thoroughly until no oil residues are left over on the surface. Machine polished floors can be re-entered after a short time, manual polished floors can be re-entered after approx. 4 hours. During the hardening time of the oil, the floor must be saved and can not be wiped or cleaned.

**Attention:** Oil soaked pads have to be cleaned using water and have to be air-dried outdoors afterwards due to the risk of spontaneous ignition!

### 3.2 Normal Care

For daily cleaning it is enough to vacuum or to sweep. Additionally, parquet floors should be wiped by use of slightly humid cloth. For oil treated floors the use of “Trip Trap soap” is recommended. (Mix ratio 1/8 l soap on 5 l handwarm water) With this soap the floor builds up a protective coat.

Please use two buckets with one containing soap water and the second with lukewarm clear water to rinse out.

Attention: Do not wipe up with clear water and do not use clothes with microfibre.

### 3.3 Thorough Cleaning

If parquet covering is spoiled you should do a cleaning with “Trip Trap Intensive Cleaner” (same mixing ratio like Trip Trap parquet soap) Please work with two buckets. Immediately after intensive cleaning wipe with “Trip Trap wood floor soap” for building up a protective coat.

### 3.4 Stain-removal

Strong stains can be removed with “ Trip Trap Stain – Remover”. Spray it over the spot and let the remover work in. Repeat if necessary. If there are acid stains you have to slightly sand parquet covering with sandpaper (grade 180). The roughened areas must be treated with “ Trip Trap care oil”.

### 3.5 Renovation

Parquet coverings can be freshened up with “Trip Trap care oil” when starting to look dull and grey. Before doing oil treatment parquet covering has to be wiped humidly (mixing ratio like paragraph 3.3). After this, it has to dry for some hours. When the floor is absolutely dry you can apply the “Oil Care”.

Spread “Trip Trap care oil” thoroughly over parquet covering by hand with polishing pad or work it into wood mechanically. Repeat procedure, if necessary. The wood has to become saturated. When the floor is shining silky matt you used the right quantity of oil. Do not use too much oil on surface. Therefore you should use soft cotton cloth or white polishing pads.

Attention: To avoid inflammation, the oil saturated cloths should be burned or thoroughly washed clean.

After approximately 4 – 5 hours the floor normal use of the floor is possible. After 24 h it is allowed to wipe with mixture of soap.

These recommendations are based on general practice and from experience.  
We cannot guarantee for the correctness and appropriateness of these measures.

The products are examples of what is available on the market. Pay attention to product specific instructions. If there are any problems inform the manufacturers. The manufacturer is responsible for use and compatibility.

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