

Care instructions for wooden floors and stairs with ProVital Finish (specialist companies)



ProVital Finish is a two-stage natural surface coating system derived from plant-based raw materials based on linseed oil and wax. The components penetrate deep into the pores, forming highly resistant barrier against chemical and mechanical environmental influences. Weitzer Parkett applies both components at the factory. The following care instructions are important for keeping parquet floors and stairs looking radiant and elegant for as long as possible.

General information

ProVital oil

Contains natural ingredients such as linseed oil and natural waxes that penetrate deep into the pores. According to the specifications of C 2380:2008 by Austrian Standards International, the finish can be described as a "natural coating material".

ProVitalColor oil

This has the same composition and properties as the colourless ProVital oil, but non-toxic earth and mineral pigments are added to achieve different colour shades.

Finish properties

ProVital Finish effectively protects parquet or stairs and their natural components from the penetration of fluids. However, this coating is subject to natural and unavoidable wear over time (due to dirt, dust particles, mechanical stress etc.) depending on the amount of footfall. Regular care and maintenance can prevent this premature wear.

The guarantee for the surface treatment and the wooden floor or stairs is only valid if the care system advised by Weitzer Parkett is used correctly.

Due to oxidative processes, ProVital Finish reaches its final hardness after approx. four weeks. The more the floor is treated with care in the first few days and weeks, the longer the oiled surface will last. Cleaning should therefore be carried out carefully without liquids to start with, e.g. sweeping or vacuuming. The same is true after carrying out full maintenance.

Bring in furniture and other heavy furnishings carefully. Table and chair feet must be fitted with suitable (e.g. plastic-lined) felt pads. When using chairs with casters, use only standard soft rollers (type W). When using swivel chairs or in workplaces, we also recommend the use of suitable underlay mats approved for naturally oiled wooden floors by the respective manufacturer. Do not use steel wool on products treated with ProVital Finish.

Colour properties

After installation, sunlight will cause typical changes in the colour of the wood, depending on the intensity of light exposure. Different types of wood react differently in terms of the extent and type of change (yellowing, darkening or fading).

Room climate

Regular ventilation must be ensured after installation, especially in new buildings and/or uninhabited homes. Emissions from other building materials can lead to irreversible discolouration of parquet floors in the absence of air exchange.

Wood is a natural material that breathes. This means that wood absorbs or releases moisture from the air depending on the room climate, which results in a swelling or shrinking of the floor. In principle, this should not be regarded negatively, but considered a natural property of a natural material. To minimise inevitable changes in dimensions, we recommend maintaining a room climate of 20°C and 50% relative humidity throughout the year.

This is especially important when heating the room as the parquet drying leads to the formation of gaps etc. Using a humidifier when the heating is on can be very beneficial and will help save valuable heating energy because, with higher humidity, a lower room temperature is even perceived as comfortable.

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Initial care

ProVital Finish

ProVital Finish is the second phase of the ProVital system and is applied at the factory. Once ProVital oil has been applied and dried on unfinished floors: For initial care in public areas or living areas with heavy footfall and after thorough cleaning, ProVital Finish is applied in sections by a specialist company using rounded metal or plastic spatulas and polished using a single-disc machine and white pad, following the instructions on the labels.

In general private living areas, ProVital Finish is finished with oil. The manufacturer states that, in the case of high footfall, when using French herringbone or when installing flooring in damp rooms (bathrooms) and public areas, ProVital Finish must be applied again as part of initial care. If this is not done, guarantee claims cannot be made if the finish is defective.

ProVital Clean & Care

The use of ProVital Clean & Care is recommended for cleaning after installation and before handover. Routine cleaning removes lightly adhering dirt that cannot be removed by vacuuming or sweeping. Apply using a suitable damp implement (mop, cotton cloth). Never use steel wool, rough fibre mops (microfibre) or abrasive cleaning agents. Amount: 2 caps for approx. 5 l water.

Cleaning

As a rule, wiping must only be carried out with a damp cloth once the floor has been cleaned through dry means (vacuumed or swept). Excessive moisture influences may cause sustained damage. Never use steel wool, hard fibre mops (microfibre) or abrasive cleaning agents. Always use pH-neutral cleaning agents recommended by Weitzer Parkett and highly drainable cotton-based cleaning textiles.

ProVital Cleaner — for professional use

High-quality and highly concentrated, biodegradable, neutral cleaner. ProVital Cleaner is mixed with the water for full surface cleaning or used neat for spot cleaning. Take care with coloured oiled surfaces, as spot cleaning may cause changes in colour.

Routine cleaning

ProVital Clean & Care or WP cleaning soap no. 20

ProVital Clean & Care or WP cleaning soap can be used for routine cleaning with slightly damp (but not wet) cloth. Both products are solvent-free and biodegradable, and contain vegetable soaps for thorough yet gentle cleaning.

Application: Routine cleaning removes lightly adhering dirt that cannot be removed by vacuuming or sweeping. Apply using a suitable damp implement (mop, cotton cloth). Heavy soiling can be removed manually with a cotton cloth. The frequency of routine cleaning depends on the amount of footfall or dirt on the floor: Two to four times a month in private areas, and weekly or daily in high-footfall areas such as the kitchen or dining room.

Amount: 2 caps for approx. 5 l water

Thorough cleaning with ProVital Cleaner

Thorough cleaning should only be carried out if you are no longer achieving the desired result with routine cleaning and care. We recommend having a thorough clean carried out by qualified personnel using a single-disc machine and a white pad (potentially with a suitable scrubbing-dryer and corresponding brush rollers or appropriate cleaning machines). Once loosened, the dirt must be removed from the surface immediately using a wet vacuum cleaner. Then wipe the surface with clean water to remove any residue from the cleaner and allow to dry for 24 hours. In general, it's important not to soak the floor during cleaning, as excessive moisture can cause lasting damage to a wooden floor.

Amount: 1 l to 10 l cleaning water (for thorough cleaning with single-disc machine and white pad)

Once the surface has been cleaned thoroughly and is completely dry, ProVital Finish must be applied twice with a drying time of approx. 12–24 hours between coats.



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ProVital Finish is applied as part of full maintenance depending on need and intensity of use. This is approx. once or twice a year in public areas or every two to four years in private living areas.

ProVital maintenance spray

ProVital maintenance spray is based on natural, plant-based raw materials such as carnauba and candelilla wax. Regular care with ProVital maintenance spray protects the parquet floor, regenerates it and refreshes the finish.

Application: Vacuum the floor before use. Spray the wax evenly over the floor and use a clean mop or cotton cloth to distribute it evenly without excess. Allow to dry. Never use steel wool, rough fibre mops (microfibre) or abrasive cleaning agents. For some coloured oiled surfaces, the maintenance spray is available in the appropriate colour. Take care not to stain furniture or walls when using coloured sprays. After applying a fine, uniform layer, the coloured waxes should be spread parallel to the grain and wiped off in order to match different application quantities and colouring.

Frequency of application for private living areas: approx. two to four times a year as needed.

Consumption: A 500-ml container will cover about 100 m². Consumption can vary considerably depending on the amount of footfall.

Drying times

All drying times assume a temperature of 20°C, a relative humidity of 50% and sufficient ventilation. Low temperatures, excessive humidity or excessive application volumes will make drying times considerably longer.

ProVital Finish: approx. 12 hours
ProVital Clean & Care, WP cleaning soap: approx. 1–3 hours
ProVital Cleaner: Thorough cleaning ~ allow to dry for approx. 24 hours.
ProVital maintenance spray: approx. 1–2 hours

Safety information

Keep cleaning and care products away from children. Do not pour into food or drink containers. Store away from food, drink and animal feed. Rinse immediately with clean water and seek medical advice if the product comes into contact with the eyes. Shake all ProVital cleaning and care products thoroughly before use.

!!! CAUTION !!!

Work materials soaked in oil or finish (such as cleaning cloths, polishing pads, sponges, dusters, etc.) are self-igniting. They should therefore be stored and disposed of in a closed, airtight metal container or in water.

Concluding points

These recommendations are based on extensive experience and are intended to advise you to the best of our knowledge. We have also provided information on restrictions and warnings in the interest of minimising the risk of errors. By definition, information sheets do not cover all possible current and future application scenarios and special features, some of which arise from the versatility of wood as a material. For this reason, this sheet does not exempt the installation specialist from raising queries if they have any doubts, from testing the product on-site themselves, or from paying critical attention during the installation process. This sheet also omits certain information where it can be reasonably assumed that specialists would be familiar with this information. The contents of this information sheet is not legally binding and therefore it is not possible to derive any warranty or liability claims from it. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WEITZER PARKETT team.