

Toby Technical Bulletin 13

Caring For Your Toby Coated Floor

Toby Cork & Timber Finishes enhance the aesthetics of wood and cork floors, as well as providing for a surface with exceptional durability.

To maximise the benefits from use of Toby Cork & Timber Finishes, awareness of basic care and maintenance advice will prolong the surface quality and lead to years of satisfaction.

Toby solvent-based and water-based polyurethane's are highly abrasion resistant durable floor finishes that are basically maintenance free and only require cleaning on a regular basis. All Oil based products including Toby Tung Oil Seal and Toby Oil Modified Urethane require the application of maintenance products to prolong their life span.

The Newly Coated Floor

- After 24 hours, the floors can generally be walked on in socks. An imprint will indicate a need to wait a while longer before walking on the floor.
- Wait at least 3 to 5 days before walking on the floor with street shoes, wait at least 7 days if an oil based finish was used.
- The warmer the weather, the faster the coating cure. Conversely, the colder the weather, the longer the coating will take to cure.

One Pack polyurethane's like Toby Unithane Gloss, Semi-gloss, Satin and Matt will also dry quicker in humid conditions. Good airflow significantly increases the curing of all coatings and is especially crucial for oil based products.

- Extreme care should be taken in moving furniture over the floor for the first few weeks so as to avoid surface damage.

Table and chair legs must have protective pads or felt base cups securely in place as a permanent practice.

To Maintain the Surface Quality

- Dust Mop Regularly

An anti-static mop is the preferred choice, a vacuum cleaner with a bristle head may be used, but ensure it can not scratch the surface

- Clean Regularly

Maintain the floor using **Toby Polyclean** as per label instructions.

Toby Polyclean removes dust, dirt, body oils, cosmetics and food spillage and maintains the shine and lustre of the coating.

- Lift rather than drag furnishings.

- Wipe up spills immediately.

- Do not use strong chemicals or abrasive floor cleaners. Do not use methylated spirits.

- Footwear borne grit is an abrasive and acts like sandpaper on a clear coating so contact with the floor should be minimised. Entry hall mats that are cleaned and replaced at regular intervals will prolong the life and quality of the floor surface.

- Clip dog nails because they can damage and scratch the surface.

Re-coating

Coatings should be inspected on a regular basis for wear to the bare timber. Always re-coat before a coating is worn through.

All **Toby Cork & Timber Finishes** can be re-coated, provided appropriate surface preparation is carried out prior to re-coating.

For further technical advice call our 7 Day a Week Technical Hotline on 1800 073 530.

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