



VARNISHED RAPPGO FLOORING

Rappgo wide plank flooring is varnished at the factory with a formaldehyde-free, UV hardened acrylic varnish. This means that your floor is effectively protected against the majority of possible occurrences.

The surface repels dirt and it is normally sufficient to vacuum regularly and to wipe the floor now and then with a damp cloth or floor mop. You can also add a small amount of mild, ammonia-free, synthetic cleaning fluid, with a maximum ph value of 8, to the water. Do not use products that contain wax on varnished surfaces. Be careful to ensure that you wring out the cloth or mop well. Damp wipe only, that is to say, after wiping, the floor should dry within a maximum of 30 seconds. Never use wet cleaning methods on a wooden floor. Protect the wooden floor from all forms of water and spillage – immediately wipe up and dry any spillage. In areas where there is a risk of water on the floor, for example, in the kitchen, halls and similar areas, we recommend that an extra coat of varnish be applied once the floor has been laid.

NATURAL OILED RAPPGO FLOORING

It is important to differentiate between wooden flooring treated with UV hardened oil and flooring treated with traditionally applied natural oil.

With the former (UV hardened oil) a mixture of varnish and oil is used, which gives a thin layer that merely lies on the surface of the board. The oil does not permeate into the wood and can be more likened to a varnished floor in this respect.

Should a board be worn and in need of repair, it will be difficult to achieve the same appearance or nuance on the repaired area as the remaining area of the floor. It will have a tendency to appear somewhat patchy.

At Rappgo we oil our flooring in the factory, using only traditional oiling techniques and natural oils. The oil is allowed permeate into the wood in order to provide the required protection. At the same time, a beautiful depth to the grain of the wood is achieved, which provides a pleasant, natural feeling of wood.

By means of traditional oiling techniques the best conditions are created should simple improvements be required (such as damage repair) as well as with maintenance oiling.

Rappgo uses a vegetable oil with linseed oil and sunflower oil as the base. The oil has been tested and approved by the German “Institute of Building Biology + Ecology Neubeuern (IBN)”.

In order for an oiled floor to last for many years to come, it is important to treat the floor immediately after it has been laid. For domestic environments a recommended flooring soap should be used. With the correct treatment, the floor will be much easier to clean and at the same time it will be more hard-wearing, as the soft soap, apart from cleaning the floor, builds up an invisible wear layer that protects the surface of the wood. This makes the floor much more resistant to dirt.

Read more in our laying instructions which accompany all deliveries of flooring from Rappgo, or download our pdf file.