

STEP

Maintenance Instructions

Floors finished with a STEP PARQUET or CORK LACQUER are surprisingly easy to maintain. Mopping them regularly with STEP MILD CLEANER is all you'll need to do. As long as you don't leave any soap residue, your floor will retain its original appearance.

Preventive maintenance:

- Place mats at outside doors to prevent sand, dirt and moisture from ending up on the floor.
- You should also place mats or rugs in places with extreme strain or traffic on the floor.
- Provide chairs or other regularly moved furniture with felt furniture pads or wheels.

Dry and wet maintenance:

- Vacuum, sweep or wipe the floor every day (sand and dirt have a similar effect to sandpaper).
- Only apply wet cleaning methods when necessary. If you do, always use a properly wrung-out mop.

STEP Mild Cleaner:

- For the streak-free cleaning of STEP-finished floors.
- Does not leave any soap residue.
- Retains the appearance of the selected STEP finish, even in the long run.

Floor Polish:

STEP FLOOR POLISH offers extra protection to the lacquer coat. In contrast with most polishes by other manufacturers, STEP FLOOR POLISH can be applied as early as 16-24 hours after the last coat of lacquer, if necessary.

- Remove dust and dirt with a vacuum cleaner, wiper or broom.
- Use a soft floor wiper, a polish sleeve or a moist, wrung-out mop around a rubber wiper.
- Apply STEP FLOOR POLISH evenly in undiluted condition.
- The first time after using STRIP, apply two thin coats, using about 1 litre per 60m².
- First, apply a widthwise coat. Then, after at least an hour of drying, apply a second, lengthwise coat.

- A single interim layer of about 1 litre per 40m² will suffice.

Recoat in time:

Eventually, after a period of several years, your floor will have to be recoated. Make sure to do so in time. This should happen before the lacquer coat has fully worn through anywhere. This is especially important for cork, vinyl, linoleum and concrete-effect floors, which, contrary to most parquet floors, cannot be sanded down.

In this case, after carefully cleaning with STEP STRIP, 1 or 2 new coats of RIGOSTEP PARQUET or CORK LACQUER may be applied. This will protect your floor for years to come.

Make sure to repair small defects caused by sharp objects or point load in time.

STEP STRIP:

STEP STRIP is a powerful detergent for the periodical removal of STEP FLOOR POLISH. Can also be used for incidental intensive cleaning. Never apply STRIP before normal cleaning jobs.

STEP STRIP breaks down polish coats and makes them water soluble. Polish removal becomes necessary after 2 to 3 polish treatments to prevent the development of an overly thick polish coat. In addition, before a new coat of lacquer is applied, the floor should be cleared of all grease, dirt and polish using STEP STRIP. Concentrate on the edges along baseboards and corners. In these spots, the polish isn't worn down by traffic.

Stripping:

- Remove dust and loose dirt with a vacuum cleaner, wiper or broom.
- Based on the level of pollution, add 1 litre of STRIP to 5 to 10 litres of warm water.
- Use a floor buffer with a thin blue pad, making sure the floor is faintly moist (but never soaking wet!).
- Let soak for fifteen minutes and remove the dissolved dirt with a wet vacuum.
- In case of severely polluted floor or cork floors with significant relief, repeat the 'stripping' process once or twice. Finally, always mop the floor with clean, warm water, as no STRIP residue should remain on the floor.
- After treatment, allow the floor to dry for at least 8 hours before applying a new coat of STEP FLOOR POLISH.

DAILY		
Dry Cleaning	Dust brush / vacuum	STEP MILD CLEANER
Wipe the floor using a moist cloth if necessary.	If necessary, mop the floor with a slightly moist mop.	

WEEKLY		
Moist cleaning	Slowly rotating brushing machine (medium-hard brush or white pad) of mop. Use water sparingly!	STEP MILD CLEANER
Remove dirty cleaning water	Water vacuum or mop	
Drying	Do not rinse the floor afterwards.	

ONCE A YEAR		
Thorough cleaning	Slowly rotating brushing machine (medium-hard brush or blue pad). Let soak for a few minutes. Use water sparingly!	RIGOSTEP STRIP. (1:8 dilution ratio in water)
Remove dirty cleaning water	Water vacuum or mop	
Rinse afterwards	Remove strip residue Use water sparingly!	Clean water.
Apply polish (only if you opted for Polish protection!)	Soft wiper	RigoStep Polymer FLOOR POLISH Matte 1 litre for 40-60 m2

The maintenance schedule above serves as an indication. In case of severe pollution, thorough interim cleaning is required.

Important tips

- On moisture-sensitive surfaces, such as parquet and floating cork floors, you should avoid excessive use of water to prevent water absorption at the edges. To strip these types of floors, small amounts of water should be used (1 litre of STRIP for 5 litres of water), and the floor should be scrubbed and rinsed multiple times.
- When cleaning with STEP STRIP, preferably use a floor buffer and a water vacuum.
- STEP STRIP is absolutely not a detergent for daily cleaning purposes! Excessive use of STEP STRIP may soften lacquer coats. STRIP can be used occasionally to remove local, severe pollution, persistent stains or streaks. Afterwards, the floor should be rinsed with clean water, after which STEP FLOOR POLISH should once more be applied.
- Do not use the floor while the maintenance and cleaning agents are wet.
- Original STEP products will yield the best results. The use of other maintenance and cleaning products may result in surface disruptions and could affect any warranties. In most cases, polishes by other brands can be removed through repeated, thorough cleaning with STEP STRIP.