



## Legno Bastone Residential Care Instructions

**Keeping your floor beautiful forever!**

### **Instructions for taking care of your Legno Bastone Wide Plank Floor protected with Natural Hard-Wax Oil:**

Welcome to the growing group of satisfied Legno Bastone Wide Plank Flooring Owners. We would now like to guide you through how to keep your floor beautiful forever. To prolong the pleasure that you will have with your floor. Please take time to read the following care guidelines, and always use the products from the Legno Bastone care series on your floor.

### **Prevention**

The maintenance of your Legno Bastone Floor starts at your entrance. Good doormats will keep 80% of the dirt off and prevent sand from being ground into your floor.

Useful tips:

- Put protective felt under chair and table legs.
- Remove spilt liquids as early as possible
- Never place plants directly onto your floors, always place them in a waterproof tray.

### **Suggested Residential Maintenance Schedule**

#### **Daily Care:**

- Vacuum, sweep or dust mop regularly to remove loose dirt and grit.
- Frequent sweeping will cut down the amount of ground in grit and reduce the required frequency of more intense cleaning methods.
- Damp mop with water as needed.
- Do not soak floor or leave standing water. Always conclude by drying the floor. Do not allow air drying.

#### **Weekly/Bi Weekly Care:**

- Wash floor with Legno Bastone Wash and Care.
- Dilute the product as specified on the bottle. Dampen the mop or spray lightly on floor and wipe/work in with soft cloth.
- Do not soak the floor or leave standing water. Always conclude by drying the floor. Do not allow air drying.
- Do not scrub with abrasive brush or pad.
- High traffic areas may require more frequent washing.
- For scuffs and/or unusually soiled areas, spot treat with higher concentration of soap and water on a soft cloth.

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**Yearly Care:**

- Inspect the floor every 12 months for signs of wear.
- Dull marks and wear at high traffic areas is normal.
- Refresh the finish with either Legno Bastone Liquid Wax Cleaner or Legno Bastone Maintenance Oil as needed depending on the traffic. Liquid Wax Cleaner is a cleaner and rejuvenator, so it can be used more frequently if needed.
- For stains or ground-in dirt, apply a small amount of Liquid Wax Cleaner to affected area with a fine abrasive pad. Wipe up excess material immediately with a soft cloth. Buff the surface when dry.

**How to use the Legno Bastone care series products**

**Legno Bastone Wash & Care (concentrate)**

Wash & Care is a mild and gentle non-toxic cleaner for wood. It is made with soaps based on coconut and other vegetable oils. It is gentle on the skin and biodegradable. It contains no solvents, formaldehyde, or phosphates.

Wash & Care has been especially developed for Legno Bastone wooden floors. It is also possible to clean other surfaces with Wash & Care including stone, cork, vinyl and other water-resistant surfaces.

**How to use Legno Bastone Wash & Care:**

Mix Wash & Care with 1 liter or quart of water in a spray bottle. Shake. Spray the cleaner on to the floor. Then wipe the floor with a sponge mop or cloth. The surface should not be wet. If there is excess moisture, wipe the floor dry with a clean cloth. It is not necessary to rinse after cleaning. Exceptionally soiled floors may require a slightly stronger solution or multiple cleanings. Stronger solutions may require rinsing.

**Legno Bastone Liquid Wax Cleaner**

The Legno Bastone finish is extremely durable but, like any finish, it will show wear over time-- especially in high-traffic areas such as kitchens, main entries, and stairways. The Liquid Wax Cleaner is used to maintain and refresh the Hardwood floor finish. It is easy to use and buffs to a beautiful sheen and is also extremely water repellent and odorless when dry. Timely use of Liquid Wax Cleaner restores the finish and helps to keep it lasting indefinitely.

**How to use Legno Bastone Liquid Wax Cleaner:**

First clean the floor or wood thoroughly, preferably with a moist cloth or mop dampened in Wash and Care, diluted in water. Wring out the cloth or mop thoroughly so that no water puddles. Allow the floor to fully dry.

To remove heavy, greasy or ground-in stains: Apply a **small amount** on a cloth or a white pad and rub the dirty area. Wipe off the dirt residue. Allow to dry, buff with soft cloth or clean white pads.

To maintain: Apply very thinly on the clean dry surface. 2 teaspoons will cover 10 sq. ft. Allow to dry for 30 to 60 minutes or until a white haze has formed. Buff the surface with a soft cotton cloth or white pad. This can be done by hand or machine.

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Repair of lightly damaged areas is easy: There is no need to strip the whole floor or even to remove the Finish. For minor repairs, just scuff the damaged area lightly with red or white pads, coat with Liquid Wax Cleaner and buff when dry. Make repairs regularly, and the finish will last indefinitely.

Be aware that Liquid Wax Cleaner will minimally restore the finish but not repair damaged wood. If a more extensive fix is needed, please consult your dealer for directions.

### **Legno Bastone Maintenance Oil**

Maintenance Oil is ideal for maintaining all wooden flooring treated with Hard-Wax Oil, such as all Legno Bastone flooring and parquet. It is highly recommended for commercial spaces (e.g. restaurants, museums and other high traffic floors).

It is available in Matte, Satin, or White Transparent. It is a fast-drying wood finish for the basic care and maintenance of oiled/waxed wooden floors. Dull and matt flooring is refreshed with Maintenance Oil. By applying Maintenance Oil at the right time, time-consuming sanding and refinishing can be avoided. Also, suitable for changing the gloss level of your flooring by applying Satin Maintenance Oil to a Matt floor.

### **How to use Legno Bastone Maintenance Oil:**

Apply thinly and evenly to the clean and dry wood along the wood grain with Roller or microfiber pad. Massage into the wood with a white pad. Remove excess product. For smaller areas, Maintenance Oil can be applied with a lint-free cloth. Allow for good ventilation while drying.

**DRYING TIME** Approx. 3-4 hours (normal climatic conditions, 73°F at 50% relative humidity). Lower temperatures and/or higher air humidity can increase the drying time. Allow for good ventilation while drying. The above-mentioned information is provided to the best of our knowledge however without any liability. 1 liter covers approx. 430-650 m<sup>2</sup> with one coat. Product coverage depends significantly on the character of the wood. All information refers to smooth and planed/cut surfaces. Other surfaces may lead to reduced coverage.

**Special Note:** Please be sure to never sand your floor to remove small scratches or imperfection. That should only be done by a professional if it is determined to be necessary. In many cases with the proper attention no sanding will be required.

**\*\*CAUTION\*\* DO NOT APPLY ANY TAPE OR ADHESIVE TO WOOD SURFACE\*\***

**At this stage if you are unsure of the condition of your floor please contact your dealer. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Legno Bastone directly.**

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## The importance of the correct relative humidity!

Please take time to read the following guideline in reference to the appropriate relative humidity levels for your home.

At Legno Bastone we always recommend that the relative humidity in your home be maintained between 40% - 60%. These levels have been established to ensure your flooring stays stable and you have minimal movement. These levels have also been established to ensure you maintain our warranty on the flooring. If you are not a permanent resident in your home and you leave your home unoccupied for weeks or months at a time, make sure to always keep the relative humidity at our recommended level.

Although Legno Bastone engineered wood flooring is less prone to moisture damage, it is still wood and requires the same management as any other wood products. As a general rule, the core of our engineered flooring is more dimensionally stable than solid wood flooring because of its multiple layers of cross panel birch plywood. However, large humidity swings, excess moisture, or a lack of moisture could cause engineered wood floor to fail.

Below you will find the results that can occur if these levels are not maintained.

**If you allow the humidity level in your home to exceed 60% for an extended period of time the follow can occur.** Your hardwood floor will absorb moisture from the air, swelling and expanding may occur as a result. This expansion can create pressure between the boards, which can cause the boards to warp, cup or crack. Both cupping and crowning are natural reactions to moisture and should not be of concern if they occur only to a minor extent. However, more severe cases indicate a serious moisture problem which may result in buckling and cracking in the flooring.

**If you allow the humidity level in your home to drop below 40% for an extended period of time the follow can occur.** Your hardwood floor will lose some of its moisture, shrinking to the planks may occur as a result. Shrinking is a natural reaction to the loss of moisture and should not be of concern if it only occurs to a minor extent. However, more severe cases indicate a serious lack of moisture which may result in splits and checks in the flooring.

We at Legno Bastone have loved wood and the floors that we produce for over a century. We want you, our client, to enjoy the natural luxury and beauty of our floors, so if you should have any questions or require any advice or help about your handcrafted floor before, during or after our business together feel free to call us.

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