

# **Maintenance and Protection for oiled HKS-Planks**

### **MAINTENANCE ADVICES**

The natural growth and structure of the wood is what gives HKS wood flooring its special touch. The surface treatment protects the floor from external influences. The indoor room climate is very important for the maintenance of value and the quality of the HKS floor. The ideal room climate is achieved at 18 - 22° C and a relative air humidity of 50 - 60%. It is important that the air humidity remains as constant as possible. This can be obtained for an average room size with water containers at the radiators, electric air humidifiers, etc.

#### **TREATMENT (INITIAL TREATMENT)**

HKS engineered planks in general are ready to install, that means it is no further oiling after installation needed. In case of doubt, please consult a professional. HKS solid planks do require an initial treatment after installation. To do this, remove all of the dirt and leftovers from the installation process by sweeping or vacuuming (don't wipe wet). Afterwards apply a thin layer of suitable maintenance oil (e.g. HKS Maintenance Oil) to the floor and polish the surface. Please always follow the instructions of the product manufacturer.

#### **MAINTENANCE TREATMENT**

The floor needs to be cleaned regularly of dust and dirt. We do recommend to clean the floor dry by vacuuming (with Parquet brush) or regular sweeping. The floor should only be wiped slightly wet for intense dirt. Avoid leaving the floor too wet. Afterwards, wipe the floor dry with a non-fibrous cloth. We recommend adding a suitable care product for oiled floors (e.g. HKS Soap) to the cleaning water at regular intervals. Depending on the wear and conditions we do recommend to keep the floor maintenanced with our HKS Maintenance Oil for a fresh look of the floor. Please always follow the instructions of the product manufacturer.

#### **PREVENTIVE CARE**

Surfaces are subject to natural wear and tear. To maintain the value of your HKS parquet, we therefore recommend fitting gliders under chair and table legs and setting up cleaning zones in the entrance area. For wheels under armchairs or wheelchairs, we recommend the use of clear pads. Please treat your floor gently for the first 1 - 2 weeks, do not move heavy furniture and avoid using carpets at the beginning.

## **UNDERFLOOR HEATING SYSTEMS**

All of our HKS oak planks are suitable for installation onto waterbased underfloor heating systems (up to a thickness of 21 mm and a width of 180 mm for solid oak or up to 240 mm for engineered oak), considering installation fully glued down with a suitable parquet adhesive or floating on Elastilon strong. Please ensure that the maximum surface temperature does not exceed 29°C. We do not grant any approval for electrical underfloor heating and cooling systems.