



## How-To Guide in Applying LIVOS Natural Timber Oils

The information set out below in respect to the application of LIVOS oils and safety information in the use of the oils is based on many years of applying these oils on various timbers in commercial and domestic locations. If these instructions and suggestions are followed you should have a quality floor finish. However no responsibility can be accepted where we have not supervised or applied the oils. By following some recommendations, the life of your low maintenance floor and/or furniture is prolonged.

**PREPARATION:** Timber should be sanded to 150 to 220 grit. (Furniture may be sanded to finer grit). The timber should never show sanding marks. Remove all dust thoroughly using a vacuum cleaner. Ensure no marks are left on the floor.

**OILING:** For application you will need a paint brush, approx 100 mm wide, and a wide floor applicator (preferably lambswool), roller or foam sponge applicator. Large absorbent lint-free cleaning rags for mopping up the excess oil. These may be cut to fit under pad of your typical Polyvac machine. Smaller clean rags to dry the perimeter of the room.

**1st Coat/Application:** Stir well. Using the paintbrush work the oil carefully along the skirting boards and doorframes. Using the applicator saturate the wood with the oil. There must be a wet oil film on the surface for at least 10 minutes. If oil is absorbed earlier, apply more oil. Take care not to splash the oil as this could leave permanent marks on stones, walls or skirting boards.

After 15-20 minutes of saturation time (depending on temperature and humidity), remove excess oil from the timber. This is vitally important as the oil requires oxygen to commence the hardening process.

Dry around edges with clean absorbent rags ensuring that the timber is touch dry. (Do not forget to dry the skirting boards if oiling was not done carefully. If not dried now, it will dry and mark the boards which only sanding or painting will remove). Take care where you tread with oil soaked socks or shoes as permanent marks may be left on other surfaces.

For large areas, use the large rags underneath a pad under the buffer, work across the floor making sure all excess oil is dried off. For small areas it may be easier to work without a machine. Make sure that there is no oil left on the floor or possible footprints. Check floor to ensure it has an even appearance. Allow drying in good light conditions with ventilation overnight.

It is recommended to work above 15 degrees Celsius, and avoid oiling floors during very cold and humid weather.

**2nd Coat/Application:** Stir well. The next day the second oil coat can be applied, thinly. There is no need for sanding in-between coats. Repeat steps for 1<sup>st</sup> coat. Less oil will be used than for previous coat. Leave the oil approx. 15 minutes to saturate before removing excess as above. If left too long it may start to become tacky. If this happens, work in some more oil to dissolve it again and wipe off. Leave overnight.

**3rd Coat/Application:** Stir well. On the third day apply a very thin coat to the floor as above. Do not use more than a tablespoon per m<sup>2</sup>. Remove excess as above.

**Maintenance:** Follow our instructions for Care and Maintenance of Timber Floors.

**IMPORTANT:** THE FINISHED FLOOR MUST NOT HAVE A THICK LAYER OF OIL ON TOP OF THE TIMBER. THE OILS WILL IMPREGNATE THE TIMBER AND SEAL FROM WITHIN, AND NOT BY CREATING A THICK LAYER ON TOP OF THE TIMBER.

**Safety Information:** Always be sure to store cleaning rags, sponges, carpet remnants, etc. that are still wet or even slightly moist with Livos oils in an airtight metal container or in water, as there is a danger of spontaneous combustion caused by the linseed oil in the product. The product alone will not undergo spontaneous combustion.