



# Adler<sup>®</sup> Parkett

## CARE INSTRUCTIONS

NATURA+ oiled and lacquered Adler Parkett

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- **Congratulations on choosing an Adler Parquet Made in Germany.**
  - By applying proper care you will preserve the natural beauty of your floor for many years to come.



■ The right care for your NATURA+ oiled ADLER PARQUET (short version)

1. For the first five to seven days after installation, please do not wet-mop, but only vacuum and sweep to give the floor time to harden properly.
2. From the second week onwards, please wet-mop regularly every one to two weeks at a rhythm of 4-6 times with WOCA Wood Floor Soap and then alternate with WOCA Oil Refresher Soap once, then again with WOCA Wood Floor Soap.
3. Do not use microfibre wiping cloths, but natural fibre cloths (cotton or wool felt).
4. If possible, remove standing water immediately, to avoid stains.
5. Avoid steam cleaners and only use robot mops if recommended by the manufacturer.
6. Use the recommended care products from WOCA: wood floor soap, oil refresher, tannic acid stain spray and care oil if required.
7. Remove stains with concentrated soapy water (1:10) and use the special WOCA stain remover or the tannic acid stain remover spray for stubborn stains.
8. Treat heavily used surfaces to a re-oiling with WOCA Maintenance Oil or WOCA Master Oil about once a year to regenerate them. Otherwise, an oil re-treatment is recommended every 2-3 years. It is best to contact a floor layer for this.
9. Make sure that the humidity in the room is correct, especially during heating periods. Room humidity below 50% can lead to damage.
10. To prevent spontaneous ignition, please wash all oil-soaked pads thoroughly with water after use and allow them to dry separately.

■ The right care for your lacquered ADLER PARQUET (short version)

1. A finishing treatment is recommended after installation.
2. For normal maintenance care, you can damp wipe the parquet every 1-2 weeks with e.g. WOCA Lacquer Soap, but avoid excessively wet wiping and standing moisture.
3. Avoid steam cleaners and only use robot mops if recommended by the manufacturer.
4. Depending on the wear and tear, carry out a full maintenance treatment once a year, identical to the finishing treatment after installation.
5. Make sure that the humidity in the room is correct, especially during heating periods. Room humidity below 50% can lead to damage.





### ■ Oxidatively oiled – What does that really mean

When the surface of the wood is treated oxidatively with oil the wood is hardened using pure oxygen. The oil components crystallise deep in the wood, giving it good, almost invisible protection. In contrast to traditional surfaces like varnish, wax or a UV-dried oil surface, which form a thin film on the surface of the wood, the NATURA+ oil penetrates deep into the top layer of the parquet and completely fills the pores in the wood. After it has been hardened with a lot of oxygen in the wood cells the oil effectively strengthens the wood structure from the inside. This gives the top layer of your parquet a very hard-wearing and robust structure with an almost invisible, naturally matt surface that still remains open and diffusible.

The best way to notice the effect is to walk barefoot across a parquet with a NATURA+ oil surface; you will be able to clearly detect the feeling of direct contact with the wood. No layer of varnish or wax to separate you from your wooden floor and no layer to wear or flake off.

### ■ Advantages of NATURA+ oiled ADLER PARKETT

#### Traditionally oxidatively oiled, but still ready to immediate use

At ADLER PARKETT we have been able to develop and clearly improve the traditional technique of oxidative oil surface treatment. Thus our NATURA+ oiled parquet offers all the advantages of an oxidatively oiled parquet flooring but is still ready for immediate use following installation.

#### Direct contact with wood that is warm to your feet

NATURA+ oil penetrates deep into the wood and preserves the natural, hard-wearing surface without a disturbing film. The oiled parquet floor remains warm underfoot and increases the efficiency of underfloor heating systems, as it naturally radiates warmth.

#### Easy to care for and resistant

The oil penetrates deep into the wood and crystallises in the wood cells, strengthening the structure from the inside. After curing, the surface is robust and breathable. You can maintain this resistance for a long time with suitable care.

#### Low wear and easy to repair

As your parquet floor does not have a film-forming surface, scratches can be repaired locally by light sanding and re-oiling. If the surface is heavily worn and has a matt or grey appearance, we recommend annual regeneration by cleaning and re-oiling. Full sanding of the entire floor surface is only necessary in rare cases and should only be carried out if all other care and cleaning measures have been ineffective.

#### Diffusible and regulates your room climate

Parquet oiled with NATURA+ remains breathable and regulates the room climate by absorbing and slowly releasing moisture. Regular moisturising with WOCA wood floor soap supports this effect. Humidifiers can also be helpful in particularly dry rooms.

#### No infiltration of the surface by moisture and suitable for damp rooms, among other things

The longer your Adler parquet dries in the air, the more resistant and water-repellent it becomes. Thanks to the diffusible NATURA+ surface, there are no ugly, black infiltration marks as with other surfaces such as lacquer, UV oil or wax.

#### Free of static charge

The surface of your Adler parquet with NATURA+ surface is open-pored, breathable and natural. Static charges and whirls of fluff don't stand a chance. This makes your flooring highly suitable for those suffering from allergies or for offices with extensive computer equipment.

#### Environmental compatibility of the oil and care products

The traditional oil surface on our parquet needs only oxygen in order to harden. This means our wooden floorboards are completely free of plastics, synthetic resins or synthetic wax. Thus disposal by decay or burning is unproblematic.

The WOCA series of care products is purely based on soap. Test results certify its harmlessness.





### ■ Tips to help you enjoy your oxidatively oiled floor for a long time

In the first five to seven days after installation, you should only vacuum and sweep the oiled parquet, but **not wet-mop it**. The floor still needs some time and oxygen to fully harden and develop its final robustness.

After about a week, you can wet mop for the first time. From then on, regular wet cleaning with WOCA Wood Floor Soap can be carried out approximately every one to two weeks.

Do not use cloths or mops made of microfibre. Your floor would become rough and susceptible to dirt. Cloths made of natural fibres such as cotton or wool felt are suitable cloths for your wooden flooring.

Always use **WOCA wood floor soap for wet care** (white or natural) in the mopping water. Do not wipe over with clear water after this, as this would remove the protective soya and coconut fats again. For oak in particular, we recommend using **WOCA Oil Refresher Soap in the wiping water after a cycle of 4-6 wipes with Wood Floor Soap**. The oil refresher contains more oil and therefore cares for your Adler parquet even more intensively.

Remove standing water on your new floor immediately as this could cause spots because of the mineral content in the water. Over time the oil in the wood pores will harden increasingly and allow the surface to become more durable and dirt-resistant.

Please note that a finish treatment is recommended after installation for use in highly used areas like commercial use.

Once a year you should regenerate heavily worn areas on your parquet flooring approximately. It is time for this kind of regeneration at the latest when you realise that your floor has lost its sheen and has begun to look grey.

### ■ Regular cleaning – how to do it right

In addition to sweeping and vacuuming, you should regularly wet-mop your oxidatively oiled ADLER PARKETT with WOCA wood floor soap in your mopping water approximately every one to two weeks. If you work with white wood floor soap then shake the soap mixture thoroughly before use. Add just a little WOCA wood floor soap to lukewarm to warm water (dose: 1/16 litre of WOCA wood floor soap to 5 litres of warm water = 1:80 parts) and foam the soap solution with water. Then wipe your floor quite moistly in the direction of the fibres to wash the dirt out of the wood pores. At the same time you are nourishing your wooden floor with caring oils and fats.

With hardwoods like black cherry, maple or walnut mop quite damp but not wet. Open-pored woods like oak and coniferous woods can withstand a wetter mopping technique.

Oak tends to emit its Tannin in the first few weeks after installation. This makes the water in your bucket very dark. We recommend that you clean your oiled Oak parquet with 2 buckets in the first few months. In one bucket you have the warm water with some WOCA soap and in the second bucket you have clean warm water. In this clean water you wash your mop before you take some soapy water again for the cleaning cycle.

Please note that the soap mixture should not be darker than your floor surface as otherwise there is a risk that you will apply the dirt back onto your floor.

We also recommend wiping your ADLER Parquet with WOCA Refresher every 4 to 6 times instead of WOCA Soap. This will do some good for your floor.

### ■ Easy removal of stains

In everyday life, your Adler parquet can be subject to heavy wear and tear, both from everyday soiling and from heavier stains such as red wine, coffee, oil and soot. Sometimes, however, discolouration sets in that cannot be easily removed despite standard cleaning methods, such as alkaline reactions caused by metal contact or moisture, especially in oak and similar woods with a high tannin content.

When removing stains from pigmented woods, be careful as even gentle cleaning methods can damage the colour. It is advisable to test on an inconspicuous area beforehand.

Try to treat **minor stains** that have not been removed by damp mopping with a few drops of concentrated soap suds. You can prepare this soap suds yourself (mixing ratio 1:10 with water), or you can use the WOCA wood floor soap spray. Apply the soapy water directly to the stain and leave it to work for five minutes. Then wash out the concentrated lye again by wiping over a large area with normal soapy water. You are welcome to repeat the process several times.

For **larger and more stubborn stains**, or if you have had no success with repeated applications of the soapy water, please use the special WOCA stain remover. Spray the stain remover directly onto the stain to be removed - the fresher it is, the more effective the stain remover will be. After a reaction time of approx. 10 to 20 minutes, the stain should have disappeared and the natural colour of the wood will reappear. Please use a green pad at most and only very carefully so as not to be too abrasive on the wooden floor. A final treatment with maintenance oil is then advisable.

**Dark discolouration** is usually caused by tannic acid or alkaline reactions due to contact between the parquet flooring and metal objects (Christmas tree stands, flower pots, chair legs), zinc sheets, household chemicals or pet excrement. This is where stain removal reaches its limits. Please use the WOCA tannic acid stain remover spray. Spray the product evenly onto the stain and leave it to work for approx. 30 to 60 minutes, depending on the intensity of the stain. Then wipe away the dissolved stain particles with a cloth and gently rub dry. Repeat this process until the wood has returned to its original colour. A final treatment with maintenance oil is then advisable.

This tannic acid stain remover spray has the effect of reducing the fuming treatment on smoked surfaces. This results in a brightening effect.



### ■ Regeneration of heavily used surfaces

Depending on the wear on your parquet you should treat it to a wellness cure approximately once a year. It is the right time for a bit of extra care with WOCA care oil at the latest when your parquet seems to be matt and dry. The process is the same as for the finish treatment. Regular wet care with WOCA Oil Refresher, as described above, can delay this somewhat.

To regenerate your parquet floor, first clean and degrease the floor thoroughly with WOCA Intensive Cleaner (dosage 1:20 parts water) and wipe with clear water until the water is no longer dirty. Then leave the floor to dry for 24 hours.

Now you can work in the WOCA Maintenance Oil, or even better the WOCA Master Oil. To do this, proceed as for the finish treatment from step 2 described below.

### ■ Finish treatment and re-oiling – this is how it works

On more heavily used floors, for example in a commercial environment, we recommend a so-called finish treatment immediately after the parquet has been installed.

If you would like to carry out a finish treatment then it should be in normal room climate conditions. A relative humidity between 40 – 60% and a room temperature between 18 – 22°C are ideal conditions to achieve optimum hardening of the oil within the given time. It is best to carry out the finish treatment in the evening so that the oil can harden overnight.

#### Step 1:

First remove dust from the floor. Use a broom or a vacuum cleaner.

#### Step 2:

The finish treatment or re-oiling for the regeneration of your parquet floor is carried out with WOCA Maintenance Oil, or even better with WOCA Master Oil.

If you are using white or coloured oil then please shake it thoroughly so that the colour pigments can mix well with the oil.

Soak a clean cloth in WOCA oil and allow the oil to enter the floor. To do this, apply the oil in a thin layer in the direction of the floorboards. Please ensure that no oil film remains on the floorboard. Now work the oil into the floor using a rotary disc machine / buffer machine and a white cotton pad.

After a short drying period polish the floor again with a cotton pad in order to achieve an even surface and soak up any excess oil. Please remove the single disc machine / buffer machine immediately from your freshly oiled floor surface. This will prevent excess oil from drying under the heavy machine.

The freshly re-oiled floor surface should be allowed to rest for at least 10 hours without walking on it. After ten hours you can walk on the parquet again and use the room as normal.

Avoid wet mopping in the next five to seven days so that the oil can harden fully.

**Caution:** To prevent spontaneous ignition, please wash all oil-soaked pads thoroughly with water after use and allow them to dry separately. Close all WOCA products carefully after use to prevent hardening in the container.

### ■ Technical equipment for the maintenance of oiled floors

Before using a mopping robot on your Adler parquet floor, we strongly recommend that you **contact the manufacturer of the robot** to ensure that it is approved for use with our recommended WOCA care products and is capable of damper mopping. Ideally, please always clean the parquet floor with the robot mop using **a natural fibre mop** and **avoid using steam cleaners**.



## Caution fire hazard

- To prevent spontaneous ignition, please wash all oil-soaked pads thoroughly with water after use and allow them to dry separately. Close all WOCA products carefully after use to prevent hardening in the container.





To ensure that you can enjoy your lacquered parquet floor for many decades, there are a few things you should bear in mind:

### ■ Finish treatment - this is how it works

Immediately after installation, the finishing treatment must be carried out with a parquet polish. We recommend the WOCA lacquer care for our ADLER acrylic lacquer. First clean the floor from dust, preferably by vacuuming or sweeping. Now the finish treatment can be applied.

Then apply some polish with a lint-free cloth to the first 3 rows of extra-thin polish and immediately spread it out thinly and evenly with a lint-free cloth or wiper. This means that the whole room is always wiped through quickly with 3 rows per go.

### ■ Regular cleaing - how to do it

To ensure a beautiful and durable surface of the wooden floor, the parquet must be properly maintained after the finishing treatment. You can obtain the necessary care products from your floor layer or specialist dealer. If this source of supply is not available, you can also order the care products from us.

In addition to sweeping and vacuuming, you can also wipe your lacquered ADLER parquet damp with a damp cloth, e.g. with WOCA lacquer soap, at intervals of 1 - 2 weeks. Avoid wiping too wet and standing moisture on your parquet floor.

### ■ Regeneration of heavily used surfaces

Depending on how much use you make of your ADLER Parquet, you should carry out a full maintenance once a year. This is identical to the finishing treatment after installation.

### ■ Technical equipment for the maintenance of oiled floors

Before using a mopping robot on your Adler parquet floor, we strongly recommend that you **contact the manufacturer of the robot** to ensure that it is approved for use with our recommended WOCA care products. The appliance should **also be able to fully absorb excess water** to avoid water stains or inclusions under the lacquer surface. Please only clean the parquet floor with **a slightly damp cloth**. The use of **steam cleaners should be avoided**.



Wood is a natural product, which still reacts to changing climatic conditions in its environment when it is made into parquet flooring. This means there are things that you must take into account, both when installing the parquet floor and when caring for it. We have collected some valuable tips and notes in the following so that you can enjoy this large piece of furniture in your house for many years.

### ■ **A healthy indoor climate – for you and your wooden floor**

Adler parquet comprises 98% wood. Wood is a living construction material and reacts immediately to environmental influences. Therefore it is particularly important to pay attention to the correct climatic conditions in the room throughout the year when you have parquet flooring. And don't forget: a healthy room climate does not only contribute to retaining value of your parquet, it also has a positive effect on your own wellbeing and keeps your respiratory tracts healthy.

A healthy room climate is considered given at **temperatures between 19 and 22°C and relative humidity of approx. 50 to 60%**. If the humidity falls substantially below this during the heating period then you must assume that your wooden flooring will dry out severely. This can lead to the formation of cracks, the separation of top layers and the formation of gaps.

Extremely abrupt changes in humidity are particularly damaging. They lead to contraction tension in the glued layers. In extreme cases irreparable damage can be caused, for which we do not accept liability.

**A tip:** if your room climate is too dry place air humidifiers in your rooms. These will help you and your parquet flooring.

### ■ **Give your parquet the space it needs: expansion gaps**

Wood is a living material and it reacts directly to environmental influences. For example if humidity rises in the summer this will cause the wood to swell, so that it expands. On the other hand if the humidity decreases in the winter because of dry air from the central heating system then the floorboards contract. Therefore you should always include expansion gaps that are sufficiently wide so that the wood has room to 'work'.

In principle an expansion gap should be used when installing an area of 10 x 8 metres and above, as well as when installing parquet in several rooms or in passage areas. Please also always keep a generous distance to the edges against all structures rising from the floor, such as walls, door frames, balcony doors, pipes, stair railings or pillars. We also recommend planning an expansion gap at transitions to tiles, carpets and other floor coverings. The distance to these structures should be at least 10 mm. The rule of thumb is: 2mm expansion gap per meter of the width and length of the room.

Existing structural expansion gaps must also never be closed when preparing the subfloor. Transfer these onto your parquet area. The same is true if there are several heating circuits under a continuous area. Integrate these gaps congruently into your top covering, i.e. your parquet flooring. The gaps can be closed with joint profiles or elastic sealants if necessary.

### ■ **After installation: Furniture on your parquet**

Please only place furniture and other heavy objects on the new flooring at the earliest 48 to 72 hours after the floor was glued down. Please follow the instructions of the glue manufacturer in this regard.

Any wood floor, however hard it is, whether varnished or oiled, is susceptible to scratching. Therefore please ensure you use suitable chair or furniture rollers for office chairs and other small, movable pieces of furniture. Tables, dining chairs and similar pieces of furniture that are often moved across the floor can be fitted with corresponding furniture glides to protect your floor from scratches.

We also recommend that you use suitable floor mats in the entrance area and at terrace doors. This will allow you to enjoy your Adler Parquet for a long time.

For office chairs please use floor protection mats or soft chair castors and clean them regularly. Do not place a flower pot directly on your parquet floor, but on a coaster.

### ■ **If damage does occur: repair and replacement**

Your wood flooring is right in the midst of things, where damage can easily happen. But don't worry: particularly full spread glued Adler parquet flooring is easily repaired in the event of damage.

Whether water damage or the dropping of a heavy object – you should always call in a professional for serious damage. This professional will know exactly how to carry out this kind of repair correctly and professionally and will remove the damaged element using a portable circular saw, a crowbar or other suitable tools and replace it with a new element.

Please note that there may be colour discrepancies between the new floorboard and the existing parquet flooring.

■ **Wood as a natural product: Natural colour variations and changes**

Your Adler parquet is made entirely of wood and wood is a natural product. Depending on the content in the wood and the wood grain there may, therefore, be colour discrepancies – both between different production batches and also within a single batch. This is particularly true for coloured surfaces because processes like smoking, staining or the application of coloured pigments can lead to different tones depending on the wood structure.

Incoming sun, particularly UV rays, lead to a natural change in the tone of the wood colour over time. Depending on the type of wood and treatment of this wood your parquet flooring may become darker or lighter. In strong light, for example through floor-to-ceiling windows, the effect may also be partial. Remember that if you remove your carpets or furniture after some time it is possible that your parquet flooring will have changed colour in the areas that were not covered.

■ **Enjoy your new Adler Parkett flooring**



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