

## Maintenance instructions for wooden floors and stairs with ProVital finish surface for the system ProVital Oil & ProVital Color Oil



**ProVital finish is a natural oiled surface finish consisting entirely of natural materials such as sunflower, thistle and soya oil as well as waxes sealing the open pores. It is a two-stage system consisting of ProVital Oil and ProVital Finish. Both components are factory applied. In order to maintain the appearance of your parquet floors and stairs for as long as possible, the following maintenance instructions are extremely important.**

### General Instructions

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#### ProVital Oil

Transparent ProVital Oil is a pure, solvent-free natural product.

#### ProVitalColor Oil

ProVitalColor Oil is also an environmentally friendly and solvent-free product. It has the same composition and characteristics as ProVital Oil, but contains pollutant-free mineral pigments to enable different colours to be achieved.

#### Surface Characteristics

ProVital surface protects your parquet or stairs from intruding water, to a great extent, with only natural components. Depending on the degree of wear and tear, this coating is subject to natural and inevitable wear (dirt, specks of dust, mechanical strain ...). Regular care helps to reduce premature wear.

We cannot accept responsibility for floors which are not maintained according to Weitzer Parkett's instructions.

Oxidation gives ProVital surface its final hardness after about 4 weeks, the more the floor is left alone during the first few days and weeks, the longer the coating will last.

Dry cleaning should be carried out carefully and using a broom or a vacuum cleaner. Care should be taken when moving furniture and other heavy objects.

Ensure suitable felt pads (e.g. with a plastic support) are attached to the legs of tables and chairs. Caster chairs are to be equipped with soft rollers (type W). For an office environment we recommend using suitable pads.

#### Colour Behaviour

Sunlight can change the colour of the wood, depending on the light's intensity. Different kinds of wood react differently in terms of degree (e.g. yellowing, darkening or bleaching).

#### Room Air

Wood is a natural product. This means that wood absorbs or emits moisture, depending on the surrounding atmospheric conditions. This results in a swelling or a shrinking of the floor.

Generally, this should not be seen as something negative, but rather as a natural behaviour of a natural material! In order to minimize the change in dimension, we recommend to keep an ideal temperature of 20°C and relative humidity of 50% throughout the year.

This is particularly important during the heating period, since the drying process can result in cracks within the parquet. A humidifier at the beginning of the heating period can be very useful here. Please also be aware of the fact that you can save heating energy because lower temperatures are not conceived as uncomfortable if humidity is high.

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### Initial Care

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#### ProVital Finish

The Finish constitutes the second phase of the ProVital system and one coating is already applied in factory. After the drying-out of the applied ProVital oil for raw floors or the second application of Finish in case of commercial use (non-residential) the Finish is applied by means of a rounded metal or plastic palette knife. The polishing is done by a professional by means of one-disc machine and felt pads, while paying heed to the instructions on the labels.

**If the floor is to be commercially used (non-residential), the on-site application of ProVital Finish right after installation and cleaning is considered mandatory by the manufacturer. Otherwise Weitzer Parkett cannot accept responsibility for claims regarding the surface finish.**

### Cleaning

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#### ProVital Cleaner – for professional use

ProVital Cleaner is a highly-concentrated, biodegradable neutral detergent. ProVital Cleaner can be used for thorough cleaning or applied undiluted, for selective cleaning.

**Thorough Cleaning:** 1-2 l with 10 l of water

A thorough cleaning is to be carried out when the floor is covered with unsightly cleaning coats or adhered dirt. We recommend the thorough cleaning procedure to be carried out by an expert using a single-disc machine and a white pad. A rough sponge or a scrub may also be used. The surface should then be wiped with clear water to remove residues from the detergent, then left to dry completely (about 24 hours). **Attention:** At Color oil surfaces, thorough cleaning may lead to partial discoloration if applied intensively and/or with much force/rubbing.

The frequency of the thorough cleaning procedure depends on level of wear and the contamination of the floor: In a private environment it should be done once or twice within 24 months, in a public area or in generally heavily used rooms once every six months or even more frequently!

**A renewed initial care with ProVital Finish – ideally 2 coats - is required after the thorough cleaning!**

#### ProVital Clean & Care | Cleaning Soap No. 20

For regular cleaning with a well wrung out mop, the ProVital Clean & Care or the Cleaning Soap No. 20 can be used. Both products are solvent free, biodegradable and contain natural soap combinations. However, a thorough cleaning with Cleaning Soap or ProVital Clean & Care is not possible.

**Dosage:** 2 sealing caps with approx. 5 l of water.

Generally, it is crucial not to flood the floor, since water can get into the joints resulting in unsightly water marks. Other cleaning products should not be used because these may harm the oil surface too much and may lead to premature signs of wear!

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In case of colour oil surfaces, it is possible to add up to 12% of colour oil to the Finish, to refresh the colour.

#### ProVital Maintenance Spray

The ProVital Maintenance Spray is used for regular care of ProVital finish surfaces, regenerates and refreshes the surface. Crucial ingredients such as carnauba or candelill waxes re-fresh worn and damaged floors. Before the spray can be applied, a regular cleaning with ProVital Clean & Care or Cleaning Soap is suggested.

**Application:** Spray the wax on the dust free floor evenly and then distribute it with a clean mop or cotton cloth without excess. For color oiled surfaces the maintenance spray is available in corresponding colors. Please pay attention that no furniture or walls are discolored by the colored spray.

Application frequency, as needed, 2-4 times per year.

Consumption: The 500 ml spray covers approximately 100 sqm. The consumption can vary greatly depending on wear and tear of floor.

#### Drying Times

All drying times are calculated at 20°C with a relative humidity of 50% as well as sufficient ventilation. Low temperatures, air moisture that is too high excessive Polish will result in longer drying times!

<b>ProVital Finish:</b>	approx. 12 hours
<b>ProVital Cleaner:</b>	Let the floor dry for 24 hours after a thorough cleaning procedure!
<b>ProVital Clean &amp; Care:</b>	approx. 30 – 60 minutes
<b>ProVital Maintenance Spray:</b>	approx. 1-2 hours

### Safety Instructions

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Keep cleaning and maintenance materials away from children. Don't fill these materials into containers usually used for food and/or beverages. Keep away from food, beverages and feedstuff. In case of eye contact, immediately rinse with clear water and seek medical advice.

All ProVital care and cleaning products must be shaken well before use!

#### !!! ATTENTION !!!

Any implements with Oil or Finish applied (such as cleaning cloths, polishing pads, sponges, dust etc.) can self-ignite! Please dispose of them in a sealed metal container or in soaked water!

## **Closing Instructions**

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The effectiveness of any cleaning/maintenance process must be closely monitored in the early stages and adjustments made to the frequency and type of cleaning to ensure that the floor is being maintained properly.

This data sheet is based on extensive experience and has been published to give best advice. Limiting information and warnings are also included to minimize the risk of errors. Naturally, instruction guidelines do not contain any possible present and future application cases and peculiarities, which is also due to the versatile material of „wood“. Thus, it does not release the expert from making a query when in doubt, from testing in his own authority on location as well as from his critical attention during processing. These guidelines also spare information which is regarded as known by experts. The information given in these guidelines is supplied without liability, therefore no claims of warranty or liability can be deduced from them.

The WEITZER PARKETT team would be glad to give any further information.