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# INTRODUCTORY GUIDE

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# CHAPTER 01 TIMBER FLOOR COATINGS ARE YOUR CHOICE...



## ■ SOLVENT BASED POLYURETHANE

A Solvent-based Polyurethanes are the most durable and hard-wearing of all coating categories. Due to their strength, some two-pack Polyurethanes can “glue” the floorboards together, causing a problem known as edge-bonding. They are also susceptible to rejection or contamination from the natural oils and saps in timbers. Polyurethane provides the highest gloss option for those who desire a shiny timber floor, with subdued gloss options if required.

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THE MOST COMMONLY USED TIMBER FLOOR COATINGS CAN BE BROKEN DOWN INTO FOUR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES: POLYURETHANES, CURING-OILS, OIL-MODIFIED, URETHANES, PENETRATING.OILS/WAXES. WITHIN THESE CATEGORIES ARE VARIANCES BASED ON THEIR CHEMICAL CONSTRUCTION.

## ■ WATER-BASE

Unlike-SOLVENT-BASED POLYURETHANE Edge-bonding is not an issue with this type, although some of the harder two-pack water-based polyurethanes can bond in joins. Of course, the main advantage of these coatings is their being a much healthier and more environmentally considerate option, having no strong chemicals or odours upon application. They are, however, a higher cost than solvent-based and this will be reflected in a contractor's overall charges.

## ■ CURING OILS

CURING OILS such as “Tung Oil” are more like a resin-type formula, combined with a solvent/ spirit base. Depending on the product, the durability and hardness can be moderate to high. Although they dry quickly, they cure slowly, requiring more care in its early weeks. Unlike Polyurethane, each coat bonds to the other, forming a singular, hard block of film.

*Tip # Whether you're renovating or just thinking about sprucing up your interiors, select natural and sustainable materials for a more home and living experience.*



# CHAPTER 01

## TIMBER FLOOR COATINGS ARE YOUR CHOICE...



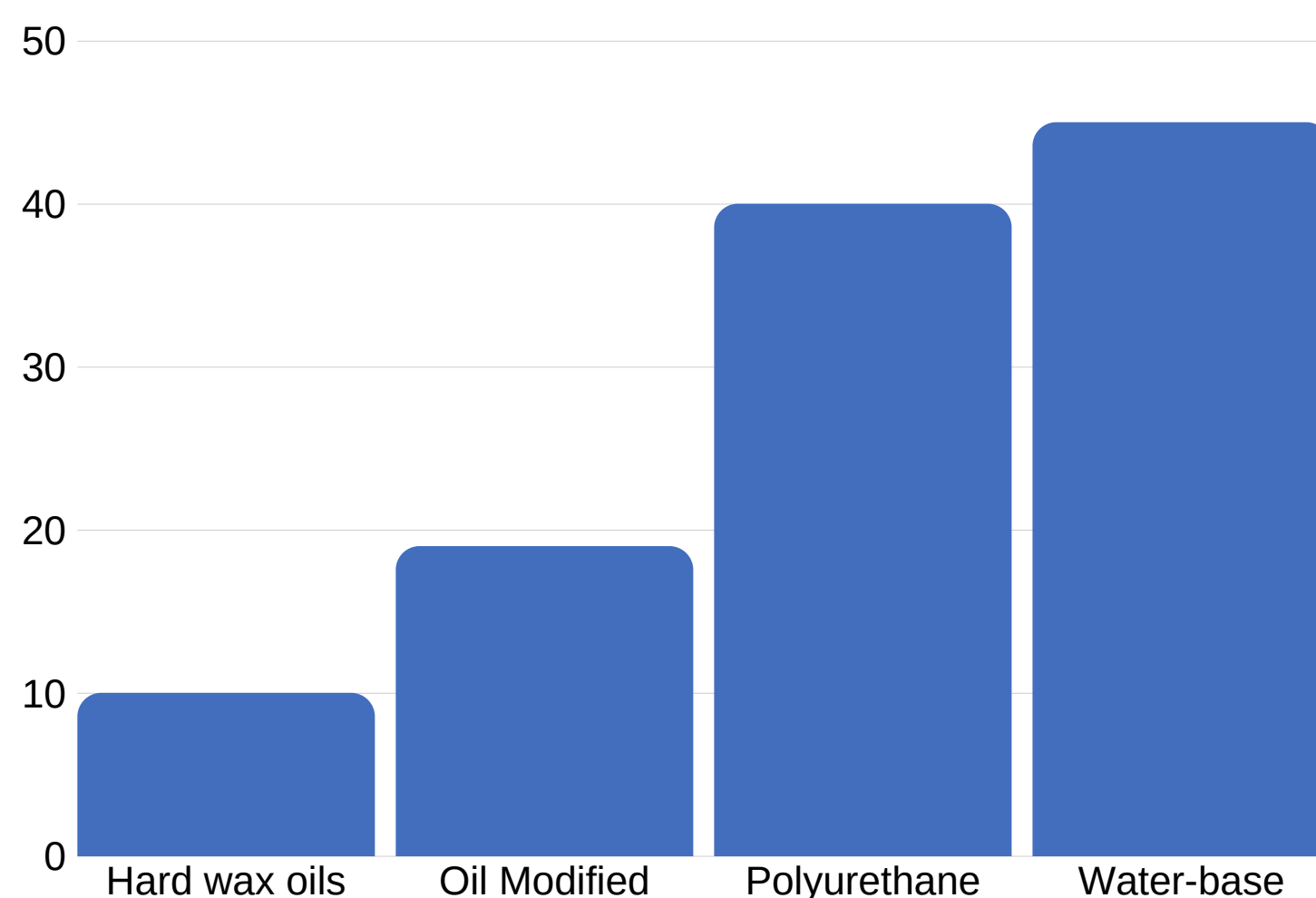
### PENETRATING WAXES&OILS

These penetrative coating have no polymer-like film-build content. They penetrate the grain and harden, meaning the timber itself becomes its own protective surface. The advantage of these coatings is that they are spot-repairable and easy to replenish without requiring a total re-sand to bare timber, as they are not “film-build” coatings. Hence, maintenance is simple. They are inherently natural coatings which derive from timber by-products.

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### OIL- MODIFEID URETHANES

This is a combination of curing oils and polyurethane, that is, the urethane content is replaced with oils to a certain proportion. This gives it some durability as per a film-build coating, but the flexibility and ease of application of an oil. Beware, however, of regarding these types of coatings as “oils”. Oils are regarded as very natural, with low toxicity. OIL-MODIFIED URETHANES are a combination of solvent-based polyurethane and oils, and as such still contain some VOC and a polymer film. Being a compromised urethane, their durability is low, as is their cost. They will also yellow more excessively than polyurethane, and can cure very slowly in cooler weather conditions.



**THE TIME PUT INTO PREPARATION WILL GREATLY BENEFIT THE LONGEVITY OF THE COATING.**

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## CHAPTER 02

### IT'S A LIFE TIME & COST EFFECTIVE.

HARDWOOD FLOORS ARE ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR FLOORING OPTIONS IN HOMES ACROSS AUSTRALIA. WHETHER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ORIGINAL HARDWOOD FLOORING IN HERITAGE-LISTED HOUSES, OR ENGINEERED TIMBER FLOORING IN NEW HOMES, TIMBER IS A TIMELESS FLOORING CLASSIC THAT ONLY GETS BETTER AS IT AGES.

#### ■ LIFETIME & COST EFFECTIVE

A timber floor is harder and more durable than other surfaces. Flooring alternatives such as vinyl, laminate, bamboo, carpet and tiles have a lifespan of 10 – 15 years, and although they might look like a cheaper option, in the long-term timber can prove to be more cost effective.

#### ■ HEALTHIER OPTION

Timber flooring has been proven to lower stress levels, heart rate and blood pressure and can even balance emotional states. Timber floors can also moderate humidity levels, which improves air quality. Unlike man-made products, timber doesn't contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which can be harmful to health."

*# Tip One further point of importance is that finishes do not improve the hardness of the floor surface. The type of species those.*

#### ■ QUICK TO CLEAN

Born from Mother Nature, every tree and timber floorboard is unique, ensuring no two floors will ever be the same but when it comes to maintenance, hardwood is easier to keep clean than most other flooring options. A quick sweep or antistatic mop will pick up most of the dirt, and a damp mop once a month is all the attention your floors will need.





## CHAPTER 03 WHY TIMBER IS SUSTAINABLE

NO ONE COULD ARGUE THAT TIMBER FLOORING LOOKS STUNNING AND IS A CLASSIC ADDITION TO ANY HOME. HOWEVER, IN AN AGE WHERE SUSTAINABILITY IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF MANY OF OUR MINDS, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE TIMBER FLOORING YOU CHOOSE HAS THE LEAST IMPACT POSSIBLE ON THE ENVIRONMENT. TODAY, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT WHY ENGINEERED TIMBER FLOORING IS A GREAT CHOICE FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE..

### ■ ENVIRONMENT

When it comes to impact on the environment, wood is one of the most sustainable options. It's a renewable resource which can be grown again and again and doesn't require the same amount of energy to produce as many other building materials – you just let it grow! In fact, wood is the only renewable mainstream building product available.

### ■ CARBON LIFECYCLE

Wood also has the added benefit of being able to store carbon throughout its lifecycle. The carbon that is stored in the wood can help offset the emissions that are used during the manufacturing process, particularly if it's from a sustainably managed forest.

### ■ BUILT TO LAST

One of the greatest advantages of timber flooring is that it's built to last. Compares to carpet and other surfaces which needs to be replaced every 5 years or so, Timber flooring can last decades. The care & maintenance involved with timber flooring is simple & effective. Natural wood flooring has many benefits, from providing longevity to changing, the acoustics of a room, given it a warm, rich sound. Real wood floor adds value and appeal to a sense of luxury home.

*Tip # Spending time in nature has been proven to help ease stress, so it makes sense to use natural materials in your build, renovation or interior design—bring the beneficial properties of nature right into your home*



AUSTRALIANS LEAD BUSY LIVES, WE'RE DESPERATE TO RELAX AND UNWIND WHEN WE GET HOME, AND WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME FOR ACTIVITIES THAT WILL RESTORE THE BALANCE, BUT WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE MORE ZEN IN YOUR DEN?

## ■ INSIDE OUT

Bringing the outside in is a perfect starting point to enjoy the benefits of more mindful home. That's just easier when your home is not only beautiful but fuss-free. The aim is elegance that doesn't compromise on functionality or comfort. The beauty of building or renovating using certified wood is that it provides a classic, tasteful foundation on which you can develop almost any style you choose.

## ■ VERSATILE

Wood is such a versatile building or decorating material, that you can complement with a palette of beautiful finishes and tones. If your idea of a happy home is one where you can achieve greater peace, positivity and clear thinking, there's strong evidence that including natural components like wood into your building's design and decor can set the scene perfectly.

## ■ STYLISH

Whether you're renovating or just thinking about sprucing up your interiors, select natural and sustainable materials for a more home and living experience. Wooden floors are timeless, it will never go out of style. Unlike other surfaces, timber flooring has a long & proud history, in Australian homes. It acts as a focal point of bedroom or kitchen or just provide a vast colour in a hallway.

*Tip # for those in the property market, a wooden floor home usually sell quicker and at a higher price value than those without.*







## CHAPTER 05

### GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AND MAINTENANCE TIPS

A HARDWOOD TIMBER FLOOR REPRESENTS A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT AND WITH REGULAR CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE, A TIMBER FLOOR CAN LOOK BEAUTIFUL FOR A LIFETIME. TIMBER FLOORS ARE EASY TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN BY FOLLOWING A FEW EASY GUIDELINES.

#### ■ PREVENTION

Preventative measures are very important in maintaining timber floors. Install a good quality mat both inside and outside of external doors. Mats should be as large as possible and able to remove both grit and moisture. Whenever possible remove your shoes. This will help reduce the amount of dirt brought into the property and potential impact damage from stilettos.

#### ■ MATS AND FELTS

In very heavily trafficked areas, such as entrance halls and kitchens, the use of mats should be considered to reduce surface wear. Rugs should be permeable to allow the floor to 'breathe'. Use felt protective feet on all furniture legs / bases to prevent damage.

#### ■ PETS

Similarly make sure that pet's claws are regularly trimmed to reduce the possibility of scratches and indentation. Wipe up all spillage immediately it is noticed. Animal urine, cooking fats, and other similar materials can damage the floor if left on the surface for any length of time. This may result in permanent staining in some cases.

*Tip #For generations, the distinctive beauty of hardwood timber has brought warmth and elegance to Australian homes, both inside and out.*



## CHAPTER 05

### GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AND MAINTENANCE TIPS



AN IMPORTANT PART OF ANY SYSTEM IS THE ONGOING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FLOOR. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL HELP YOU KEEP YOUR TIMBER FLOOR IN GOOD CONDITION AND LOOKING GREAT.

#### ■ CLEANING

Clean the floor regularly using dry cleaning methods. To remove water soluble dirt, clean using Bona Wood Floor Cleaner. First dry clean the floor to remove surface dirt, etc. Spray the surface sparingly with Wood Floor Cleaner and clean using the Bona Microfibre Cleaning pad. The mop should be used along the boards wherever possible. Rinse the Cleaning pads regularly in clean water during use and replace when dirty. The pads can be washed in a washing machine after use.

#### ■ MAINTENANCE

If areas of the floor begin to look slightly dull in comparison to the remainder the use of Bona Wood Floor Refresher should be considered. Bona Refresher is designed to restore an even sheen to the floor whilst giving added protection to the surface against future traffic. Most importantly though, floors maintained using Bona Refresher can be refurbished in the future without having to be sanded back to bare timber. Please note that domestic staircases have a specific requirement for slip resistance and Bona Refresher should not be used on stair treads. Apply an even application of Bona Refresher, with the boards, using the Bona Applicator pad on the Bona Mop. Detailed instructions may be found in the product datasheet.

Tip #the sheen level may increase with repeated use of Bona Refresher on low sheen floors. Bona Refresher should not be used on Bona Traffic HD Anti Slip, Extra Matt or Bona Traffic Natural.



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