

# Planks Flooring

Care & Maintenance : Colour Republic Floors



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## Planks

Planks is our in-house flooring line that consists of multiple finishes, styles, species & manufacturing partners. This gives us incredible versatility within the category as we can provide flooring that fits any budget, aesthetic & performance requirements.

## Species, Grades & Sizing

**Species:** European Oak, French Oak

**Grades:** Prime, Rustic A, Rustic A/B

**Thickness:** 1/2" (12mm), 5/8" (15mm), 3/4" (20mm), 1" (27mm)

**Widths:** 7" (160mm), 8" (180mm), 9" (220mm), 11" (260mm), 12" (280mm)

**Lengths:** Random Length (depending on Collection)

## Platform & Wear Layers

**1/2":** 9mm Platform + 3mm Wear Layer

**5/8":** 12mm Platform + 3mm Wear Layer

**3/4":** 16mm Platform + 4mm Wear Layer

**1":** 21mm Platform + 6mm Wear Layer

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## Disclaimer

Consult your local building code to ensure your project is installed in accordance with local requirements & consult your local building office to understand permitting requirements. Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products generates wood dust. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection.

### General Maintenance

- The maintenance of your Colour Republic floor starts with the use of doormats. Doormats will stop 70% of the dirt being brought into the house.
- Clean your floor with a soft brush, mop or adapted vacuum cleaner with soft brushed suction unit.
- Apply soft protection under tables & chairs.
- Use Colour Republic maintenance products.
- Avoid excessive use of water on wooden floors.
- Remove spillage of liquids as soon as possible.
- Plantpots should not be placed in direct contact with wooden floors.
- Avoid large temperature fluctuations in rooms where wooden floors are applied.
- The level of maintenance will depend on the level of traffic.
- Daily cleaning the floor with a soft mop or vacuum cleaner will remove a lot of dust and/or sand particles.
- Regular maintenance with floor soap every 2-4 weeks; rooms with little use every 2 months.

### Atmosphere & Humidity

Wood being a natural product will respond to the surrounding atmosphere. Moisture in timber causes it to expand, a lack of moisture will cause it to contract. It is therefore important to maintain a fairly constant humidity in the area where the flooring is sited. Ideally room temperature should be between 19/21 degree celcius (66/70 degrees fahrenheit) at around 50% to 65% relative air humidity. The use of hygrometers in conjunction with dehumidifiers can be used to regulate the atmospheric humidity in your home. Plants can also have a positive effect on the humidity, especially with floor heating in the winter humidity levels can go quite low.



### Long Term Maintenance

After the first six months, depending somewhat on the amount of use your floor has had, your floor will be developing an attractive patina, colours will be deepening & a degree of variation between high traffic areas & low traffic areas may be occurring. In most instances, hard wax oil OO7 will be used to maintain your floor. However use of pigmented maintenance oil may be interspersed with these applications to revive the inherent tones if required.

A degree of wisdom is needed to find the right balance between “oversaturating” your floor & building up a patina. The process used after six & twelve months may not be required again for a further year. Alternatively, this process can be applied to high traffic areas only (oiling complete planks & stopping at a joint).

After the second application of oil, a gap of at least one year (probably nearer to two years) should be left prior to another application. All products are supplied with two coats of oil when being installed in wet area (kitchen or bathroom) extra coats of oil have to be applied to give sufficient protection.

### Accidental Damage

Should boards be badly damaged in a small area, a light touch up with colouring compound, followed by a build up of pigmented finishing oil can be used to revive the colour. This should only be undertaken by a competent floor finishing contractor. In worst case scenarios it is possible for an experienced installer to remove an individual plank & replace with a new plank. Where possible, extra over boards from installation should be retained for this purpose.

### Hard Wax Oil

A blend of natural oils & waxes offering exceptional durability & resistance on wood flooring, wooden kitchen worktops & areas subjected to high traffic. Produces a quick drying natural satin/matte water repellent tread - fast finish.

**Preparation:** Ensure all surfaces are clean, dry & free from previous finish. Quickly sand with fine 180 grit sanding paper or black pad on monobrush removing old coats or dirt.

**Application:** Ensure all areas to be coated are extremely well ventilated during application. Test on small area prior to initial application. No primer required. The Colour Republic hard wax oil is ready for immediate use, & does not require thinning.

**First Coat:** Stir contents thoroughly before & during use, & apply in well ventilated room. Apply thinly using a good quality bristle or synthetic brush always applying in the direction of the grain. Remove any surplus material immediately checking all areas for any excess application. Leave to dry 4-6 hours depending on conditions, or preferably overnight.

**Second Coat:** Apply as first coat, thinly, allowing good ventilation in warm & dry conditions, all to dry overnight. Clean tools with white spirit. When the surface area is completely dry, a light buff will enhance the colour & patina.

- Ensure all areas to be coated are extremely well ventilated during treatment.
- Always test on small area prior to major application.
- Certain dense or oil substrates may only require single application when dried out, buff to desired level of sheen.
- Longer drying periods may occur during application in cold, damp conditions.
- Always apply sparingly & remove any excess product thoroughly.

**Re-Application:** To remove previous application of Colour Republic hard wax oil sand with black pad & re-apply sparingly.

**Coverage:** A single application will cover approximately 20-24sqm depending on relief & density of the substrate.

- Available in 2.5L cans.
- Hwo matt for dark finishes.
- Hwo O7 for light finishes.

### Floor Surface Soap

Non abrasive rinse free formulation, Colour Republic floor soap is suitable for all types of pre-finished oiled flooring. Revives & maintains floors.

**Application:** Remove dust or dirt with damp cloth soaked in hot water, try to work as dry as possible. When floor is clean wipe with floor surface solution over floor to feed floor & add protection. Add 4 caps of Colour Republic floor surface cleaner to 1 Litre of hot water, ensuring even application. Remove any excess residue & allow 30 minutes to dry under normal conditions. Test on small area prior to application.

- Available in 2.5L cans.