

General Instruction Cork Floor Recoating



brief instructions

Procedure	Prefinished with water based finish	Prefinished with UV cured finish
Preparation :	Intermediate sanding	Intensive cleaning with LOBA® CareRemove
Coating:	One coat of LOBA® 2K Supra	One coat of LOBA® 2K Contact Minimum of 2 h drytime. Followed by one coat of LOBA® 2K Supra

General Remarks for Refinishing of Cork

Cork flooring comes in a great variety of colors, shapes, dimensions and surface treatments. This is a general guideline of how installed cork flooring can be recoated with LOBA waterborne finishes to seal the seams and create an additional layer of protective finish over the cork flooring. For the purpose of the recoating process it does not matter if the flooring is installed floating or as glue down or click. It is important that the cork is installed properly according to manufacturer's instructions and from a professional.

Based on the surface treatment cork flooring can be categorized into four main groups.

Natural cork without finish:

Natural cork without finish does show the natural structure of the cork and does not have any kind of coating or treatment on the surface

Prefinished cork – finished with water borne finishes.

Cork flooring which is finished with a water borne finish at the manufacturing plant.

Prefinished cork – finished with UV cured finishes .

Cork flooring which is finished at the manufacturing plant with a UV cured finish which may or may not contain Nano particles, Aluminum oxide particles or similar additives which increase the scratch resistance but decrease the adhesion of following coatings. Intermediate sanding of these surfaces is very difficult. That is why LOBA developed 2K Contact a special adhesion promoter for such coatings which avoid any sanding process..

Waxed or oiled cork.

Cork flooring which is treated with natural or synthetic oils or waxes to any degree.

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<i>Unfinished Cork</i>	
Finishes which can be used	Preparation/Application
Loba® 2K Supra Loba® Easy Finish	Screen installed floor with a sanding disc 100 grit Vacuum, apply one coat of finish at a rate of 350-500 sqft per gal. Let dry over night to minimize the swelling of the cork granulate. Apply second coat at a rate of 350-500 sqft. per gal. Let dry for minim of 4 -6 h Perform a intermediate sanding with a sanding net 120 grit Vacuum and apply third coat with a rate of 350 – 500 sqft. per gal.
<i>Prefinished cork with water borne finish</i>	
Products which can be used	Preparation/Application
Loba® 2K Supra	Perform an intermediate sanding with a sanding net 120 grit Vacuum and apply one coat of 2K Supra with a rate of 350 – 500 sqft. per gal.
<i>Prefinished cork with UV cured finish</i>	
Products which can be used	Preparation/Application
LOBA® Remover LOBA® 2K Contact Loba® 2K Supra	Perform a intensive cleaning with LOBA® Remover using a green pad. Apply LOBA® 2K Contact with a trim pad applicator at a rate of 350 sqft per quart Let dry to touch (minimum 2 h) Apply LOBA® 2K Supra at a rate of 500 sqft per gal.
<i>Oiled/Waxed floors</i>	
Products which can be used	Preparation/Application
Follow cork flooring manufacturer	As this kind of cork is not very popular LOBA does not carry the suitable products on stock in the US and did not do the necessary and expensive certification process to import them, so we recommend to use the products recommended by the flooring manufacturer and also to follow his instruction in how to do it.

notes

All application instructions and precautions as stated in the technical data sheet, labels and MSDS sheets for each mentioned product has to be followed strictly. The purpose of this document is only to provide an overview of the possibilities of recoating cork flooring. This bulletin can only be considered as recommendation without obligation. On account of the wide variety of conditions in practice, this information is not binding and does not warrant a contractual legal relationship or accessory obligations.

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