## PARQUET IN THE KITCHEN

Increasingly, kitchens are serving as a central gathering point

The popularity of parquet floors in the kitchen is on the rise. In modern interior design, open kitchen, dining and living area designs are increasingly common. Because of this, a continuous uniform parquet floor is frequently the primary option. The kitchen is also the most intensively used area of the home. This means keeping a few things in mind.

## What types of parquet are good for this?

Durable types of wood, such as oak are preferable. Surface treatments by Bauwerk Parkett result in very high surface quality, and are wellsuited for installation in kitchens. However, you should follow a few rules listed below to make sure that you enjoy your Bauwerk parquet for a long time.

We generally recommend that you ask the parquet installer to handle its initial treatment. In doing so, you will better protect untreated joints and edges against the penetration of dirt and moisture.

*Natural-oiled surfaces:* With oiled surfaces, we recommend that you regularly do the droplet test. Because kitchens tend to be cleaned more often, particular attention must be paid to parquet care. Regular oiling helps protect any scratched and damaged areas in the wood.

## With the droplet test you can quickly find out if you need to re-oil your floor:

Let a drop of water fall onto your natural-oiled parquet. If the drop remains tense and compact on the surface, then the parquet floor is fine. If the drop immediately soaks into the wood, the surface should be re-oiled. The frequency of oiling depends on how much the floor is used. We recommend that you oil your parquet once or twice a year. Use colourless Bauwerk Care Oil for this purpose.

*Lacquered surfaces:* Lacquered surfaces require regular care. For parquet in the kitchen, we recommend doing this once or twice a year, using Bauwerk Parquet Care Eco.

## **Important points:**

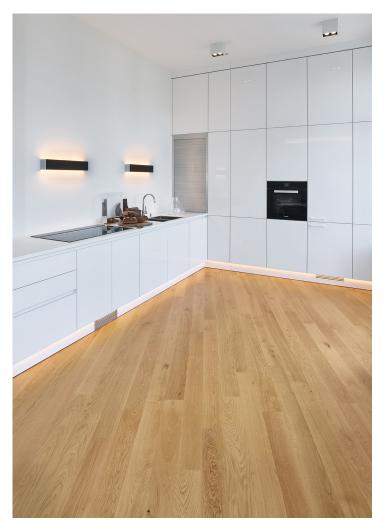
- Felt gliders under furniture (especially under chair and table legs) These will prevent scratches and dents.
- > Removal of liquids

Liquids must be removed from the floor as quickly as possible to avoid stains and swelling in the wood.

Removal of greasy residue

The better you care for the surface of the parquet, the less residue will remain on it. If there is still residue on the surface, contact Bauwerk's technical support.

- > Healthy room climate, with an ambient temperature of ~ 20–22 °C Maintaining a healthy room climate (20–22 °C ambient temperature, and 35–45% relative humidity during the heating period) is essential for preserving the quality of the parquet floor and for the well-being of the people in the room.
- Carpets and protective mats
  Please do not use any carpets or protective mats that contain plasticisers.



Parrquet: Bauwerk Trendpark, Oak mat lacquered Reference: Apartimentum, Hamburg | Photographer Olaf Rohl

> Underfloor heating and cooling

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The surface temperature must not exceed 29 °C. Always follow the instructions in the 'Information sheet for installation on floors with underfloor heating'.

If a mishap does still occur, individual strips can be replaced easily. Contact your floor installer.

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