

# Natural



High Solid Alkyd



**Synteko Natural** is a high solids alkyd floor finish developed to maintain natural appearance and provide excellent protection for hardwood floors. Because of its extremely high solids (~ 85%) Synteko Natural gives up to three times more coverage [800-1000 sq. ft. per gallon] than traditional floor finish. Due to the excellent wear resistance and ease of maintenance, Synteko Natural is especially recommended for use in commercial areas like offices, stores, museums, and other areas where a high wear resistance is needed.

- Easy to Apply
- Keeps Wood Looking Natural
- Covers 800-1000 Square Feet per Gallon
- Complete Projects in 24 Hours or Less
- Easy to Maintain
- Commercial & Residential Use

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

### Preparation

- Machine sand (following NOFMA, NWFA and MFMA guidelines) the surface to remove all old finishes and impurities from the wood.
- Final sanding/screening should be completed with 100 grit sandpaper or screen. Finer grit will reduce absorption of Synteko Natural. Remove all dust thoroughly; don't forget baseboard, window and door sills, heating ducts, etc. Maintain an ambient temperature in the work area (air + floor) of (68°F -77°F) 20°C -25°C The moisture content of the wood shall be within the limits outlined in the NOFMA, NWFA or MFMA guidelines. Previous finished floors must be sanded down floor to bare wood.

**Note:** When a tinted version of Synteko Natural is selected you may achieve a darker color by "water popping" the wood floor. Allow the "water popped" floor to reach the moisture content it was prior to "water popping".

Allow the Synteko Natural to reach room temperature.

## APPLICATION

First protect all adjacent areas carefully to prevent splashing and spills.

Plan your work area out, larger areas should be divided into more manageable areas (up to 500 square feet) or areas which are possible to handle within 20 minutes. When the work conditions are very warm and dry, reduce the size of these areas.

- Application of Synteko Natural is typically performed with a rubber blade applicator (squeegee).
- First, pour a line of Synteko Natural along one wall.
- Next, using the squeegee, apply/"snow plow" the Synteko Natural out in a thin coat. Use a small brush to get in difficult to reach areas. Do not leave a heavy, wet coat, but a rather thin one.
- Immediately redistribute Synteko Natural with a 150 r.p.m. buffer using a red pad, start doing this within 20 minutes. If too much product was applied it will have a tendency to splash around.
- Apply several thin coats for best results. Softer/more absorbent wood species will need 2-3 coats, less absorbent, denser woods, will need 1-2 coats. All coats are applied wet on wet. (Do not allow drying between coats). Do not apply more product than the wood will absorb.
- When the wood is completely saturated, using a clean red pad, buff out the area one more time and even out the finish on the whole floor. The result should be a "semi-dry" looking substrate.
- Allow the floor to dry for at least 3 hours (up to 16 hours) and buff the floor one more time with a clean dry red pad. Next polish the floor with a lint-free rag or towel wrapped around a pad, or by using a polishing pad.

**Note:** Do not allow un-absorbed Synteko Natural to dry on the substrate. If it does, it will leave a shiny area on the floor surface.

## APPLICATION TIP

When the wood floor has open gaps, bullnosed boards, v-grooves or is hand scraped, it is recommended not to apply Synteko Natural with the pour on/ squeegee method, but to roll the product on "sparingly" with a short nap (1/4 inch) roller in a "dry-wet" stipple pattern.

Next, distribute the product with the buffer and red pad. When excess product accumulates in the open grooves it will bleed/ooze out again at a later time and may leave undesirable shiny spots. So, avoid applying too much product in these situations.

When bleeding/oozing of product occurs wipe off and buff and re-polish the floor again. Monitor the floor for a few days after finishing and polishing.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The floor can be walked on carefully within 1-2 days after final polishing. Wait at least 7 days before placing rugs or walk off mats. Do not use vapor proof, non skid underlayments. When the floor starts to show wear a maintenance coat should be applied of Synteko Natural Re-New.

First clean with a solution of Synteko Heavy Duty Soap and a damp mop, follow with clean water and a damp mop. Use as little of the solution as needed to clean the floor. Do not leave any solution or water on the floor as you continue. Upon complete drying apply a light coat of Synteko Natural Re-New and wipe, or buff out. Allow the lightly coated floor substrate to dry for 20-30 minutes and polish the substrate with a dry, lint free rag/towel wrapped around the pad of a buffer, or use a polishing pad.

When the floor was previously finished with a colored Synteko Natural version it may be maintained with Natural Re-New in the same color. After polishing the maintenance coat, the floor can be used again after 16 hours drying.

Avoid dirt and moisture on the floor for at least two weeks. The first month after application only dry clean your finished floor. Vacuum the floor frequently and clean the finished floor as needed with a solution of Synteko Super Clean and the Synteko Micro-fiber Mop.

## OTHER DATA

<b>Tools For Application:</b>	Applicator with rubber blade ("squeegee", steel trowel or directly with brown pad)
<b>For Rubbing:</b>	Red pad
<b>For Polishing:</b>	Red pad and a lint free rag/towel, or a white polishing pad
<b>Coverage:</b>	800-1000 sq.ft/gal (Depending on application procedure and wood species.)
<b>Time for Application and Buffing:</b>	It is recommended to wait at least 3 hours (up to 16 hours) after the last application before the final buffing is done.
<b>Drying Time:</b>	Approx. 16 hours
<b>Storage Life:</b>	24 months in tightly closed packing

## TECHNICAL DATA

<b>Basis:</b>	High Solids Alkyd
<b>Dry Solids:</b>	Approximately 85 to 90%
<b>Viscosity:</b>	Approximately . 40 sec. (FC-4) at 23 °C (75°F)
<b>Density:</b>	937 kg / m <sup>3</sup> (7.8 lbs/gl)
<b>Solvent:</b>	Mineral spirits (Aliphatic hydrocarbon)
<b>Flash point:</b>	65.5 °C (155°F)

## ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

**IMPORTANT! STORAGE AND DISPOSAL: DANGER! RAGS, STEEL WOOL, BRUSHES, ROLLERS, AND ANY WASTE WET, SOAKED WITH THIS PRODUCT MAY SPONTANEOUSLY CATCH FIRE IF IMPROPERLY DISPOSED OR STORED.**

To avoid a spontaneous combustion fire, immediately after each use place pads, rags, steel wool, brushes, rollers or waste in sealed, water-filled metal container. Keep away from combustible materials. For disposal guidance, contact your household refuse collection service, fire department, county or state government environmental control agency. Tools should be cleaned with mineral spirits. Keep out of reach of children. For further information consult the MSDS Sheet.

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