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Eco, high-tech and easy application:

Polyx–Oil very good under heavy strain

Timber flooring has to be extremely resistant if up to 60,000 people walk on it. According to Alfred Hagedorn, head of the “phänomania Erfahrungsfeld” in Essen, the surface requires a particularly good treatment so that it doesn’t wear out quickly. The exhibition in the former “Zeche Zollverein” (coal-mine tariff union), pit 3.7.10, which is predominantly visited by school classes, gives an overview over physical principles and scientific approaches. It attracts so many visitors that in the year 1996 installed oak strip parquet is exposed to high frequency.

The surface is treated with sal ammoniac and looks as if it has a lightly antique, dark colour. Despite the fact that many visitors walk on the surface, high frequency areas are barely visible. “That is because of the good maintenance and regular refreshing with the Osmo Polyx–Oil”, says Alfred Hagedorn hinting to the excellent condition of the surface. Due to many reasons we decided to use premium products from Osmo. On the one hand because of the ecological harmlessness and naturalness of the substances. The entire exhibition aims at sustainability and eco-friendliness on a large scale. On the other hand, due to pure practical reasons: “First we used an oil-wax-product from a competitor that was extremely labour intensive in its use”, explained Hagedorn. “Two steps of treatment were necessary and in the meantime drying times needed to be kept.” We decided to use the superior product from Osmo that only requires one coat.

“Furthermore, the wax layer forming on oak does not run off that quickly due to the Polyx–Oil”, praises Alfred Hagedorn the

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advantages of the product. Therefore, one has to re-treat not that often. "When using Osmo Polyx–Oil one coat per year is enough", confirms Uwe Schäfers, Color expert from Osmo, too. The exhibition is open throughout the year. Therefore, Alfred Hagedorn and his colleagues can only re-treat the surface during Christmas.

On top of the yearly refreshing a continuous maintenance is of great importance. The manufacturer recommends Osmo Wash and Care damp mopped for cleaning the surface. Liquid Wax Cleaner has to be used weekly due to the high frequency of visitors.

Everyone coming to Essen can have a look at the effectiveness of Osmo Polyx-oil and the maintenance products himself. Of course, the "phänomania Erfahrungsfeld" is visited for altogether other reasons: Enthralling objects that inspire a lot and demand all human senses.

The exhibition opens from Monday to Friday 09:00 h am to 06:00 pm and Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays 10:00 h am to 06:00 pm. We can particularly recommend booking the 90 minutes lasting guidance that can also be booked at other times.

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