



WHAT IS TUNG OIL? AND WHY USE IT?

REHMEYER'S CHOICE FOR TUNG OIL FOR HARDWOOD WOOD FLOORING IS WATERLOX

The Chinese have used Tung Oil to waterproof ships, finish furniture, and seal buildings and structures for centuries. The first record of Tung Oil was in the writings of Confucius in 400 BC. Tung oil is produced from the nuts of the Tung tree. The Tung tree is a deciduous tree with large, dark green, heart shaped leaves and reaches a height of about 40 feet. In the third year of growth, fruit clusters begin forming and bear four or five nuts. The nuts are dried and pressed and yield about twenty percent oil.



Tung means "Heart" in Chinese.

Reymeyer's tung oil choice is Waterlox. Waterlox brand tung oil finish is the optimal way to preserve wood as its formula combines protective resins and permeating and sealing tung oil which lock out water. Waterlox penetrates the wood surface and actually becomes part of the wood itself; making floors finished with Waterlox tung oil resistant to moisture and household chemicals.

Additionally, these penetrating qualities create a bond with the wood and produce a hand-rubbed patina that enhances the beauty of the wood. The floor has a natural versus plastic look enabling you to see the grain texture of the wood. Regardless of whether you choose a satin or gloss sheen, you still see and feel the texture of the grain of the wood. This is particularly important for textured and hand scraped floors as Waterlox tung oil finish will accentuate the character of these hand crafted wood floors.



Rehmeier Wood Floors Hand Scraped Cherry with Tung Oil Finish

Luster and beauty of our finished wood products are not Reymeyer's only considerations. Durability and ease of maintenance are important as well. We craft our floors to be lived on for a lifetime. Waterlox tung oil forms an elastic protective finish that won't chip, crack or wrinkle. As minor repairs do not require sanding for adhesion, touch-ups can be done quickly and easily by cleaning and recoating. We recommend use of Waterlox daily cleaner and periodically recoating on an as needed basis to maintain the finish of your hard wood floor.

As part of our finishing process, Reymeyer applies 3 coats of Waterlox tung oil, allowing appropriate drying time between each coat. The wood floor finish is also given time to cure before it is packaged and shipped to your home. The resulting finish is furniture grade, hard yet elastic, and will protect your wood floor against foot traffic, common household spills, moisture and daily use.

If you or your builder elect to finish your wood floors on site, Waterlox finishes are easy to apply as they have a longer "open time". The finish is applied with a lamb's wool applicator and remains workable for a greater period of time than most waterborne or oil based urethanes.

Reymeyer supports low impact, sustainable, and green processes and products. Waterlox tung oil is low VOC. Low VOC means that potentially harmful / volatile organic compound gases emitted from this product as part of the curing process are low (less than 50 grams per liter). Further, Tung Oil is processed from a renewable nut harvested from trees; and 90% of the resin portion of the Waterlox formula is from renewable, natural resources.



Reymeyer Wood Floors Old Trail Red Oak with Tung Oil Finish