



Rubio Monocoat Oil Finish:

Rubio monocoat is a single-application plant-based oil that finishes and seals your table. It is food safe and durable, and the most beautiful oil finish in the industry. Our independent testing has shown stain resistance from highly acidic food stains for up to around 4-8 hours on the surface, and about 1-1.5 hours for ice water rings... but that doesn't mean placemats and coasters aren't your friends, and timely cleaning and wiping of stains and spills is encouraged.

Cleaning:

Rubio oil is not a chemical urethane or lacquer, so it is not meant to be used with chemical cleaning products or abrasive sponges. In general, placemats, coasters, trivets, and cutting boards are recommended always. Use them. Try not to leave stains on your table to sit for very long, as they will harden. Then you will have to scrub harder to remove them. If you use a very abrasive pad or sponge to clean your table, it will soften the sheen of your finish. Natural cleaning soap (like Mrs. Meyers, 7th Generation, Method) and water and timely cleaning will allow your table to remain in pristine condition for a long time. If a stain has hardened, soak it first with soap and water and then try to wipe it away with the softer the sponge.

Do not use pine-sol or wood cleaners.

Over the counter products will generally do the trick, but they should be all natural. Regular chemical-free soaps and warm water will be enough to clean your table. In addition, Rubio makes a natural soap and surface care spray. They also make a grease remover and limespot remover. Rubio also sells a myriad of spot and tannin remover cleaning products. We have never officially tested these but you can read about them and buy them online. Though not totally necessary, these products are a worthwhile investment. Rubio Monocoat's website has tips and videos.

Maintenance:

If your table takes on some stains or rings over time this is not the end of the world by any means. Rubio is easy to maintain. This is part of the reason you chose an oil finish in the first place. Rubio makes a **Universal Maintenance Oil (UMO)**, which can be applied every 3-7 years or so, or when necessary. UMO is used for protecting and refreshing the color of oiled wooden surfaces. If your table has a brown oil, Rubio sells a **Brown Universal Maintenance Oil**. This

treatment restores and intensifies both the color and the durability of the finish. Manual application. There are many videos online. Apply the oil with rubber scraper, a cloth, or sponge, and wipe away within minutes. Wipe until dry. Return every 30 minutes for two hours for one more wipe with a clean and dry rag. A 10-day cure period once **UMO** is applied is ideal, but 48 hours is a minimum.

Refinishing and touch up:

Refinishing or touching up your oiled table is a fairly easy process conceptually, but it does require some finesse. It can't hurt to hire someone to do it for you and watch them do it closely. There are videos online. We plan to have videos on our website at some point in by 2022 or 2023.

Touching up: An orbital sander hooked up to a vacuum and a high grit sandpaper- 220 or above is all you need. A light, even, pass back and forth over the entire surface of the table for no more than 2 or 3 minutes. We like to do this in small circles as we move across the table. Feather sand any stains gently. The goal here is to evenly scuff the finish, but not sand down to wood or remove the existing finish. Then apply Rubio Monocoat Oil plus Accelerator in whatever tint or color you choose. The ratio is 3:1 Oil to Accelerator. Mix in a cup. You need about 3 ounces for an 18 square foot table. Wipe on to your table until complete coverage, then wipe off. Wipe with multiple rags until there is very little residue coming off, and it doesn't feel sticky. Will probably take about ten minutes of constant wiping. Go back an hour later and wipe again. Let it sit for minimum 48 hrs before use.

A full refinishing requires sanding down to wood. We would recommend hiring an expert to do this.