

# Commercial cleaning and maintenance guidelines

Our luxury vinyl tile floors are easy to clean and maintain, but as with any flooring, the correct procedures should be followed.

## Initial clean before use

- Sweep up and remove all loose debris, dirt and dust. Ensure all traces of adhesives are removed.
- Clean the floor with appropriately diluted neutral pH cleaning solution.
- For larger areas, use a scrubber dryer or rotary machine (150-300 rpm) with a 3M red pad or equivalent. Pick up dirty water, rinse with clean water and allow to dry.
- For small areas use a mop in place of the scrubber dryer, rinse and allow to dry.



## Regular cleaning

The frequency of regular cleaning will depend on the amount of traffic and soiling levels. Use one of the following methods:

### Scrubber dryer/rotary machine

- First, sweep up to remove all dirt and dust.
- Clean the floor with appropriately diluted neutral pH cleaning solution.
- Use a scrubber dryer or rotary machine (150-300 rpm) with a 3M red pad or equivalent (If using a machine fitted with brushes, they should be of the soft nylon type).
- Pick up dirty water, rinse with clean water and allow to dry.



### Manual clean

- Sweep up and remove to remove dirt and dust.
- Apply liberal quantities of appropriately diluted neutral pH cleaning solution. Then clean the floor using a mop using overlapping strokes. Use two buckets one for fresh cleaning solution and the other for rinsing/wringing the mop.
- Finally rinse with clean water and allow to dry.



## Periodic maintenance

This is only suitable for removal of light soiling in small/medium areas.

### Spray cleaning

- Sweep up to remove all dirt and dust. Use appropriately diluted neutral pH cleaning solution.
- Apply a fine mist of the solution to a small area and use a rotary buffing machine (up to 450 rpm) with a 3M red pad or equivalent, ensuring the pad is kept damp.



## Additional maintenance advice

- Entrance mats help prevent dirt, water and grit from being walked in, which would otherwise create slip hazards or cause damage. They should be of an appropriate type and size ideally enough for two paces with each foot. Ensure they are cleaned regularly to maintain effectiveness.
- All hard floors can be slippery when wet. Take extra care when cleaning and ensure the floor area is allowed to dry completely before use. Mop up spillages immediately to avoid slips and staining.
- Prevent aerosol sprays or silicone-based products contacting floor, as these can make the floor slippery.
- Do not slide or drag furniture or other objects across the floor as this can cause scratches/scuffing.
- Take care when using vacuum cleaners, as some may not be suitable for use on our floors. (Refer to vacuum cleaner manufacturer to confirm suitability).

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