

Cleaning & maintenance instructions

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HETEROGENEOUS VINYL WITH TOP CLEAN XP

Modern day-room cleaning aims to reduce wet cleaning procedures and replace them with drier cleaning techniques. For example, the use of centrally laundered pre-impregnated mops and the wide application of appropriate machines. This makes work more effective and easier for the cleaning staff, and minimizes environmental impact. Less cleaning chemicals and less fresh water are used.

INITIAL SITE CLEANING

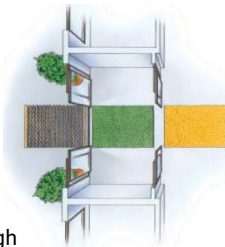
- Always protect the floor with thick paper, hard board or similar during the construction period.
Removing tape: carefully pull the tape backwards, not straight up from the floor.
- An initial site clean is always to be recommended before using the new flooring. Lightly soiled floors: Vacuum, sweep or damp mop the area to remove loose dirt and building dust. A combined scrubber/dryer with brushes or white/yellow pads are very effective to clean large areas. Use a detergent with low ph, 3-5, to be able to pick up dust from construction work.

PREVENTIVE CARE FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT

- Use correctly dimensioned entrance matting to remove dirt in the entrance area. About 80% of all the dirt on the floor that has to be cleaned off is brought in from outside. And 90% of that can be avoided by effective and correctly dimensioned entrance matting. The less dirt that comes in through the entrance, the lower the maintenance requirements.

The entrance shall consist of three zones:

- The first zone (entirely weather-protected under a roof) is for rough cleaning and stamping away of dirt.
- The second zone is used to dry away the dirt.
- The third zone is inside the doors and it shall have loose, washable textile rugs that absorb the last moisture under the shoes. In total, the entry zone should be long enough so that you take 8 steps over them.



GENERAL ADVICE

- Resilient floors are damaged by solvents
- Wipe up any spilt oil immediately because it may damage the surface.
- Black rubber wheels and rubber feet can cause discoloration.
- All chair legs must have protective feet.
- Remember that light colors needs more frequent cleaning.

CLEANING



- Daily Cleaning:** Dry or damp mopping or vacuum cleaning. Damp mopping, it is essential that water does not stay on the floor or leave a film. The floor should be virtually dry after 15-20 seconds. Use neutral detergent.

MAINTENANCE



- Clean with a brush (soft bristles) and neutral detergent (pH 6-8) diluted in warm water. Rinse with clean water.
- We also recommend a general clean from time to time using a detergent that can be used diluted in water in a higher concentration, followed by rinsing with clean water. Select detergent pH according to the type of soil : acid for scale and rust, alkaline for organic soil.

REMOVING MARKS



- Deal with chewing gum, iodine, wax and lipstick immediately. Pour a little 90° alcohol onto a clean cloth, dab to avoid spreading the stain, repeat if necessary.
- Treat marks immediately. Use white/red nylon pads moistened with methylated spirits, cleaning spirit or neutral detergent.
- Always rinse well with clear water after removing stains and wipe dry.

CLEANING



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■ **Machine cleaning:** In order to achieve good results, clean the floor gently with a combined scrubber-dryer machine. Low to medium speed 165-550 rpm. Red pads are usually the most suitable. Spray clean when necessary: after dry mopping, spray clean with neutral detergent and using a red pad. Suitable speed 165-330 rpm.



■ **Cleaning chemicals:** Use a neutral floor cleaner. Wet-rooms may necessitate occasional cleaning with acidic cleaning agents, pH 3 to 5, in order to remove residual lime and soap or alkaline detergent pH 9 to 11 to remove organic soiling.

Warning! Always follow dosage instructions carefully!

Chose manual or mechanical cleaning according to the situation (traffic, soiling, accessibility...)

PERIODICAL CLEANING



■ **Light soiling:** Spray regenerating
To revitalize the surface: spray clean with neutral detergent and floor maintainer using a red pad. Suitable speed 165-330 rpm.



■ **Heavy soiling:** Machine scrubbing + Wet vacuuming
Apply a cleaning solution (fairly strong, pH 10-11, after dilution) onto the flooring and allow to act for 5-10 min. Clean the floor using a heavy-duty single disc scrubbing machine (red pad). Vacuum up the soiled water immediately. Rinse with clean water and allow the floor to dry.

REMOVING MARKS



■ Treat stains immediately. Spot clean by hand with a white/red nylon pad and neutral detergent (solvents should not be used). Work from the outside of the mark towards its centre. Rinse and wipe afterwards with clean water.