

MAINTENANCE GUIDE FOR FLEXTILE VINYL COMPOSITION TILE

GENERAL

No other surface in a building gets the abuse and wear that a floor does but by following the maintenance guide below, you can maintain the attractive look of your new Flextile floor. A floor finish can be applied directly on Flextile Vinyl Composition Tile without removing the factory finish coat.

- Dry mop and/or sweep and/or wet mop your floor daily to remove loose dirt before it can scratch your floor's surface.
- Use floor mats at outside doors to prevent moisture and dirt being tracked across the floor. "Walk-off" mats should cover the first six feet minimum inside any external doorway. (Double the length in winter).
- Wipe up spills before they dry.
- Use floor protectors or glides on legs of furniture to minimize scratching and indentation.
- Move heavy furniture or appliances by placing a plywood panel on the floor and "walking" the furniture across the panel, or place a piece of carpet or rug face down under the furniture and slowly slide the furniture across the floor, keeping the carpet under the legs to prevent scratching.

NEW FLOORS

Vacuum or sweep the floor clear of debris. Damp mop the floor with a neutral detergent solution, while carefully scrubbing black marks and excessive soil. Apply at least two coats of a high quality floor finish such as Rochester Midland's Forever, Ultra Marathon or Nucote. Allow at least half an hour between coats or until the floor is thoroughly dry. Maintain the finish according to the manufacturers' recommendations. Never wash a floor until at least five days after installation.

PREPARATION OF FLOORS FOR COMMERCIAL USE

Vacuum, sweep or mop to remove loose soil. Scrub the floor with a neutral cleaner such as Rochester Midland's Perfect 7, or equivalent using a scrubbing pad (3M blue or green or equivalent). When the floor is thoroughly cleaned, rinsed and dried, apply three to five coats of a high quality floor finish, allowing sufficient time to dry (approximately 30 minutes) between coats.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Vacuum, sweep or dust mop to remove debris as needed. Clean mats frequently.

Damp mop with a neutral cleaner with warm water. Wring mop out frequently and change the wash water when it is dirty.

When damp-mopping does not restore the finish to the desired conditions, scrub the floor with an automatic floor machine, using a neutral cleaner. Spray-buff or high-speed burnish will restore the gloss, however, make sure that there are sufficient coats of finish on the floor (a minimum of three coats) before proceeding with this application. This procedure will protect the base coat and the need for stripping.

STRIPPING

Strip the floor only when necessary. Regular scheduled maintenance and the use of a high quality floor finish will greatly reduce the need for stripping.

SPOT OR STAIN REMOVAL

Pick up spills before they dry. Dried material can frequently be removed by gentle scraping with a plastic spatula. Stubborn stains can frequently be removed by rubbing with a synthetic scouring pad dipped in a neutral cleaner. Cigarette burns or persistent stains can be removed using an abrasive powder cleaner and steel wool pads.

Always rinse after using a cleaner and apply a high quality floor finish.

NOTE

For consultation and recommendations on cleaning, stripping, sealing and finishing or for designing floor care programs specific to your needs, call:

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