

Cleaning and maintenance guide.

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Appropriate maintenance procedures will help to preserve the appearance and will extend the life of a composition floor. The frequency of maintenance will depend on the amount and type of traffic, degree of soiling, the floor colour and type.

Below we will give a short summary of the 5 key points to effective maintenance.

For full maintenance instructions and recommended products we refer you to www.plusfloor.com.

1. Preventative measures

Prevention also means making the right choice of floorcovering and design/colour for the right area, e.g. avoid too dark or too light colours for high traffic areas near the entrance of a commercial building.

Protect against scratching from furniture feet by using wide, free-moving, castors, glides, rollers or pads, e.g. Use furniture caps or other protection under heavy items or appliances to prevent indentation.

Avoid rubber or latex backed mats, furniture feet and the like as the rubber or latex may leave permanent stains. Almost all flooring will vary in colour over time when exposed to UV light. Avoid this by using curtains or sunscreens when the sun is very bright.

Mechanical damage of the floorcovering, caused by heavy overloading or sliding of furniture/items and permanent stains caused by rubber/latex are not covered by the product warranty.

2. Vacuuming

Regular vacuuming is the most important part of a successful maintenance program to remove all grit, debris and other solid particles. Vacuuming is far more effective for this type of soiling than wet mopping, which normally moves soiling from one place to another, rather than removing it.

3. Spill and spot cleaning

Spills and spots are inevitable, but they don't have to be permanent. Remove a spill quickly and there is less chance of permanent staining. First try to blot the spill with a dry cloth/kitchen towel, then use water. Only use detergents/cleaning products when the above is not sufficient to remove the spill/stain.

4. Periodic cleaning

Inspect and assess the appearance of the floor. Seasonality may also alter the maintenance requirements. Vacuum to remove all grit, debris and other solid particles.

For light cleaning, a damp mop may be sufficient. Do not use cleaning products when not required.

For heavier cleaning, e.g. to remove oil/grease/surface dirt in kitchen area/entrance ways, wet mopping with detergent may be required.

A common error is to use excess detergent, which then leaves a film on the surface. In this instance, clean the floor a few times without any detergent to remove the excess soap/detergent, this would bring you back to a standard condition. Care should be taken to dilute detergents in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations.

For larger (commercial) areas, a professional cleaning machine with rotating brushes and vacuum extraction can be used.

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5. Deep cleaning

Periodic cleaning is far more beneficial to the floorcovering than infrequent heavy or deep cleaning. However, seasonality can influence the amount of cleaning required.

Remove surface dust and grit by vacuuming.

Once dust and debris free, with a spray, apply a solution of neutral pH cleaner to the section to be cleaned (or dependent upon the level of soiling, a light alkaline cleaner), carefully diluted to the manufacturer's instructions. Leave for enough time to react with and lift the soiling. Some agitation with a soft brush may be required.

Pick up the solution with a clean "microfiber" mop, using a continuous and steady side-to-side motion. When the mop head becomes loaded, it will leave residues and start to streak the floor. At this point the dirty mop head should be removed, wrung out, placed into a suitable bag and a clean mop head fitted. The cycle should then be repeated until the whole floor is completed, is clean and streak-free. Do not move dirty water from one place to another, extraction cleaning may be required.

The dirty mop heads should then be machine washed and dried ready for reuse.

Heavy soiling and soiling in the grain, may require a "scrubber dryer" with immediate wet vacuum extraction prior to mopping. Numatic International have a range of appropriate machines for this application.

Further advice can be obtained directly from the manufacturer, their distributors or specialist floor care companies .

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In case of loose lay installation, damage of the vinyl flooring caused by heavy overload, rolling loads or sliding activities is excluded in our warranty conditions.

Do not allow cigarettes, matches and other very hot items to contact the floor as this causes permanent damage. Important: Cleaning or maintenance may only take place if the floor is correctly installed and there are no visible imperfections.

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