# **Cleaning and Care Instructions**

Armstrong Flooring™ Luxury Vinyl Planks & Tiles, and Hybrid

#### **Initial Clean**

After installation is completed:

- 1. Sweep or vacuum all loose debris/dirt from the floor.
- 2. Mop the floor with a damp mop (not wet) and a pH neutral cleaner.
  - a. Rinse the mop head regularly to avoid simply shifting dirt around.
  - b. Mop in the direction of the floor grain, to avoid dirty water build-up in the embossing.
  - c. Avoid too much water use only a damp mop. (water will not damage the floor, but will get between the joins and loosen the adhesive (LVT), or trap water under the floor (Hybrid).
- 3. Stubborn marks left after the construction phase can be removed using a soft white scouring pad and ph neutral cleaner. Be careful not to damage the surface, and ensure the floor is completely cleaned and dried leaving no residue.

# Cleaning your Floor

Regular cleaning is what your floor needs. Daily or a few times a week is recommended (depending on the foot traffic). A build-up of dirt on the floor can lead to damage, such as micro scratching of the surface – this in turn makes the floor harder to clean.

# Recommended cleaning methods:

- 1. Robot vacuum.
- 2. Electrostatic mop.
- 3. Vacuum.
- 4. Soft/medium Bristle broom.

Regular mopping of the floor keeps it looking good. Use a pH neutral cleaner at recommended dosages. Recommended mopping methods:

- 1. Damp mop with an electrostatic mop.
- 2. Robot vacuum with mop function.

### Caring for your Floor

Your new floor has been engineered to be scratch and scuff resistant, and easy to clean. It is not however bullet-proof. We recommend you take care of your floor with the following:

- 1. Floor protectors on furniture legs (felt type furniture protectors).
- 2. Door mats at all doors that are external (front and back doors for example). This should include a course external mat and a medium internal mat.
- 3. Clean up spills as soon as possible.
- 4. Do not use abrasive tools or abrasive cleaners.
- 5. Use only pH neutral cleaners.
- 6. Where turning on floor heating (if installed), increase the temperature by no more than 2°C per day.
- 7. Do not attach door stops etc. through the flooring attach to the wall.
- 8. Do not use a steam mop.

#### Please note:

- 1. Rubber backed mats and chair feet will discolour the floor
- 2. Scratches and scuffs to the floor make it harder to clean.
- 3. Protect your floor from constant direct sunlight (install tint, drapes, curtains or blinds to windows).

## Commercial Applications (in addition to above)

- 1. The floor can be scrubbed and buffed with a soft white pad.
- 2. Commercial entrance mats with a walk-off zone of 3.5m and installed to the mat manufacturer's specifications.