

# Luxury Vinyl Care and Advice

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE

### **INITIAL CLEAN AT HAND OVER**

Vacuum, dust mop, or damp mop to remove all loose dirt. Remove all traces of glue left from the installation using a cleaner as advised by the adhesive manufacturer. If the floor is heavily soiled due to the construction process it should be scrubbed clean using an alkaline cleaner diluted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The alkaline cleaner should be left on the floor for a few minutes to allow it to react with the dirt. A rotary scrubbing machine fitted with a clean appropriate scrubbing pad will help speed up this process in large areas. For small areas the alkaline cleaner can be mopped onto the floor. The dirty residue should be removed with a wet vacuum or mop and the floor should then be thoroughly rinsed and allowed to dry.

### **ON-GOING MAINTENANCE**

Vacuum, dust mop or damp mop the floor daily to remove loose dirt and dust. Marks should be removed by using a neutral cleaner. For stubborn marks an alkaline cleaner can be used. Remember to leave the cleaner on the mark for a few minutes to allow it to take maximum effect.

In areas of medium to low traffic the floor should be simply dry buffed with a rotary machine fitted with a clean appropriate buffing pad.

In heavy traffic areas the floor should be regularly cleaned using a floor cleaner/scrubber, the frequency will depend on the traffic conditions of the area. The floor maintainer should be diluted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, and either mopped onto the floor and allowed to dry or applied in a spray and buffed dry using a rotary machine fitted with a clean appropriate pad.

## APPLICATION OF A FLOOR POLISH OR DRESSING

PROJECT FLOORS products incorporate a polyurethane surface treatment, which means that in many situations it is not always necessary to apply a floor dressing. However, the application of a floor dressing will provide additional protection in heavily trafficked areas & is recommended to enhance the floorcovering.

A high-solids, metalised polish, a polymer dispersion such as Platinum 25, Satin or Uno will provide good protection for the floor. Before application, ensure that the floor is clean and free of any other finishes. It is recommended that the polish/dressing used is compatible with all other maintenance products.

The polish/dressing should be applied in a thin coat using a lint free mop and allowed to dry thoroughly. Subsequent coats should be applied at right angles to the previous one to ensure an even coverage. Two/three coats should be sufficient to provide good protection in heavily trafficked areas.

If a polish/dressing has been applied this will need to be removed from time to time. The interval for removal is usually 6 months but again this depends on traffic conditions. Essentially, the polish/ dressing should be removed when routine maintenance is starting to become less effective.

To remove the polish/dressing first ensure that the floor is clean of all dust and dirt. Then apply the stripper recommended by the polish/dressing manufacturer and leave it on the floor for a few minutes to break down the polish/dressing. The floor should then be scrubbed using a rotary scrubbing machine fitted with a clean appropriate scrubbing pad. The resulting residue should be removed with a wet vacuum or mop and the floor should be rinsed clean with clean water. When dry the polish/dressing can be re-applied.

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## TIPS TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL MAINTENANCE OF PROJECT FLOOR PRODUCTS.

- An effective dirt barrier system at entrances will significantly aid your maintenance programme. The dirt barrier should be at least 3 paces deep and be effective for both dry and wet soiling.
- A regular programme of maintenance is always the most effective Prevention is Better than Cure.
- Always use clean equipment; should be cleaned after use.
- · Remove all spills straight away.
- Always follow the manufacturer's dilution rates and don't mix products from more than one manufacturer.
- Protect the floor from dark rubber (car tyres, rubber mats etc) this will discolour the floor.
- Do not allow furniture polish and other silicone cleaners to get onto the floor; these will cause a slip hazard.
- Use protective pads under furniture legs and use polyurethane castors on heavy movable furniture.

### **ProFloor Stripper**

## **ProFloor Sealer**

## **Reflect Maintainer**

All products available in 1 litre and 5 litre packs

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