



ASPECTA™
BY METROFLOR

CARE & MAINTENANCE

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ASPECTA™ COMMERCIAL GENERAL CARE & MAINTENANCE

Aspecta™ by Metroflor® is manufactured with a high performance UV cured urethane and ceramic bead coating which provides improved maintenance characteristics and options for the end-user in commercial environments. All floor coverings require some care to look their best and many problems can be prevented before they occur. The area of usage, type and frequency of traffic on the floor will determine the type and frequency of maintenance needed. Proper cleaning, care and maintenance are an essential part of keeping your Aspecta™ floor looking attractive and safe. These guidelines will help to maintain the appearance and extend the life of you Aspecta™ Commercial flooring.

ASPECTA™ FLOOR-CARE BEST PRACTICES

- Sweep daily or vacuum using only vacuums without beater bars
- Protect the floor from tracked-in-dirt and grit particles by using walk-off mats at all outside entrances
- In order to prevent indentations and scratches, provide glass, plastic or other non-staining cups with flat under surfaces not less than 2" wide for the legs of heavy furniture or appliances. Equip swiveled-type office chairs and other rolling furniture with broad surface non-staining casters at least 2" in diameter. Remove small diameter buttons from the legs of straight chairs and replace with metal glides that have bearing surfaces no less than 1" in diameter
- When moving heavy fixtures or appliances over the flooring always use the proper equipment to protect it from damage
- Never use anything coarser than 3M equivalent red cleaning pads or brushes on Aspecta™ commercial resilient flooring (see maintenance procedures)
- Only use Prevail™ Vinyl Stripper as the use of aggressive strippers such as mop-on/mop-off, no-scrub and no-rinse strippers may affect the adhesive bond
- Protect your floor against burns. Burns from the glowing end of a cigarette, matches, or other extremely hot items can damage Aspecta™ floors
- Do not flood floor or subject to frequent standing water
- Use latex backed mats. Avoid the use of rubber-backed mats as certain rubber compounds can permanently stain vinyl

NOTES: Stain Removal

To remove stubborn spots or stains from Aspecta™ floors, always begin with mild cleaners such as Prevail™ 1-Step Neutral Cleaner. If this fails to remove stain and "if permitted" use mineral spirits. Do not use harsh solvents such as lacquer thinner or straight acetone, as these can permanently soften and damage the vinyl surface.

For extreme staining such as paints, permanent markers, dyes, and "if permitted" try applying fingernail polish remover containing acetone (do not use straight acetone) applied to a soft cloth and rubbing. Subsequent to this cleaning procedure for stubborn spots, please clean the affected area with clear water to remove any residue. Any damage resulting from use of pure solvents IS NOT covered by warranty. Always test stronger cleaning agents on sample pieces or in unnoticeable areas first.

- Only use Prevail™ cleaning products which are designed for Luxury Vinyl Tile with urethane coatings
- All Aspecta™ floors have good resistance to stains and are not affected by most common spills, however any spill should be cleaned up immediately. The longer the spilled materials are left on the floor, the greater the risk of permanently staining the floor. For information regarding the proper method or solution to use on a specific stain, contact Aspecta™ Customer Service @ 1-855-400-7732
- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods. During peak sunlight hours, the use of the drapes or blinds is recommended. Prolonged direct sunlight can result in discoloration, and excessive temperatures might cause tile or planks to expand

ASPECTA™ COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

Safety: When performing wet maintenance, always use proper signage and prohibit traffic until the floor is completely dry. Always use caution and follow electrical equipment manufacturer's safety instructions.

NO POLISH OR BUFFING MAINTENANCE OPTIONS

Initial Maintenance for a Newly Installed floor

1. Allow the adhesive to cure for at least 48 hours prior to wet cleaning the floor.
2. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor thoroughly to remove all loose dirt, dust, grit and debris.
3. Remove any dried adhesive residue from the surface with Prevail™ Black Scuff and Adhesive Remover or mineral spirits applied to a clean, lint-free cloth. Do not allow excessive amounts of solvents to sit on the vinyl or penetrate the joints of the flooring. NEVER APPLY SOLVENT DIRECTLY TO FLOORING.
4. Damp mop the floor using Prevail™ 1-Step Neutral Cleaner.
5. If necessary, scrub the floor using an auto scrubber or rotary machine (300 rpm or less) with Prevail™ 1-Step Neutral Cleaner using the proper dilution ratio and the appropriate scrubbing brush or pad. Fit the buffer with a 3M equivalent red or white scrubbing pad and work the solution over the floor.



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6. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh clean water. Remove the dirty residue with a wet-vacuum or clean mop and allow the floor to dry completely.

Daily/Routine Maintenance

1. Clean entryway walk-off mats to remove dirt, grit, sand and other contaminants from being tracked onto the floor as needed.
2. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum (without beater bar assembly) the floor thoroughly to remove all loose dirt, dust, grit and debris that can stick to and damage the surface of the floor.
3. Spills should be cleaned up immediately. Spot clean using Prevail™ 1-Step Neutral Cleaner and micro fiber or preferred mop.
4. Damp mop the floor on a regular or daily basis using Prevail™ 1-Step Neutral Cleaner.

Periodic Maintenance

1. When necessary, scrub the floor using an auto scrubber or rotary machine (300 rpm or less) with Prevail™ 1-Step Neutral Cleaner, using the proper dilution ratio. Fit the buffer with a 3M equivalent red or white scrubbing pad and work the solution over the floor.
2. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh clean water. Remove the dirty residue with a wet-vacuum or clean mop and allow the floor to dry completely.

ALTERNATIVE MAINTENANCE OPTIONS

Alternative maintenance options provide end-users the flexibility of using different methods to maintain their floors based upon the needs of the area of usage. Aspecta™ floors may be maintained using floor a Prevail™ Finish or the spray buff option.

Prevail™ Finish Option:

1. After completing steps 1 and 2 under the initial maintenance for a newly installed floor, scrub the floor using an auto scrubber or rotary machine (300 rpm or less) with Prevail™ 1-Step Neutral Cleaner, using the proper dilution ratio. Fit the buffer with a 3M equivalent red or white scrubbing pad and work the solution over the floor to remove contamination and promote adhesion.
2. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh clean water. Remove the dirty residue with a wet-vacuum or clean mop and allow the floor to dry completely.
3. Apply 2 or more coats of Prevail™ Matte or Gloss Finish.
4. Apply additional coats of floor finish only as needed. Refer to Prevail™ Floor Finish label.

NOTES:

Never use a brush or pad more aggressive than a 3M red equivalent. Blue, Green, Brown and Black pads will damage the surface of the floor.

Spray Buff Option

1. After completing steps 1 and 2 under the initial maintenance for a newly installed floor, machine scrub the floor with Prevail™ 1-Step Neutral Cleaner, using the proper dilution ratio. Fit the buffer with a 3M equivalent red or white scrubbing pad and work the solution over the floor to remove contamination and promote adhesion.
2. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh clean water. Remove the dirty residue with a wet-vacuum or clean mop and allow the floor to dry completely.
3. Using a hand held spray bottle with Prevail™ Matte or Gloss Finish, working in small areas (10x10 foot), lightly mist the floor and buff using an auto scrubber or rotary machine (300 rpm or less) fitted with a 3M equivalent red pad.
4. Daily routine and periodic maintenance should be performed as stated in above sections.
5. Machine scrubbing should always be conducted prior to spray buffing.

Restorative Maintenance

1. Mix Prevail™ Vinyl Stripper solution per instruction label. Blockade and set up caution signs. Using a clean string mop apply liberal amounts of solution onto the floor and allow to soak per the instructions. Re-wet if necessary.
2. Using a low speed machine (300 rpm or less), scrub the floor with a scrubbing brush or pad equivalent to a 3M red pad.
3. Use a wet-vacuum or clean mop to remove the dirty stripping solution. If the floor begins to dry it may be necessary to drizzle fresh clean water onto the stripper solution to remove it.
4. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh clean water. Remove the dirty residue with a wet-vacuum or clean mop and allow the floor to dry completely.
5. Next, start over by following the Prevail™ Finish Option.