



RIGID CORE CARE AND MAINTENANCE COMMERCIAL

Prevention

- The single greatest cause of damage to any flooring or floor finish is abrasion from dirt and grit. Wherever possible, use walk off mats at entrances and doorways, and vacuum mats often.
- Ensure you use non-staining mats on the floor. Rubber-backed and latex-backed mats, tires, and asphalt sealers may stain or damage the surface.
- Use non-staining floor protectors under heavy furniture and equipment.
- Chairs must have clean, smooth, non-staining floor protectors. Ensure there are no nicks or burrs on the protectors. Felt protectors must be cleaned regularly to ensure there is no grit build-up. Floor protectors should be at least 1 inch in diameter and rest flat on the floor. Protective pads should be used under caster chairs.
- When moving heavy furniture and equipment, use strips of plywood or Masonite to roll or slide the furniture or equipment.
- Avoid accumulation of water and liquids on the surface of the flooring.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

General

Use standard maintenance industry safety practices and precautions whenever performing maintenance procedures.

Every application and every building can present its own unique set of problems which may require variations in the maintenance procedures. Choose the maintenance option that meets your area of application and maintenance equipment. The following are general guidelines which will cover the majority of applications. If you feel your situation is not covered by these guidelines, please contact Adore Floors technical services for advice before beginning your maintenance procedures.

- The key to successful maintenance of all flooring types is the removal of dirt and soil. Mopping with a sponge or string mop alone removes very little soil, but rather it dissolves the dirt and spreads it out evenly across the floor creating a dull, dirty film and accumulation of soil in the joints.
- Adore recommends the use of micro-fiber mops and pads for dust mopping and scrubbing. Using an automatic scrubber or wet vacuum is the preferred way to remove soiled water and rinse water.
- Do not use vacuum cleaner with rotating brushes or beater bars.

Initial Maintenance

- Remove all surface soil, dirt, sand and grit by vacuuming or dust mopping.
- **DO NOT STRIP THE FLOOR**
- Scrub the floor with a neutral pH detergent such as; Hilway Direct "Neutral Cleaner" or equivalent.
- Scrub the floor using a micro-fiber mop or automatic scrub-ber with red scrubbing pads or soft brush.
- Pick up solution with a wet vacuum, rinse with clean water, allow to dry.

Note: Adore LVT does not require a floor finish to be applied, however, a floor finish may be desirable to aid in daily maintenance, stain resistance, resistance to abrasion and maintain gloss level. Essentially, a floor finish is a sacrificial wear layer. If you choose not to apply a finish than the spray buffing system should be utilized as needed. Over time floors will begin to lose their luster and require an application of polish.

If a floor finish is desired:

Note: The higher the gloss level the more apparent will be subfloor imperfections, scratches, stains etc, and the more costly it will be to maintain a high gloss. In healthcare applications a high gloss can also have a negative effect on elderly patients. Multiple coats of high gloss may give your natural looking flooring a 'plastic' appearance. Adore Floors recommends the use of Matte or Satin shines.

Choose a Matte, Satin or Gloss shine

- Apply 2-3 thin coats of high quality acrylic floor finish such as Hilway Direct 'Matte' or 'Satin' or 'Gloss' floor finish or equivalent.
- Apply with a clean finish applicator.
- Allow proper drying time between each coat.

Daily Maintenance

- Vacuum or dust mop with a micro-fiber mop to remove all surface soil, sand and grit.
- Damp mop to remove surface soil using a micro-fiber mop and neutral pH cleaner such as Hilway Direct 'Neutral Cleaner' or equivalent.

As Needed

Option 1 – Spray Buff System

- Spray Clean/Buf using a rotary buffing machine (175-350 rpm) with a red pad and a spray buff solution such as Johnson Diversey 'Snapback' or equivalent.

Option 2 – Wet Scrubbing

- Scrub with neutral pH detergent such as Hilway Direct 'Neutral Cleaner' or equivalent.
- Apply cleaning solution with a mop and bucket (do not flood the floor, use as little water as possible) and scrub using a rotary scrubber with red scrubbing pad or use auto-matic scrubber with red scrubbing pad or brush.
- Pick up solution immediately with a wet vac. Rinse with clean water.

Automatic Scrubbers are the most efficient, safe, cost- effective, ergonomic way to maintain your resilient flooring. Machines are available from small compact "walk behind" to large 'ride on' machines.

CAUTION: Phenolic type disinfectants are very caustic and may cause adverse effects on the physical properties of the floor covering, including leaving a slippery residue which may cause a hazardous condition. If phenolics are used, after each application, thoroughly rinse the surface with clean water and wet vac up the solution.

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